

MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Barron, City Manager

FROM: Melinda Galler, Assistant City Manager

DATE: January 23, 2019

SUBJECT: Consideration of the Provision of Special Police Resources as Determined by the Police Chief in the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

The City of Lewisville provides law enforcement services to Castle Hills) through a Public Safety Agreement. Under the Public Safety Agreement, the Lewisville Police Department provides "basic services" which means that officers respond to calls for service and do not conduct routine patrol in Castle Hills. Under the 2018 agreement, the DC FWD 1-A General Manager can request "expanded services" or "critical incident police services" at which time the district is billed \$112.78 per hour for the additional services. Expanded Police Services are defined as any selective enforcement strategies, including directed traffic enforcement in response to recurring problems, burglary and theft surveillance, other tactical responses designed to address specific crime or safety issues, or special events. Critical Incident Police Services are defined as incidents which require extended use of resources such as murder investigations, hostage-barricaded person situations, abducted or missing persons, or extensive crime scene searches related to major incidents which require multiple investigators.

The contracted rate for law enforcement services is determined by a cost allocation study conducted by a third party based on the actual cost of the service. This year, the cost to Castle Hills for basic law enforcement services is \$567,663.

In November staff met with the General Manager, Phil Brosseau, to discuss police services in Castle Hills. In addition to the services provided by the Lewisville Police Department through the Public Safety Agreement, the districts are currently paying \$400,000 annually to a third-party contractor who provides an off-duty peace officer to patrol the districts twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week using a vehicle purchased by the district. The purpose of this third-party contract is to provide more "police" presence than the Lewisville Police Department provides under the current agreement. These off-duty peace officers can only handle breeches of peace and felonies. They must initiate a call for service for a Lewisville police officer for all other calls.

ANALYSIS

Mr. Brosseau inquired about the Lewisville Police Department's ability to begin providing patrol services under the expanded services provision of the agreement .

As staff evaluated his request, they compiled the calls for service data and response time data for the Castle Hills for the last 365 days to help determine the most effective way to staff additional patrol services. Based on the data, staff proposes that the police department provide full police patrol services to the district for eight hours daily (0700-1100 and 1600-2000.) The selected hours would provide coverage during times when the district experiences the most calls. The police department would invoice the district for the additional patrol hours at the contracted rate of \$112.78. Assuming the department can staff every four-hour shift with an officer, the cost to the districts would be an additional \$328,415 annually under the 2018 agreement which is funded through sales tax received from the Strategic Partnership Agreement. These hours would be staffed by officers working on an overtime basis and would have no impact on the current patrol services in the City of Lewisville.

In addition, Chief Deaver would like to begin utilizing some of the department's special units including traffic officers, neighborhood resource officers, street crimes officers, gang enforcement officers, and narcotics detectives in Castle Hills. He would deploy these resources as they are available and as he feels necessary to address issues and concerns in the district. Chief Deaver's ability to deploy these resources as needed without billing the district would increase the visibility of Lewisville police in the districts and help the police department build a relationship with the community before the eventual annexation. Again, staff would ensure that the use of the additional resources did not negatively impact services in the City of Lewisville.

The police department's goal is to build strong public relations between the residents of Castle Hills and the police personnel like the department currently has with the residents of Lewisville. Secondly, police staff will have the opportunity to assess the possible need for additional police resources at annexation as the City prepares to provide full police services to the districts. Chief Deaver's ability to use all of his resources at his discretion will be important in helping insure a smooth transition following annexation and will help evaluate the budget impacts of any staffing needs.

RECOMMENDATION

It is City staff's recommendation that the City Council allow special police resources as determined by the Police Chief within the annual cost of the Public Safety Agreement as stated in the caption above.