

Agenda Report

TO: THROUGH PUBLIC SAFETY
CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 1, 2000

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: CONTRACT BETWEEN VERDUGO FIRE DISPATCH SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF SAN GABRIEL FOR FIRE AND AMBULANCE DISPATCH SERVICES

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement between the Verdugo Fire Dispatch System, which is jointly administered by the cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena, and the City of San Gabriel to provide fire and ambulance dispatch services to the city of San Gabriel.

BACKGROUND: The cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena formed the Verdugo Fire Dispatch System under a joint powers agreement in 1987. The Verdugo Center, located in Glendale Fire Station 21, provides a state of the art fire and rescue dispatch service for the three cities which none of them could have afforded separately. Two years ago, the cities of San Marino and South Pasadena joined the System on a contract basis for dispatch services in their cities, paying their pro-rata share of costs based on the number of emergency dispatches Verdugo handled for each of those cities. Monrovia, Sierra Madre and Arcadia joined the system in 1999. Now, the City of San Gabriel wishes to contract with the Verdugo System for fire and rescue dispatch services. The Verdugo Dispatch Center has more than sufficient capacity to provide such services for these two additional cities and even other neighboring cities without adding capital equipment and without diminishing the services provided to Pasadena and the other Verdugo cities. Having cities surrounding Pasadena in the Verdugo Fire Dispatch System will assist in providing rapid and coordinated responses to incidents, will provide the contracting cities with a reliable and modern dispatch system to prevent emergencies from overwhelming their capabilities and spreading to neighboring cities, and will bring financial assistance to Glendale, Pasadena and Burbank to offset their costs for operating and maintaining the Verdugo System. This system does not supplant the mutual aid program which operates among the cities of the San Gabriel Valley, Glendale and Pasadena, but rather assists in dispatching the resources of all the cities involved in a properly coordinated and timely response to emergencies.

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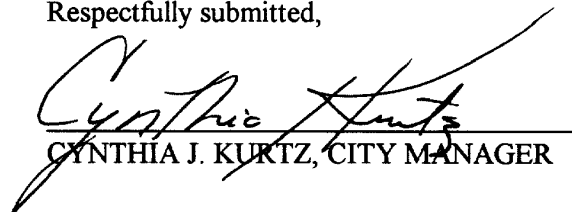
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AGENDA ITEM NO. 5.E.(1)

Under the Joint Powers Agreement among Glendale, Pasadena and Burbank which governs the operation of the Verdugo System, contracts for provision of services to other cities such as San Gabriel, Sierra Madre and Arcadia must be approved by the governing bodies of the three original Verdugo partners, Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena, and is therefore being presented to each of the three city councils for approval. This proposed agreement does not confer any authority on San Gabriel, or any other of the cities which joined the system in 1999, to participate in the governance of the System, which remains solely with the three Verdugo partners; this is a contract for dispatch services only.

FISCAL IMPACT: There will be no cost whatever to the City of Pasadena. The addition of San Gabriel will relieve Pasadena of some of the cost of maintaining the Verdugo system. San Gabriel will pay the Verdugo System a fee equivalent to \$38.96 for each call to the dispatch center. In addition, San Gabriel will pay a one time fee of \$5,000 to compensate for reconfiguring existing computer and radio equipment to accommodate that city. The fees are based on a calculated cost of providing the dispatch service per call times the number of calls anticipated to be handled on behalf of each contracting city, and will also include a 10% facilities charge paid to the City of Glendale for use of their fire station and personnel to house and operate the System. Because no additional capital equipment will be necessitated, the funds from cities such as San Gabriel which contract with the System will be used to pay the costs of any additional dispatch personnel which may be required. The remainder of those fees will be used to offset charges that the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Pasadena would otherwise have to pay for system operation or forthcoming system upgrades.

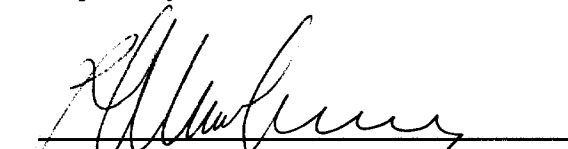
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