



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Sean Thuilliez
DATE: October 6, 2020
SUBJECT: **Beaumont Unified School District Agreement for the Provision and Funding of School Resource Officer**

Background and Analysis:

The Beaumont Unified School District (District) seeks to renew the School Resource Officer Program and agreement with the City. Within the agreement, the District agrees to pay for the full cost of a school resource officer (SRO) along with vehicle and other costs as outlined.

The goal of the program is to create a successful working relationship with the District to reduce criminal activity on school campuses and provide a safe place for students to learn and grow. The duties and responsibilities for this position include working with school administrators and officials, maintaining a high level of visibility on the campuses, serving as a resource for facilitation of gang awareness and intervention, performing selected enforcement as needed, assisting with school campus meetings and other special events where skills of an SRO would be needed.

In brief, the role of an SRO is to investigate violations of criminal law and make arrests as appropriate. While enforcing the law it is also essential for the SRO to be a positive role model and endorse high moral standards and the use of good judgement and discretion. This role includes informal counseling and can offer guidance to assist with conflict mediation, offer life skill advice and connect students with formal counseling services. Further, the partnership with school staff allows for a more effective response time to crime and disharmony on school campuses.

The agreement between the District and the City is for Fiscal Years 2020-2023, and includes the assignment of one (1) SRO to provide coverage at Beaumont High School (except as outlined by the addendum). The District will remit \$100,465 to the City to fund the cost of one (1) SRO during FY 2021, \$132,400 for FY 2022, and \$135,710 for

FY 2023. The agreement calls for potential cost of living increases, however, the District will only be billed for actual costs.

The Beaumont Police Department and the District have collaborated for several years on safety concerns and issues regarding the staff and youth that attend local school campuses. The upcoming school year will give the SRO and the Police Department additional opportunities to explore abilities to help continue the work to increase the feeling of safety at school campuses and surrounding areas.

Fiscal Impact:

The estimated total cost for the SRO program is \$368,575 for the period of October 1, 2020, through April 1, 2023. The agreement provides total yearly costs and payment schedule that requires the District to pay monthly installments commencing on October 1, 2020.

Recommended Action:

Waive the full reading and approve by title only, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Beaumont Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the Beaumont Unified School District for School Resource Officer (SRO) Services for Fiscal Years 2020-2023," and
Authorize the Mayor to execute the Beaumont Unified School District Agreement for the Provision and Funding of School Resource Officer.

Attachments:

- A. Resolution
- B. Agreement with BUSD