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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Police Department
MEETING DATE: January 19, 2021
SUBJECT:
San Mateo County Gang Intelligence Unit – Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with the County of San Mateo to assign one San Mateo Police Sergeant to the San Mateo County Gang Intelligence Unit for a reimbursement amount not to exceed \$120,000 annually; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

BACKGROUND:

From 2016-2019, the City of San Mateo assigned a Police Officer to the Countywide Gang Intelligence and Investigation Unit (GIU). This assignment proved extremely valuable in enabling the Police Department and the County to work collaboratively to better abate gang activity within the City of San Mateo. The Police Department and the County of San Mateo now wish to renew this relationship by assigning a San Mateo Police Sergeant to the GIU.

Partnering with the Countywide GIU will enable the Police Department to obtain firsthand knowledge of the activity of gangs operating within the City, and provide an important opportunity for our staff to expand their expertise in gang-related investigations, acting as liaison between SMPD and this vital countywide unit. The GIU and Gang Task Force (GTF) are only able to exist due to the contributions of the County's allied law enforcement agencies, and they rely on the largest agencies with the largest number of validated gang members to contribute resources to continue the mission of gang abatement and targeted enforcement.

As a centrally located city on the peninsula and a hub for multiple Bay Area freeways, monitoring and abating organized criminal activity is a safety priority for the City of San Mateo. The mission of the GIU is to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information related to criminal events, primarily those that are gang related. Countywide crime reduction ensures that law enforcement agencies don't simply displace gang crime, but eradicate it. The GIU is also responsible for assisting with countywide training and long-term investigations, with the emphasis on dismantling gangs affecting San Mateo County and the Bay Area. Providing a Sergeant for this assignment will significantly enhance our local gang and crime-fighting abilities. Our GIU Sergeant will be located at the GIU offices here in the City of San Mateo and will be able to educate and liaise highly effectively with our Department to keep our officers abreast and informed of gang activity.

The Agreement formalizes the terms of the assignment, defines the relationship between parties, and outlines cost sharing and reimbursement parameters. The City will receive reimbursement of up to \$120,000 annually to cover the partial salary of the Sergeant assigned to GIU. The term of the agreement is from April 5, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The County will provide reimbursement of \$120,000 annually for the GIU Sergeant. This revenue will be used to fully cover the annual cost of the agreement with the County of San Mateo for provision of mental health clinician services (which is

also on the agenda for approval) in the amount of \$76,937 (year 1) and \$79,245 (year 2). The balance will be used to offset the cost of purchasing patrol vehicle in-car cameras, which are an essential tool to increase transparency and deter and investigate crime. The result will be no net impact to the General Fund.

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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