

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT CITY OF ARLINGTON DETENTION SERVICES

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for a Minimum Annual Amount of \$200,000.00 for Detention Services with Four One-Year Automatic Renewal Terms for the Police Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Arlington for a minimum annual amount of \$200,000.00 for detention services with four one-year automatic renewal terms for the Police Department.

DISCUSSION:

The Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) operates a holding facility for arrested persons awaiting magistration or transfer to the Tarrant County Jail. The Tarrant County Jail experiences overcrowding on a regular basis, which prevents the transfer of arrested persons from the FWPD holding facility to the Tarrant County Jail.

To help alleviate potential overcrowding at the FWPD holding facility, this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) requests City Council authorization to execute an interlocal agreement with the City of Arlington (COA) for detention services. The Interlocal Agreement with COA will be for housing FWPD prisoners following magistration when space is not available at the Tarrant County Jail.

The COA interlocal agreement will reserve 913 beds per year (approximately 2.5 beds per day) for the exclusive use of the City of Fort Worth (Fort Worth), for an annual minimum amount of \$200,000.00. COA will transport prisoners from the FWPD holding facility to the COA detention facility and will provide secure custody, care, and safekeeping of prisoners, in accordance with state and local law. COA shall provide the necessary detention officers and other employees to properly supervise and operate the detention facility. COA shall provide routine medical services to all prisoners housed at the detention facility and transport to local area hospitals for life-threatening emergencies. COA will provide guard services for up to two hours or until a relieving officer from FWPD arrives.

If City Council approves this M&C, FWPD will secure detention services with COA to alleviate potential overcrowding at the FWPD holding facility.

Funding is budgeted in the General Operating & Maintenance category in the General Fund for the Police Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE ORDER: An administrative change order or increase may be made by the City Manager up to the amount allowed by relevant law and the Fort Worth City Code and does not require specific City Council approval as long as sufficient funds have been appropriated.

AGREEMENT TERM: Upon City Council approval, the interlocal agreement with COA will begin upon execution and expire May 31, 2027.

RENEWAL OPTIONS: The Agreement may be renewed for up to four (4) one-year automatic renewal terms. This action does not require specific City Council approval, provided that the City Council has appropriated sufficient funds to satisfy the City's obligations during the renewal period. The compensation to COA for renewal terms may be adjusted annually to account for increases in COA detention facility operating and capital costs.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: City of Arlington

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current operating budget, as previously appropriated, in the General Fund to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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