



City Council

Approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Paramedic Services with Thurston County

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the documents.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve an interlocal agreement with Thurston County for providing paramedic services.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent calendar.

Background and Analysis:

Thurston County, through the offices of Medic One, and the City of Olympia have had a contract for paramedic services for over 40 years. This contract reimburses the City for the costs of providing paramedics, 24 hours a day on paramedic unit M-4 on the east side of the city and paramedic unit M-10 on the west side. This contract continues a relationship between the City and County that has served both parties very well.

The attached contract was negotiated by the Fire Chiefs of the departments providing such services to the system, Fire Chief Larry Dibble negotiating for the city. The contract is essentially unchanged from the contract that has been in force for the last 5 years. (2011-2016). The current contract expires December 31, 2016. This new contract continues this interagency cooperation through 2019.

In 2016, Medic One made payments of over \$2,000,000 to the City of Olympia based on the terms of the contract. That amount will slightly increase in 2017 primarily due to increased labor costs.

The City of Tumwater and Thurston County Fire District 3 - Lacey, have received similar contracts involving the same terms as Olympia. All three contracts were presented to the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners at their September 12, 2016, meeting for their signature.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

1. Approve the agreement and authorize the mayor to sign the documents.

- a. The fire department will continue to provide paramedic services in Olympia and Thurston County.
- b. Predictable, stable revenue will continue to be collected from Thurston County for the provision of this important service.

2. Do not approve the agreement and send back to staff for additional work.

- a. Reimbursement for paramedic services in Olympia will be compromised until another contract can be negotiated.
- b. Loss of paramedic response in Olympia.
- c. Loss of revenue to the City of Olympia from Thurston County.

Financial Impact:

Contract details payments from Thurston County to the City of Olympia for paramedic service. This contract is expected to bring over \$2,260,000 to the City in revenue in 2017 with increases based on labor cost for the remaining years of the contract.

Attachments:

Interlocal Agreement