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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Alex Khojikian, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Police Department
MEETING DATE: February 20, 2024
SUBJECT:
San Mateo County Vehicle Theft Task Force – Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Agreement between the City of San Mateo and the San Mateo County Vehicle Theft Task Force for the assignment of one police officer through June 30, 2025, and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the no-cost agreement in substantially the form presented.

BACKGROUND:

The San Mateo County Vehicle Theft Task Force (VTTF) is a unit composed of officers from local law enforcement agencies, the California Highway Patrol and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. The VTTF operates under the authority of the San Mateo County Police Chiefs and Sheriffs Association through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) to which the County and all incorporated cities are parties.

Vehicle theft is a considerable problem in San Mateo and throughout the County. The City of San Mateo currently has one police officer assigned to the VTTF, whose assignment is scheduled to conclude February 28, 2024. During the time our officer has been assigned to the VTTF, considerable efforts have been made to abate auto theft in San Mateo. The partnership with the VTTF has enabled our department to obtain firsthand knowledge of activity of auto thieves operating in San Mateo, and provides a valuable opportunity for officers to expand their expertise in investigations and act as liaison between the police department and this vital countywide unit.

The City and the VTTF wish to continue the assignment through June 30, 2025, so that both parties may better assist one another in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of vehicle theft related criminal activity, and improve engagement in a coordinated and concentrated effort to combat vehicle theft in San Mateo County and in the City of San Mateo. It is the City's policy that inter-governmental agency agreements be approved by the City Council. The proposed Agreement (Attachment 1) formalizes the assignment, defines the relationship between parties, and outlines cost sharing and reimbursement parameters.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The assignment of one officer to the VTTF for this purpose has been planned for and is reflected in current operating budget. The VTTF will reimburse the City for 75% of the cost of the salary and benefits for the officer assigned, and 100% of any overtime worked for the benefit of VTTF. If approved this will be included in the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This action is not a project subject to CEQA, because it can be seen with certainty that it will not cause a physical change in the environment. (Public Resources Code Section 21065.)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 – Agreement

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