



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB22-165
December 5, 2022
Discussion

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

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| TITLE: | First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie for Police Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: |
| PROPOSED ACTION: | Move to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie for Police Services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution |

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| REVIEW: | Department Director/Peer | Perry Phipps | 12/2/2022 |
| | Finance | n/a | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| | Legal | Bob Sterbank | 12/2/2022 |
| | City Administrator | Mike Sauerwein | 12/2/2022 |

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| DEPARTMENT: | Legal | | |
| STAFF: | Bob C. Sterbank, City Attorney | | |
| COMMITTEE: | Choose an item. | COMMITTEE DATE: Click or tap to enter a date. | |
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| EXHIBITS: | 1. Enter Exhibits Here | | |

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| AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE | \$ n/a |
| AMOUNT BUDGETED | \$ n/a |
| APPROPRIATION REQUESTED | \$ n/a |

SUMMARY

This agenda bill would approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie for Police Services. The First Amendment provides for a 50-50 cost sharing agreement between the two cities for the cost of the Behavioral Health Specialist.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

AB22-112, approved by the City Council on August 22, 2022: This Council action approved the Staffing Plan – FTE Count dated August 22, 2022, which authorized the creation of a new full-time employee (“FTE”) position of Behavioral Health Specialist (“BHS”) within the Snoqualmie Police Department.

AB22-, approved by the City Council on November 28, 2022. This Council action adopted the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget, which includes funding for the BHS position over the biennium. The budget appropriation assumes a 50% contribution by North Bend, commencing July 1, 2023, to the BHS salary and benefit costs.

BACKGROUND

Through AB22-112, the Police Department requested and the City Council approved one (1) additional FTE, the behavioral health specialist. The reason for the new position is that, for many years, individuals in the community in need of assistance or were experiencing an emergency called 911. This resulted in the response of first responders, typically police or fire. While 911 may provide a fast, effective way to ask for assistance and resolve issues in many cases, it does not effectively address the needs of persons experiencing a mental health crisis. The new FTE provided an avenue to enhance police and fire department responses, by including a behavioral health specialist who could fill the gap in our service to an increasing population in our community.

The City received \$150,000 in grant funding, which will cover the cost of the position for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 (the end of the fiscal year for the state agency providing the grant funding). The benefit and overhead costs for the new BHS position were assumed in the 2023-2024 biennial budget, as was the projected grant revenue.

The City of Snoqualmie provides police services to the City of North Bend pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of North Bend and City of Snoqualmie for Police Services ("Police Services ILA"). The Police Services ILA identifies specific percentages of identified police department command staff and officer positions, which form the basis of costs to be paid by North Bend under the ILA. The North Bend staff and Administration have agreed that North Bend should pay 50% of the cost of the BHS commencing July 1, 2023, when the grant funding expires. To memorialize this commitment, the Police Services ILA should be amended.

ANALYSIS

The proposed First Amendment would amend Section 1(b) to the Police Services ILA, to add the BHS position to the list of police administration staff positions whose costs would be shared between the parties. The amended Section 1(b) would also clarify that "[s]tarting on July 1, 2023, North Bend agrees to pay for 50% of a FTE Behavioral Health Specialist – Community Responder."

The proposed First Amendment would also amend Section 1(c), "Services and Assigned Duties," to add a description of the BHS duties. Last, the First Amendment would amend Section 5(a) to specify the increased annual fee to be paid by North Bend in 2023 and 2024. The increased fees were calculated by adding the following to the existing fees identified for those years:

2023: \$41,375 (((\$157,750 - \$75,000 (2023 Grant Amount)) / 2)
2024: \$80,416 (\$160,832/2)

BUDGET IMPACTS

The budget impacts of the proposed First Amendment are positive, as approval would add the above-identified amounts as revenue in 2023 and 2024.

NEXT STEPS

N/A.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to approve the First Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement Between the City of North Bend and the City of Snoqualmie for Police Services, and authorize the Mayor to sign.