



City Council Report

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To: City Council
Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager
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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Information Technology & Other Related Services with the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) (District 6)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City Council is requested to authorize the City Manager (or designated representative) to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Phoenix Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) enabling the two entities to share technology services and other related services as recommended.

Background

The City of Mesa (City) has utilized IGAs in the past to partner with municipalities and other entities on various other projects and initiatives. This IGA provides a framework whereby the two entities could improve their ability to provide technology services through a shared effort. Such an effort would enable both parties to mitigate expenses through economies of scale, reduce procurement timelines, and share technical expertise.

PMGAA was amenable to the idea and asked that the City of Mesa initiate an agreement. City staff drafted an initial document, worked closely with their counterparts at PMGAA which included legal counsel from both entities. This agreement will enable both parties to draw upon their organizations' technical resources and shared bargaining power to employ technology jointly, when feasible.

Discussion

The IGA will afford both parties the opportunity to share currently employed technology, endeavor for joint ventures that may promote cost savings, more efficient and timely procurement, the installation of technology, and it will also foster a more strategic approach to planning and using technology for the betterment of both organizations and their customers. It will draw upon Service Task Orders and/or added Shared Infrastructure Agreements to enable both organizations to act quickly and efficiently when project opportunities arise without creating separate agreements for each.

The IGA enables both organizations to draw upon the technical advantages currently possessed by both, and promotes a team approach to solving technology challenges that can benefit the community at large. It also encourages the employment of both parties' personnel resources when shared opportunities arise.

The initial purpose of this IGA is to facilitate and define joint efforts for fiber optic cabling and the sharing of underground conduit. Each municipality stands to benefit significantly by sharing the costs of trenching and fiber optic connectivity.

The IGA term shall be five (5) years and can be automatically renewed for two subsequent five-year terms. The IGA can be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice.

Alternatives

If the Council chooses to not approve the IGA, both entities will be unable to explore and use joint technology projects on an expedited basis. Both parties will lose the opportunity to share costs tied to developing, purchasing, and installing technological advances, which could improve the technical environment of each municipality.

Fiscal Impact

The City incurs no current, financial outlay obligation as a result of authorizing this agreement. In the future, Mesa and PMGAA will partner on technology efforts that may require the City's commitment of financial resources. All funds will originate from Budget-approved sources.

Coordinated With

Information Technology Department and the City Attorney's Office.