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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of March 24, 2025

Title/Subject

Resolution No. 2364 – Good Shepherd Health Care System (GSHCS) Police Funding Agreement

Summary and Background

Based on experience and on trends in other locations, Chief Edmiston had been having conversations with GSHCS leadership over the past few years about having some type of police presence in the hospital. With the most recent change in leadership, there was interest expressed and over the past six plus months a concept of having Hermiston Police Department officers stationed at GSHCS on a 24/7 basis. The approach that has been agreed upon by both parties is to hire an additional officer for each shift (4) and then have one officer per shift assigned as a beat to GSHCS.

For that level of service GSHCS has agreed to pay for all costs related to this level of coverage. All costs are defined as salaries, benefits, taxes, along with training, and equipment costs.

Tie-In to Council Goals

2024 Goal 2.5 Develop plan to increase police officer staffing.

Fiscal Information

April 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025	\$254,840
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	\$582,748

Provides for a 5% increase to the costs. Allows for renegotiation if City costs rise above 5% annually.

Provides for an initial three-year agreement with the ability to terminate the contract for either party with six months (180 days) notice.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

The city council may choose to:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2364 authorizing the City Manager's signature on the funding agreement as presented.
2. Modify the funding agreement and approve Resolution No. 2364 as amended.
3. Direct staff to make major modifications to the funding agreement and return to city council at a future meeting.

Recommended Action/Motion

Approve the resolution as presented.

Submitted By:

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