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City Council

Approval of Interlocal Agreement with City of Tumwater for Fire Training

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tumwater for fire training and the use of the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center.

Report

Issue:

Whether to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tumwater for fire training and Tumwater's use of the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center (MNRFTC).

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

A predecessor to this agreement came before council and was signed in late 2016. When the agreement was returned to Tumwater, there was a request for three minor wording changes that more clearly specified that any changes to the agreement would be in writing. These changes showed in three places. Olympia's Legal Department had no issues with the changes. The changes were made by Tumwater and they signed the document and returned it to Olympia Fire Department (OFD) staff. OFD routed the new document to legal where it was checked and signed. The agreement is now back to Olympia City Council for signature and the previous version that was only signed by Olympia was never valid.

Olympia Fire Department has developed a high performance training program and has built a state-of-the-art fire training complex, the Mark Noble Regional Fire Training Center. This training program

and facility supports the department's firefighting effort through readiness and safety training of the fire department personnel making them a more effective tool in the protection of the citizens of Olympia.

This level of performance has not gone unnoticed by the local fire service and is desired by other local jurisdictions for their firefighters. The fire department serving the City of Tumwater would like to continue participating in Olympia's training program and be able to use the Olympia facility. To this end, an Interlocal Agreement has been developed by the training staff of both departments. Along with the revenue received from Tumwater, the agreement defines the training program that Olympia will provide to Tumwater and Tumwater's access to the facility.

The agreement has been reviewed by the Administrative staffs of both departments and then reviewed by legal counsel for both entities. This new agreement continues the training currently being provided for Tumwater via an expiring agreement.

This Interlocal Agreement documents:

1. Compensation to the City of Olympia
2. The training program that will be provided to Tumwater
3. Liability coverage for Tumwater personnel using the MNRFTC
4. Management of any future joint assets

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

None known.

Options:

1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement

Approving this Interlocal Agreement provides benefits to both Olympia and Tumwater in the fire service goal of providing well trained, safe and effective firefighters for their communities. The agreement brings revenue into the City to offset costs at the MNRFTC.

2. Do not approve the Interlocal Agreement and send it back to staff

Not approving this Interlocal Agreement eliminates planned revenue that would have offset increases in the training program expenses.

Financial Impact:

Contract defines revenue to the City of Olympia from the City of Tumwater for training and use of the MNRFTC (\$86,080.00 annually).

Attachments:

Interlocal Agreement