



City Council Report

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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport
Authority for ARFF Services
Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to continue the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport Authority (PMGAA) to provide aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) services. The recommendation is to enter a new IGA for the term of three years commencing on July 1, 2019 and continuing until June 30, 2022.

Background

The City has had a formal agreement to provide ARFF services for PMGAA since 1993. In 2018 Council approved an amendment to the 2015-2018 IGA to extend the terms for one year while a new agreement was negotiated.

Discussion

Under the current IGA, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department provides one ARFF certified captain and two certified engineers per shift in order to provide 24-hour coverage at the PMGAA airport. Under the proposed IGA, firefighter staffing levels provided for coverage at the PMGAA airport will remain the same. However, the number of personnel PMGAA provides reimbursement for was reduced from 3 per shift to 2.5 per shift. This adjustment was offset in the negotiations by increased reimbursement from PMGAA for salaries, benefits, training, and overhead. In addition, items relating to equipment maintenance formerly included in this ARFF service agreement were removed and attached as an amendment to the existing Maintenance Agreement with PMGAA.

Alternatives

The City could choose to end the IGA with PMGAA and still cover ARFF services to the airport. The benefit of keeping an IGA is salary and training reimbursements for fire protection services provided at PMGAA.

Fiscal Impact

Total reimbursements for the 2015-2018 agreement was \$1,233,370 for fiscal year 2018. Total reimbursements for the proposed 2019-2022 agreement begin at \$1,405,467 in fiscal year 2019. In addition, a three percent reimbursement increase for salaries is factored in each subsequent fiscal year of this IGA.

Coordinated With

The current proposal was reviewed and updated by staff from PMGAA, the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, and City Attorney's Office.