



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Consideration of a School Resource Officer agreement with the Grass Valley School District

Recommendation: Approve the agreement between the Grass Valley School District and the Grass Valley Police Department to provide School Resource Officer services

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Council Meeting Date: July 26, 2022

Date Prepared: July 20, 2022

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information:

In early 2020, the district office and two Grass Valley School District (GVSD) campuses (Lyman Gilmore and Margaret G Scotten) were annexed into the City of Grass Valley. These two schools combined serve a significant number of K-8 students from within and around the City (+/- 800 students plus staff). Upon annexation, the Grass Valley Police Department (GVPD) became the primary law enforcement agency responsible for response to the schools. With the annexation, all GVSD schools and facilities, including Lyman Gilmore Middle School, Margaret G Scotten Elementary School, Bell Hill Academy, and Grass Valley Charter School, are now within the City.

Through conversations with GVSD and its leadership, it was determined that having a dedicated officer available to assist with a broad range of duties, would enhance the safety of students, staff, and facilities. The primary need for an SRO was identified to be at the Lyman Gilmore campus, but services would be provided based upon requests by the District at any of the schools listed above.

GVPD currently has an agreement with NJUHSD for SRO services at Silver Springs High School. GVSD desires to engage in a similar agreement (see attached) and share in the cost of an officer. The agreement calls for joint-selection of a GVPD officer to serve as the GVSD SRO. The roles of an SRO are vast, from crime prevention, investigation, deterrence and campus safety to:

- Sharing information with the administrators about persons and conditions that pertain to campus safety concerns

- Resolving problems to preserve a positive school climate
- Being familiar with helpful community agencies and access to services for students and/or family members
- Participate as a member of a multi-agency group related to school site safety
- Being a resource to students, their families, and school district personnel in the form of an information source, problem-solving assistance, and/or referral to appropriate personnel or agencies
- Making appearances before site councils, parent groups, and other groups associated with the campus as a speaker on a variety of requested topics
- Providing career information and experience opportunities and promoting an accurate and positive image of law enforcement in modern society
- Developing, teaching, and facilitating extracurricular activities and/or summer camp programs in collaboration with the District and/or local youth-serving organizations

Additional roles and responsibilities are outlined in Attachment A to the agreement.

The City and the Police Department desire to work closely with GVSD as partners. The District has an interest in safety at their school sites and for their students and staff, while the City has an interest in attracting and retaining families who will enroll their children in GVSD programs. The police department and District intend to work together to develop strategies to enhance school safety. The initial term of this agreement is for 3 years as a “pilot program” at which time the agreement can be extended by written request and agreement by both parties.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #6 - Exceptional Public Safety

Fiscal Impact: The GVSD will reimburse the City for costs associated with the FTE Police Officer position, not to exceed \$60K per year for the term of the agreement. The difference of the cost for an FTE will be borne by the City at a cost of approximately \$60K plus indirect non-personnel costs associated with employment of a police officer (i.e. vehicle maintenance, fuel, training, etc).

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: General Fund Reserves

Reviewed by:

Attachments: Agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the Grass Valley School District for School Resource Officer Services