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RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute an updated emergency medical services first responder advanced life support services agreement with the County of Alameda. The proposed agreement will enable the City of San Leandro to continue providing first responder services to the public, which are currently handled through the City’s existing contract with the Alameda County Fire Department. The proposed updated agreement covers the period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024 and supersedes previously adopted versions of the agreement.

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

On November 1, 2011, the City of San Leandro (the “City”) and the County of Alameda (the “County”) executed an Emergency Medical Services First Responder Advanced Life Support Services Agreement (the “Agreement”). The Agreement permitted the City to provide, and received funding for, seven First Responder Advanced Life Support (“FRALS”) Units and to serve as a designated provider of FRALS, or emergency, Services.

In May 2016, the City and County executed a first amendment to the Agreement (the “First Amendment”) to extend the term of the Agreement until as late as October 2017, and revise the revenue and support provided to the City for the services provided under the Agreement. The First Amendment also ensured continued payment for the FRALS Services provided by the City under the Agreement.

In November 2017, the City and County executed the Second Amendment to the Agreement (the “Second Amendment”) to extend the term of the Agreement and revise the revenue and support provided to the City for the services provided under the Agreement. Additionally, the Second Amendment provided for the transfer of ownership of Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency LIFEPAK 15 systems (7 units) and Physio-Control chest compression systems (7 units) equipment to the City at no cost.

In June 2018, the City Council authorized a third amendment to the Agreement (the “Third Amendment”), which extended its term to June 30, 2019. Subsequent to the adoption of the Second Amendment, the City was notified by the County that the payments from the County for the services provided would no longer be provided beginning in FY2018-19. Those payments were a component of the County’s contract with Paramedics Plus for ambulance services and are no longer applicable. The loss of those payments caused a loss of revenue to the City of approximately \$345,000 annually. As a result, the City’s current year FY 2018-19 budget as well as proposed FY 2019-21 biennial budgets have been adjusted accordingly.

All cities in Alameda County are being asked to execute similar agreements in order to continue uninterrupted FRALS services following the conclusion of the current contract period that expires on June 30, 2019. The most recent version of the proposed new agreement reflects input from the Alameda County Fire Chief. Due to the number of amendments made to prior year contracts, the County of Alameda developed a new contract template, which is contained as a related file associated with this staff report.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None