



COBURG CITY COUNCIL ACTION/ISSUE ITEM

TOPIC: Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Harrisburg to Provide Law Enforcement Services

Meeting Date: June 14, 2022

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REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

Suggested Action: I move we approve the City Administrator and the Chief of Police to negotiate the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Harrisburg to Provide Law Enforcement Services.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL (S):

Fiscal responsibility

BACKGROUND

In September 2019, the Council approved an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with the City of Harrisburg to provide Police services. At that time, the contract reflected a pilot program in which both agencies agreed to test an inter-agency agreement, and to see how successful it would be.

The Chief of Police and the City Administrator worked with Harrisburg officials regarding hours and billable rates. Harrisburg representatives expressed great pleasure in how the program is working and so far, it has been successful. They expressed hope to be able to expand the program for 10 more hours a month of traffic enforcement.

The program would expand from 25 hours for traffic enforcement to 35 hours per month and increasing the hourly rate from \$51.00 to \$76.46 per hour. Coburg is currently allowed up to 10 hours for city ordinance enforcement and crime prevention.

The \$76.46 was reached at combining the chargeable rates of all officers including reserves. We then averaged it to one chargeable rate. This decision was based on the intention that there would be some full-time officer and reserve officer patrols.

After the first year in the contract, we have found more full-time officer hours, as well as the Chiefs time was spent in Harrisburg. This is due to the lack of availability of the reserve officers, as well as the Chief spending time monitoring and reporting to Harrisburg on the program.

The Chief and the City Administrator have agreed to use the same computation while including the Chief's salary. This new chargeable rate is \$76.46 per hour, which is the dollar figure we have given Harrisburg for the new contract year. Harrisburg is reviewing this within a work session with their Council and will be bringing the IGA to their council for approval in the coming weeks.

RECOMMENDATION AND ALTERNATIVES

Staff recommends that the Council approve the City Administrator and Chief to negotiate and sign the renewal of the IGA with Harrisburg.

The alternative is to not approve, the contract will expire, and we will no longer provide police services to Harrisburg.

BUDGET / FINANCIAL IMPACT

Both the revenues and expenses of providing these services will influence the budget.

Attached is a projected reconciliation. We took the hours spent in Harrisburg by all officers and utilizing the chargeable rate, came up with a cost for the officer time spent. Additionally, we took the projected year-end materials and services expenses and divided them by the amount of available hours to come to a cost of operating the police department per hour. This amount was charged against the amount of officer hours spent in Harrisburg.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

None at this time

NEXT STEPS

1. Agree upon a final contract
 2. Signature of both agencies to move forward.
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Harrisburg to Provide Law Enforcement Services
 2. Projected reconciliation of revenues and expenses for the current contract
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REVIEWED THROUGH:

Anne Heath, City Administrator
Anne Davies, City Attorney
Sammy Egbert, City Recorder