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City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 16

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: School Resource Officer Program Agreement

ABSTRACT:

The Police Department seeks City Council to approve a new School Resource Officer ("SRO") Agreement with the Newport-Mesa Unified School District ("NMUSD").

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine that the action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c) (2) and 15060(c) (3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.
- b) Approve the Agreement between the City of Newport Beach and NMUSD to participate in the School Resource Officer Program ("Agreement"), and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The current adopted budget includes sufficient funding for this Agreement. Per the Agreement, the full salary and benefits for three School Resource Officers (police officers) will be funded equally through the Police Department's budget (50 percent) and the NMUSD (50 percent). Funding for the three police officers is included in the Police Department's FY 18-19 budget, as are revenues from the NMUSD in the amount of \$251,916.50. It will be expensed to the Detective Division salary and benefits accounts in the Police Department, Account No. 01035355-7.

DISCUSSION:

Background:

On September 27, 1999, the City Council approved an Agreement between the City and NMUSD to provide two full-time police officers (SROs) to work at the two City high schools: Corona del Mar High School and Newport Harbor High School. The Agreement also specified the Corona del Mar High School SRO would provide similar services to Ensign Middle School.

The original Agreement took effect on February 7, 2000, and expired on February 7, 2003. Each year since that expiration, the City has approved annual amendments to the original Agreement to continue the services of this Program.

During the 2011 annual request for amendment by NMUSD, the City Attorney's Office recommended creating a new Agreement that more accurately described the services provided and the Agreement was ultimately revised. Since the original Agreement, some services have changed to include discontinuation of D.A.R.E. instruction at the two high schools and the assignment of the high school SROs to also service both middle schools. Ultimately, the Corona del Mar High School SRO was re-assigned to service Corona del Mar Middle School and the Newport Harbor High School SRO was assigned to service Ensign Middle School.

On June 12, 2018, the City Council approved the FY 18-19 budget, which included the addition of a third SRO under the same terms as the other two SROs with equally shared funding with NMUSD. The previous Agreement with NMUSD expired on June 30, 2018. This proposed new Agreement with NMUSD will allow the Police Department to assign one SRO to Newport Harbor High School, one SRO to Corona del Mar High and Middle Schools, and one SRO to cover the high schools when the designated high school SRO is not on duty. The cover SRO will be based at Ensign Middle School and will also serve NMUSD elementary schools within the City as needed. These SRO assignments are subject to change at the discretion of the Chief of Police.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - Agreement with Exhibit A (Benefit Analysis)