



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF SNOQUALMIE

AB23-050
April 10, 2023
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB23-050: Memorandum of Understanding with Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for School Resource Officer Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed:
PROPOSED ACTION:	Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for School Resource Officer Program, and authorize the Mayor to sign.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

REVIEW:	Department Director/Peer	Choose an item.	Click or tap to enter a date.
	Finance	n/a	3/31/2023
	Legal	Bob Sterbank	3/31/2022
	City Administrator	Mike Sauerwein	

DEPARTMENT:	Police		
STAFF:	Perry Phipps, Police Chief		
COMMITTEE:	Public Safety	COMMITTEE DATE: April 3, 2023	
MEMBERS:	Cara Christensen	Rob Wotton	Ethan Benson
EXHIBITS:	Draft Snoqualmie Valley School District School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit 1).		

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

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

This agenda bill requests approval of an updated Memorandum of Understanding with the Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for the School Resource Officer Program.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Agreement Between the City of Snoqualmie and Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for School Resource Officer Program, approved by the City Council via AB13-229 on November 12, 2013.

Agreement Between the City of Snoqualmie and Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for School Resource Officer Program, approved by the City Council via AB16-083 on June 13, 2016.

BACKGROUND

In 2013, the Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 ("District") indicated to the City that it desired the City to provide a dedicated School Resource Officer ("SRO") within District schools. The parties negotiated an Interlocal Agreement that set forth the terms of the SRO program, including a compensation arrangement by which the District would compensate the City 40% of the total cost of the SRO. Agenda packet materials from 2013 indicate that the City proposed using the same basis to determine the fully-loaded cost of the SRO as was utilized in calculating fully-loaded police officer costs for the Snoqualmie-North Bend police services interlocal agreement. The Agreement was extended in 2016.

In 2021, the Legislature amended certain statutes applicable to school districts, requiring that if a law enforcement agency supplies safety and security staff to work on school property when students are expected to be present, the school district must adopt an agreement with the law enforcement agency meeting various statutory requirements designed to involve the district in hiring and performance evaluation of the SRO, specify minimum training requirements, require certain recordkeeping for incidents in which law enforcement staff are involved that resulted in student discipline, use of force against a student, or a student arrest, along with other related requirements.

The District and Police Department staff have negotiated the provisions of the draft Snoqualmie Valley School District School Resource Officer Program Memorandum of Understanding (Exhibit 1) ("MOU").

ANALYSIS

The proposed MOU meets the new statutory requirements in a number of ways. It specifies criteria for, provides for District input and/or involvement in, the selection and replacement of an SRO; provides for District input into the SRO performance evaluation; specifies a grievance process by which the District will address and respond to any complaints concerning the SRO; specifies SRO training requirements; and addresses general agreement components such as payment, term and termination, indemnification and the like.

The proposed MOU has been reviewed by the City Administrator and Police Chief, the District's outside legal counsel and the District Superintendent.

Following consideration by the Public Safety Committee, language from the draft MOU was removed that would have required the City to ensure that any officer assigned to serve as the SRO was vaccinated with an approved COVID-19 vaccine. The MOU draft language referred to the Governor's Proclamation 21-14.1, which is no longer in effect. Also, language in Article II(A), relating to potential future assignment of multiple SROs, was clarified.

Following remand by the Council to the Public Safety Committee, a new proposed Article II-A was added, to articulate District obligations to support the SRO and SRO Program. Due to the short turnaround time between Council and Committee, the District has not been able to review or provide a response to the new proposed Article II-A. Minor language in Article XII is proposed to be deleted, as redundant to the new Article II-A.

BUDGET IMPACTS

N/A. Under the proposed SRO MOU, the District would continue to reimburse the City for 40% of the fully-loaded cost of the SRO.

NEXT STEPS

N/A.

PROPOSED ACTION

Move to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Snoqualmie Valley School District No. 410 for School Resource Officer Program, and authorize the Mayor to sign.