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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council

FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager

PREPARED BY: Police

MEETING DATE: June 03, 2019

SUBJECT:
San Mateo County Gang Intelligence Unit – Agreement

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with the County of San Mateo to maintain the assignment of one City Police Officer to the San Mateo County Gang Intelligence Unit for a reimbursement amount not to exceed \$90,000; and authorize the Chief of Police to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

BACKGROUND:

The City of San Mateo has assigned a Police Officer to the Countywide Gang Intelligence and Investigation Unit (GIU) since 2016. Assignment of an officer to the GIU has enabled the Police Department and the County to work collaboratively to better abate gang activity and neighborhood turf activities within the City of San Mateo. The Police Department and the County of San Mateo wish to continue to assign an officer to the GIU for another year.

Partnering with the Countywide GIU has enabled our Department to obtain firsthand knowledge of the activity of gangs operating within the City, as well as those in neighboring cities, and has provided an important opportunity for officers wishing to expand their expertise in gang-related investigations to act 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 officers and resources to continue the very successful mission of gang abatement and targeted enforcement in our cities in the County.

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 San Mateo County Sheriff's Office GIU is to collect, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information related to criminal events, primarily those that are gang related. GIU is also the primary support for the Gang Task Force, to which all agencies in the County provide resources and personnel. Countywide crime reduction ensures that law enforcement agencies don't simply displace gang and turf crime, but eradicate it. The GIU is also responsible for assisting with countywide training and long-term investigations, including surveillance and other specialized investigative techniques, with the emphasis on dismantling gangs affecting San Mateo County and the Bay Area. Providing an officer for this assignment will significantly enhance our gang and crime fighting abilities. Our GIU officer 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 (Attachment 1) formalizes the terms of the assignment, defines the relationship between parties, and outlines cost sharing and reimbursement parameters. The City will receive a reimbursement of up to \$90,000 to cover the partial salary of the officer assigned to the GIU. The term of the agreement is through June 30, 2020.

BUDGET IMPACT:

The County will provide reimbursement of up to \$90,000 to cover the partial salary of the officer assigned to GIU in fiscal year 2019-20. This arrangement is reflected in the proposed 2019-20 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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