



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 20, 2017

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Cindy Montero, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into A First Amendment To The Agreement Between The City Of Emeryville And The Alameda County Fire Department To Provide Fire And Emergency Response Services

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to enter into a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Emeryville and the Alameda County Fire Department Regarding Fire and Emergency Services ("Agreement") to extend the term for one year, to expire on June 30, 2018.

BACKGROUND

In June 2010, the City Council directed staff to evaluate methods of streamlining costs and increasing efficiencies in the Fire Department. In September 2010, staff responded by presenting a plan for the evaluation of fire services, which resulted in the creation of the Fire Services Task Force, and the subsequent agreement to contract with Citygate Associates to evaluate the Emeryville Fire delivery system. The consultant was also asked to make recommendations regarding any other fire service delivery options.

In June 2011, staff presented the City Council with the Citygate Associates report on the functioning, effectiveness and efficiency of the Emeryville Fire Department. Among the findings of greatest importance from the Citygate study was the need to provide for emergency incident command staff capacity on a 24/7 basis; to provide a more robust headquarters staffing to accomplish the needs of training, fire prevention, disaster preparedness, and other management functions; and the need to provide for the services of a fully staffed aerial ladder truck. The Fire Services Task Force supported the findings of the study. In analyzing the several potential options to achieve the recommendations including providing a cost-sustainable approach to quality fire services delivery, the Task Force recommended issuing a Request for Proposals for fire services to the Cities of Oakland and Berkeley, and the Alameda County Fire

Department. The City Council approved the Task Force recommendation and directed staff to develop the RFP.

The City received RFP responses from the City of Oakland and the Alameda County Fire District. Both proposals were reviewed first by a City staff team (the Fire Chief, City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Chief Financial Officer and a Citygate Associates representative), who then presented the proposals and a recommendation to the Fire Services Task Force to support presenting the Alameda County Fire District (ACFD) submittal to the City Council. During the Task Force meeting, it was also reported that the members of the Emeryville Fire Department had voted 21-3 in favor of the ACFD proposal; the Task Force voted unanimously to recommend and forward the ACFD submittal to the City Council. On February 7, 2012, an analysis and summary of the ACFD proposal was presented to the City Council during a study session. Based on the findings and recommendations, Council directed staff to negotiate a contract for fire and emergency response services with ACFD and present the results to the Council for further action.

Staff subsequently worked with ACFD to develop a comprehensive contract and Scope of Work for fire service delivery and both parties signed a five-year Agreement Regarding Fire and Emergency Response Services ("Agreement") on June 27, 2012 (Resolution No. 12-79). This five-year Agreement is set to expire on June 31, 2017. The City received a new 5-year agreement on May 12, 2017 but will require additional time to review by both staff and the City Attorney. This First Amendment to the Agreement will extend the term for one year, to expire on June 30, 2018. The one-year extension will provide additional time to reach mutually agreeable terms for a new Fire Services Agreement. The five-year agreement may come before Council prior to the completion of the one-year amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost for the performance/delivery of Fire services to the Emeryville community by ACFD and the City of Oakland subcontract for Fiscal Year 2017/18 is \$6,933,946. In addition to the costs to ACFD and Oakland Fire, Emeryville will continue to provide for vehicle and apparatus replacements, facility maintenance and OPEB costs.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

There has been no communication with the public at this time.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the City Council of the City of Emeryville adopt the attached resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Emeryville and the Alameda Council Fire District to provide fire and emergency response services. The City will begin reviewing the 5-year contract and

may return to City Council for approval of a five-year contract prior to the end of this First Amendment.

PREPARED BY: Cindy Montero, Assistant City Manager

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO
CITY COUNCIL TO THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution
2. First Amendment to Agreement
3. Original Agreement Between the City of Emeryville and ACFD