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City Council / Board of Directors

Written Communications

Meeting of: June 6, 2023

Submitted By:

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Subject:

Law Enforcement Contract #94-909-A-51, Memorandum of Understanding with the Victor Valley Union High School District, Victor Elementary School District, and Adelanto Elementary School District to Fund School Resource Officers and Agreement Between the City of Victorville and Macerich Victor Valley, LP

Recommendation:

That the Honorable City Council:

- (1) Approve the Fifty-First Amendment to Law Enforcement Contract #94-909-A-51 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and authorize the Mayor or her designee to process all documents required for this agreement;
- (2) Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the City of Victorville and the Victor Valley Union High School District, the Victor Elementary School District, and the Adelanto Elementary School District for the same period to fund School Resource Officers, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to process all documents required for the agreement; and
- (3) Approve the agreement by and between the City of Victorville and Macerich Victor Valley, LP (Macerich) for one Deputy and authorize the City Manager or his designee to process all documents required for the agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

This Amendment to the Law Enforcement Contract totals \$36,878,365, an increase of \$2,499,311 from the prior amendment. Sufficient funds will be budgeted in the FY 2023-24 budget (1002001-52300) to cover the contract amount expense along with a reimbursable from the Victor Valley Union High School District (VVUHSD), Victor Elementary School District (VESD) and Adelanto Elementary School District (AESD) for their respective shares of costs for the School Resource Officers (SRO) and Macerich for one Deputy.

Strategic Plan Goal:

The City of Victorville Strategic Plan 2020-2023 identifies multi-year strategic goals and various strategies to work toward achieving those goals. Goal B, Public Safety, focuses on implementing public safety strategies to support a thriving and growing community. In accordance with one strategy outlined within the plan, engaging in proactive policing, the City Council has previously approved an MOU with the VVUHSD, VESD, and the AESD for SRO.

Background:

Since 1963, Victorville has contracted with the San Bernardino County Sheriff for law enforcement services. On April 12, 2023, San Bernardino County Sheriff Shannon Dicus held an annual meeting with contracting agencies and their respective City Manager’s to discuss the upcoming contract changes and cost projections as outlined in the Schedule A for FY 2023-24.

Discussion:

The Fifty-First Amendment to Law Enforcement Contract #94-909-A-51 replaces the Schedule A, providing law enforcement services to the City of Victorville for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

This Schedule A Amendment includes an increase from the previous contract in the amount of \$2,499,311 or 7.2%. The increase is partially related to the addition of one (1) Detective/Corporal, one (1) Office Specialist, and one (1) SRO K-9, along with an annual increase of 5.3% with the Sheriff’s Employees’ Benefit Association (SEBA) MOU. The SEBA MOU will be in the fourth year of a five-year agreement beginning in FY 2023-24.

Accordingly, police staffing includes the following:

Sworn Officers	107
General Support Staff	44.18
Total	<u>151.18</u>

The additional Detective/Corporal to this amendment is being added to enhance the supervision of the 11 personnel that were added in FY 2021-22 through Measure P, as well as the additional SRO for the three school districts. As most of the deputies assigned to Patrol and Traffic are new to the Victorville Station, the Detective/Corporal position will be utilized to supervise and train the said deputies. Following the addition of personnel in previous years, the administrative side has increased its workload supporting operations. The additional Office Specialist will assist other administrative staff in supporting operations and enhancing the efficiency of processes and requests from the public. VVUHSD has requested an additional SRO with a K-9 for FY 2023-24 that will be assigned to the District for investigative matters and has agreed to fund this position at 100% of the cost.

These staffing levels also include three (3) SROs assigned to VESD, four (4) SRO assigned to the VVUHSD, and one (1) SRO assigned to the AESD. The attached MOU with the respective Districts represents those officers working in and around the schools to provide a safer learning environment. The MOU serves as the mechanism to gain

reimbursement for the use of said services and effectively offsets the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Contract.

The MOU with VESD will pay 75% of the cost of two (2) deputies, 100% of the cost of one (1) deputy, and include fuel and maintenance of two and one half (2.5) marked police vehicles which amounts to \$771,813.63. The MOU with VVUHSD will pay 75% of the cost of two (2) deputies, fuel and maintenance of one and one half (1.5) marked police vehicles, and two (2) SRO at 100%, including fuel and maintenance of two (2) marked police vehicles, which amounts to \$1,105,606.11. The two (2) SRO positions funded at 100% reflect one added in FY 2022-23 and the new SRO with a K-9. The MOU with the Adelanto Elementary School District will pay 100% of the cost for one (1) Deputy and include fuel and maintenance of one (1) marked police vehicle which amounts to \$308,205.70.

The Deputy assigned to the Mall of Victor Valley was added in May 2022 at the request of Macerich. The Deputy is assigned to the Mall full-time and is responsible for the enforcement of all criminal law violations on and in proximity to the Mall and all traffic laws on and in proximity to the Mall. This additional Deputy supplements the security services currently offered by Macerich and does not have any reduction in said services.

The attached agreement with Macerich represents the officer working in and around the Mall to provide a safer community environment. The agreement serves as the mechanism to gain reimbursement for the use of said services and effectively offsets the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Contract. The agreement with Macerich will pay 100% of the cost to provide one (1) San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputy and the cost of one (1) Marked Unit in the amount of \$304,296 for the next fiscal year.

Staff recommends that the Honorable City Council approve the Fifty-First Amendment to Law Enforcement Contract #94-909-A-51, authorize the Mayor or her designee to process all documents required for this agreement, approve the MOU's as listed above, and authorize the City Manager or his designee to process all documents required for the agreement with Macerich Victor Valley, LP. Staff remains available for any questions or comments you may have.

- Attachments:**
- A. Fifty-First Amendment to Law Enforcement Contract #94-909-A-51
 - B. Memorandum of Understanding with the Victor Valley Union High School District
 - C. Memorandum of Understanding with the Victor Elementary School District
 - D. Memorandum of Understanding with the Adelanto Elementary School District
 - E. Agreement Between Victorville and Macerich Victor Valley, LP