



CITY COUNCIL ACTION FORM

DEPARTMENT	PRESENTED BY	DATE
Police	Russ Johnson - Police Chief	September 3, 2024

AGENDA ITEM

Resolution **2024-55** – Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Salida and the Salida School District.

BACKGROUND

Since 2017, the City of Salida and the Salida School District have been operating under an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to provide for a School Resource Officer (SRO) at schools within the District. In 2019, this IGA was amended to provide for a second SRO within the District as well as to strengthen bonds for the program. During the Covid-19 pandemic, staffing was reduced, and costs were borne solely by the City, in order to cover anticipated revenue decreases for the District. In addition, one SRO employed by the City left the organization, and other went on an extended leave, affecting SRO programming and scheduling.

In 2022 a new agreed upon IGA was written and agreed upon by both the City of Salida and Salida School District. Attached to this memo is Resolution **2024-55** and its accompanying IGA, prepared and reviewed by the City Attorney in conjunction with the District's legal counsel. It is essentially the same IGA that was agreed upon in 2022 and 2023. It includes best practices around hiring SROs, outlines performance review criteria for both the District and the Salida Police Department, better identifies the duties assigned to the SRO (including classroom instruction and presentations), and other similar topics. In discussions with the District, City staff is hopeful that this avoids any confusion that could arise around issues of school discipline versus issues of acts that may rise to the level of criminal activity. Finally, this clarifies the City's responsibility around funding for the position based on current practices as opposed to the prior IGA, which included funding from the District. It should be noted that this IGA would not preclude the parties from agreeing on a different funding model in the future.

This agreement has already been approved by the Salida and Salida School District. I have also begun discussions with the Salida School District to address them not funding any of this position. This topic will be included in their next budget cycle.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve Resolution **2024-55** to approve a new Intergovernmental Agreement with the Salida School District for the purpose of providing a School Resource Officer.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact at this time. We already have an officer assigned to this.

MOTION

A City Councilmember should state "I move to _____ Resolution **2024-55** approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Salida and the Salida School District followed by a second and a roll call vote.