



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#16-1383

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: January 4, 2017

TITLE: Motion to Approve Purchase of Police Recruit Training and Mandatory Retraining Classes - Broward College - \$110,748

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of police recruit training and mandatory retraining classes via the District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, in the amount not to exceed \$110,748.

Background

Since 1972, the District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida, has been certified by the State of Florida to provide basic recruit training for Florida Region XIII, which includes Fort Lauderdale. All police recruits, whether candidates for police officer or public safety aide, are required to attend training provided by the academy in order to obtain state certification.

During Fiscal Year 2017, the Police Department will continue efforts to maintain full staffing levels for first responders. Filling these positions, coupled with providing local mandatory and other training, will result in the following projected training costs:

Non-Certified Police Officers: 23 positions @ \$3,900	\$89,700.00
Public Safety Aide: 12 positions @\$729.00	\$8,748.00
Mandatory Retraining/Miscellaneous Classes	\$10,000.00
State Certification Exam Fee @ \$100.00 for 23 officers	\$2,300.00
TOTAL	\$110,748.00

Although training is available at other State certified training centers such as Miami-Dade College and Palm Beach Community College, the Police Department is recommending using the services of Broward College's Institute of Public Safety. Academy costs for a Police Officer at Miami-Dade College and Palm Beach Community College are the same or higher. The Broward College Institute of Public Safety also has the advantage of providing local emphasis such as county ordinances, local area adjunct instructors (including Fort Lauderdale Police Department instructors) and the ability for police recruits to work with local recruits from neighboring agencies, multi-agency task forces and oversight from the Broward Chiefs of Police Association and the Law Enforcement Advisory Board. Additionally, the campus is in close proximity to the

City of Fort Lauderdale making oversight/supervision of Fort Lauderdale Police Department recruits more manageable.

Pursuant to Section 2-189(c), Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, there are occasions when it is not to the advantage of the City to utilize sealed competitive bids or proposals for the purchase of certain goods or services or purchases from certain types of entities. When the City Manager or the Purchasing Manager determines in writing that while competitive bids could be utilized, their use may not be in the best interest of the City or are impractical, informal or formal bids will not be required but instead the price and scope of services if applicable will be negotiated. Such determinations may include the purchase from entities including entertainers, teachers, specialized instructors. Through the submission of this City Commission Agenda Memo, the City Manager determines while competitive bids could be utilized, their use is not in the best interest of the City.

The City Attorney's Office notes that Exhibit 1 is a 2015-2016 Course Fee Schedule showing a proposed fee increase effective January 1, 2016, rather than a fee schedule for 2017. The City Attorney's Office recommends that this purchase be approved only if "the price and scope of services if applicable" are negotiated pursuant to Section 2-189(c).

Resource Impact

There will be a resource impact to the City in the amount of \$110,748. The available balance in the chart below reflects the amount remaining after pre-encumbrance RQ1707684 established for this purchase, \$108,448 in sub-object 4116 and \$2,300 in sub-object 3216.

Funds available as of December 09, 2016					
ACCOUNT NUMBER	INDEX NAME (Program)	CHARACTER CODE/ SUB-OBJECT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
001-POL020211-3216	Support Services Training	Services Materials / Cost, Fees, Permits	\$144,500	\$120,525	\$2,300
001-POL020211-4116	Support Services Training	Other Operating Exp. / Schools	\$156,000	\$24,331	\$108,448
TOTAL AMOUNT ►					\$110,748

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan: We Are Community*.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Broward College Price Schedule

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