



City Council Report

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To: City Council

Through: Christopher J. Brady, City Manager, or
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From: Mary Cameli, Fire Chief
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Subject: Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert governing the terms of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department Paramedic Program

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval to authorize the City Manager or designee to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert governing the terms of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department Paramedic Program. The recommendation is to enter this IGA between the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert governing the terms of the Mesa Fire and Medical Department Paramedic Program for five years with the option to renew for one additional five-year term.

Background

Prior to 2022, the City of Mesa and other municipalities sent firefighters to paramedic school offered by various agencies, most recently Central AZ College. November 2021, Central AZ College informed Cities and Towns the paramedic program that was supposed to begin in January 2022 would be cancelled. This created an immediate need to come up with a solution that would meet the organizational timelines required for operational staffing.

Discussion

Mesa Fire and Medical Department worked collaboratively with our regional partners towards accreditation to build a paramedic program to meet the needs of the districts, towns, and cities we serve. This model allows the Mesa Fire and Medical Department direct timeline control over the paramedic program. Entering into this agreement will help ensure the success of the City of Mesa MFMD paramedic program. The agreement outlines terms for Town of Gilbert's participation in the program.

Alternatives

Entering this IGA will mutually strengthen the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert's ability to provide ALS services to our community.

Alternatively, the decision may be made to not enter this IGA which may result in the City of Mesa and the Town of Gilbert not having the ability to successfully provide adequate resources. In addition, it will prohibit a pathway to reimbursement.

Fiscal Impact

This agreement will provide a pathway to reimbursement and allows Gilbert to provide instructors for the program. This will have a positive impact for the City of Mesa by sharing the costs associated with providing instructors.

Coordinated With

The current proposal was reviewed by staff from the Mesa Fire and Medical Department, the City of Mesa Attorney's office, and the Town of Gilbert.