

Mayor and Council Communication

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SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize a Five-Year Continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, for Participation in an Ongoing Joint Operation to Enforce Federal Offenses, Accept an Amount Up to \$345,000.00, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize a five-year continuation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, for participation in an ongoing joint operation to enforce federal offenses; and
 2. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Other Fund in the amount of \$345,000.00 (\$69,000.00 per year for five years), subject to receipt of funds, for reimbursable funds for the Police Department's participation in the joint operation.
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DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize actions associated with the Police Department's continued participation in the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), joint operation. City Secretary Contract No. 48812 details the task force requirements.

Since April 2006, the Fort Worth Police Department has participated in an ongoing joint operation with ICE and HSI. The purpose of the joint operation is to allow Fort Worth Police Department officers to be designated as Customs Officers and to collaborate with ICE on the enforcement of federal offenses. The Fort Worth Police Department has assigned three officers to the joint operations on an as-needed basis. The City of Fort Worth has been and will continue to be reimbursed for associated overtime salary expenses and other joint operation expenses, such as fuel and training, directly related to work performed by officers assigned to this joint operation. This M&C is to accept funding for the next five (5) years for overtime payments made for three officers assigned full-time to the task force in the amount of \$345,000.00 (\$69,000.00 per year for five years).

The agreement remains in effect for the duration of the agency's participation in the task force and may be terminated at any time upon mutual consent of the parties with at least a 30 days notice to terminate. This is a reimbursement agreement and indirect costs are not allowed.

This Task Force serves ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Other Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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