



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: February 5, 2024

ITEM TITLE: School Resource Officer

DISCUSSION:

On Thursday, Jan. 25th, the Mayor, Police Chief, and I met with the School Superintendent and the President of the School Board for Independence CSD to discuss a potential School Resource Officer (SRO).

During that meeting, we discussed the logistics of having an SRO on City Staff but officed within the district's facilities. We also discussed the costs associated with the position, and what possible options were for how to split the costs between the School and the City. Attached is a spreadsheet that shows a 65/35 split, however that number is subject to change depending on what the school ultimately decides relating to how they would like to split the costs.

The current plan would be to reallocate an existing position from the Police Department as an SRO, thereby reducing overall costs for the City rather than adding an additional officer position. For reference, any officer placed in the schools as a School Resource Officer would be required to have training and certification for that specific situation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.