



City of Largo Agenda Item 7

Meeting Date
09/04/18

Presenter: Jeffrey K. Undestad, Chief of Police

Department: PD – Police Department

TITLE:

AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR LARGO HIGH SCHOOL, LARGO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GULF COAST ACADEMY FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

The Largo Police Department (LPD) requests authorization to renew the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with the Pinellas County School Board for the 2018-2019 school year. LPD has assigned five full-time Police Officers to SRO duties at Largo High School, Largo Middle School and Gulf Coast Academy. In exchange for these full-time officers, the Pinellas County Board pays the City a set fee of \$290,000 for all five officers which is an increase from the previous contract which was for four officers.

The SRO program is critical to LPD's community policing efforts. The program provides the opportunity for officers to become highly familiar with students, faculty and staff at each school, and establishes the officers as integral members of the schools' culture. LPD also benefits by obtaining information on juvenile issues and crimes through the SRO's relationships with students, faculty and staff.

The current average annual salary and benefit cost estimate for the City of Largo Police Officers is \$104,382; however, the actual SRO salary and benefit cost is contingent upon the actual Police Officers assigned to SRO duty, which can change throughout the school year.

The FY 2019 Proposed Budget includes \$241,100 in revenue from the Pinellas County School Board for reimbursement of School Resource Officer expenditures.

A copy of the agreement has been sent to the City Commission electronically and posted to the website.

Budgeted Amount: \$0.00 Budget Page No(s): N/A Available Amount: \$0.00 Expenditure Amount: \$0.00

Additional Budgetary Information: Not applicable

Funding Source(s): N/A Sufficient Funds Available: Yes No Budget Amendment Required: Yes No Source: N/A

City Attorney Reviewed: Yes No N/A Advisory Board Recommendation: For Against N/A Consistent With: Yes No N/A Strategic Plan

Potential Motion/Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO RENEW SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR LARGO HIGH SCHOOL, LARGO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GULF COAST ACADEMY FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR.

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Attachments: None