

Agenda Report

May 9, 2011

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Fire Department
SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF ALHAMBRA FOR VERDUGO FIRE DISPATCHING SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to renew Contract No. 20006, through June 30, 2012, with the City of Alhambra for dispatching services at the Verdugo Fire Dispatch Center.

This contract does not require competitive bidding pursuant to City Charter section 1002H, contracts with other governmental entities.

BACKGROUND:

The Verdugo Fire Communications Center (Verdugo) was established in August 1979, by the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena to provide fire and EMS dispatch services for the three cities. Verdugo is staffed by Glendale City employees and Glendale provides administrative support services for Verdugo, and the operation is located at a Glendale Fire facility. The cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena are "member" agencies and contribute to the governance and annual operational funding of Verdugo.

Additionally, Verdugo provides contract services to nine other agencies: Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre and South Pasadena. Verdugo provides dispatching services for a set fee. This fee provides a revenue that supplements Verdugo's operational costs. Since 2005, the City of Alhambra has contracted with Verdugo for fire, rescue and medical dispatching services. This contract renewal is effective beginning December 1, 2010 until June 30, 2012.

Although this contract is between the City of Alhambra and the City of Glendale, Verdugo Dispatch Center, the contract must be separately approved by all three founding cities.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

This action supports the City Council's strategic goal to ensure public safety.

FISCAL IMPACT:

On an annual basis, Alhambra will pay a fixed amount per incident. The Finance Directors of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena, with the concurrence of the Fire Chiefs and City Managers of these cities, have established a policy that will result in each of the contract cities paying the same amount per call dispatched that is based on the annual operational cost of Verdugo.

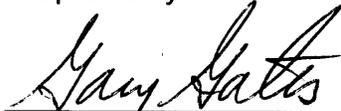
The contract amount for fiscal year 2011 is set at \$266,242 or \$56.07 per incident, and the amount for fiscal year 2012 is \$277,977 or \$59.43 per incident. There is no financial requirement to the City of Pasadena to execute this contract with the City of Alhambra.

Respectfully submitted,



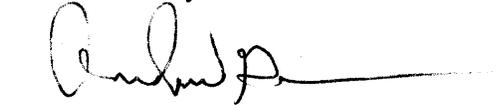
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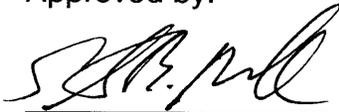
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