



City Council Report

Date: May 16, 2022
To: City Council
Through: John Pombier, Assistant City Manager
From: Ken Cost, Police Chief
Kim Meza, Forensic Services Administrator
Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert for Laboratory Services (Citywide)

Purpose and Recommendation

The City of Mesa Police Department is respectfully requesting the Mesa City Council approve and authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert to accept \$706,007 in annual compensation for forensic laboratory services provided by the Mesa Police Department.

Background

The Mesa Police Department has a dedicated Forensic Services facility and staff which processes evidence related to criminal investigations for the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert. Mesa is recognized locally and nationally as a model in the application of forensic services in law enforcement.

Discussion

The Mesa Police Department has been providing forensic laboratory services to the Town of Gilbert since 2012. Services provided include but are not limited to Toxicology Analysis, Full Service Controlled Substance Screening, Biology DNA Analysis, Latent Print Comparison, AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System), and Firearms and Toolmarks Analysis. In exchange for these services, the Town of Gilbert provides annual financial compensation.

The Town of Gilbert will continue to be subject to Forensic Services standard operating procedures for analyzing priorities in forensic laboratory services. The Town of Gilbert will continue to be subject to Mesa Police Department standard operating procedures for evidence preservation and processing at the scenes of incidents.

Alternatives

Decline the Intergovernmental Agreement. If this Agreement is not supported, Forensic Services will continue to provide state-of-the-art forensic analysis consistent with the current model of services.

Fiscal Impact

Beginning Fiscal Year 22/23, the annual financial compensation provided by the Town of Gilbert will be \$706,007.

Funding for subsequent years will be determined following a review and evaluation of workload and associated costs of services. At any time, Mesa or Gilbert may evaluate the services provided and make financial adjustments based on demand for services.

Coordinated With

The City of Mesa Police Department recommends the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Town of Gilbert.