



# City Council Report

**Date:** July 8, 2019  
**To:** City Council  
**Through:** John Pombier, Assistant City Manager  
**From:** Ramon Batista, Police Chief  
Robert Rash, Acting Commander  
**Subject:** Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Tempe (Citywide)

## Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting that the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe for payment of \$61,489.50 for a Tempe Police Lieutenant to perform Aviation Administrator duties for the Mesa Police Department.

## Background

The Mesa Police Department Metro Division requests to use a member of the Tempe Police Department as the Aviation Administrator for the Mesa Police Department Aviation Unit for an initial ten months with the option for renewal for up to three additional one-year terms. The Aviation Administrator is the functional supervisor of the Aviation Unit and reports directly to the Metro Division Commander. The Aviation Administrator oversees all operations of police aircraft, evaluates performance of pilots, tactical flight observers, and mechanics, manages air crew scheduling, ensures compliance with all Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department, and Aviation Section regulations and procedures related to Aviation Section functions. This position is highly specialized and requires a current Commercial Rotorcraft Certificate with helicopter instrument rating, a current flight review, a minimum of 1,000 hours of total flight time including 500 hours of turbine helicopter flight time and 250 hours as a pilot in command, and over five years of supervisory experience.

## Discussion

The Mesa Police Department in discussion with the Tempe Police Department has identified a unique opportunity that has mutual benefit to both agencies. The Tempe Police Department has identified an employee that meets the qualifications required for the Aviation Administrator.

The Tempe Police Department will allow their employee to work full-time as the Mesa Police Aviation Administrator for an initial ten months with the option for renewal for up to three additional one-year terms. The Tempe Police Department desires aviation support for patrol related functions and surveillance activities. The Mesa Police Department can provide such support services from time to time, subject to our availability. This IGA will allow the Mesa Police Department to quickly fill the vacancy of a vital position with a highly qualified person while providing a significant cost savings to the City of Mesa.

### **Alternatives**

If the Intergovernmental Agreement is not approved, the Police Department will perform a national search for an Aviation Administrator.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The Intergovernmental Agreement is for \$61,489.50 for a term to April 2020 with three, one-year renewal options at a negotiated rate of pay each year. Funding for this expense is within the Police Department operating budget. The Mesa Police Department will reimburse the City of Tempe upon receipt of an invoice.

### **Coordinated With**

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Tempe.