

April 17, 2024

ITEM TITLE: ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2024-022 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CONTINUE THE FIRE-RESCUE TRAINING PROGRAM. (0250-63)

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:

Fire

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-022 authorizing the City Manager or designee to renew the agreement with Southwestern Community College to continue the Fire Training Program.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt Resolution NO. 2024-022 authorizing the City Manager to renew the agreement with Southwestern Community College to continue the Fire Training Program

OPTIONS:

- Adopt Resolution No. 2024-022
- Provide direction to the City Manager to take specific action
- Request additional information and an additional report

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Fire Department personnel are required to engage in new and continuing educational efforts to maintain their credentials and skills for the job. Prior to 2006, this was done via the Regional Occupational Program (ROP) at Southwestern College for agencies in the South Bay. Changes to the ROP program resulted in that program being discontinued, so the college developed a new program in collaboration with the fire agencies to utilize qualified instructors from the departments to provide ongoing classes and training as required. The college provides the infrastructure, required reporting, and collection of records, while the agencies provide the instructors, training, and locations through a regional In-Service-Training (IST) program.

The college receives state funding for each student, which is computed based on the total training hours, and pays 30% of those funds per full-time equivalent students, less enrollment fees, to each agency based on its own student training hours. These funds provide reimbursement for the trainers to work overtime to keep themselves qualified, and to provide regional ongoing training. This action will renew the agreement for a three-year term ending on July 31, 2027. This is the regional program for these training services, and the department is satisfied with the arrangement.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Not a project as defined by CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City will be reimbursed for providing educational services under this agreement. Reimbursement will be paid for one unit per semester (54 hours) or 1.5 units per semester (80 hours). Students will be required to meet the required number of hours. Reimbursement will not be made for reduced hours. Reimbursement to the City by the District will be split 70% to the District and 30% to the City for all Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) earned for student hours.

ATTACHMENTS:

ATT 1 – Resolution No. 2024-022

ATT 2 – Inter-Agency Agreement with SWC for Fire Training