



# AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Edward D. Reiskin  
City Administrator

**FROM:** Reginald D. Freeman  
Fire Chief

**SUBJECT:** Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Services  
at the Oakland International Airport

**DATE:** July 12, 2021

City Administrator Approval

Date: Jul 13, 2021

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**Staff Recommends That City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator To Amend The Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Fire Protection And Aircraft Rescue Firefighting Services (ARFF) Between The City Of Oakland And The Port Of Oakland, To Extend The Term For Three Months To Allow The Oakland Fire Department To Provide Such Services At The International Airport.**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Oakland Fire Department is seeking to amend the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Oakland and The Port Of Oakland, to extend the term for three months, to allow the Fire Department to continue providing rescue and firefighting services at the Oakland International Airport. This report provides a history of the contractual relationship and a foundation for the City Council to authorize the City Administrator to amend the MOU which expired June 30, 2021.

## **BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

In 1997, City Council via Resolution No. 73115 C.M.S., authorized the City of Oakland (City) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Port of Oakland (Port) to provide fire protection and aircraft crash rescue services (ARFF services) at the Oakland International Airport (Airport).

In accordance with the MOU with Local 55 (the labor union representing the Oakland Fire Department's firefighters), the Oakland Fire Department provides emergency response services at the Airport, with firefighters based at Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Station #22, located between the iconic Oakland International Airport Tower and its runways.

The City subsequently entered into several agreements to supplement the MOU to continue to provide ARFF services.

The Fourth Supplement to the MOU expired June 30, 2021.

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### **ANALYSIS AND POLICY ALTERNATIVES**

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (COVID-19), the City was in the process of commencing negotiations for a new MOU with the Port for the City to continue to provide ARFF services at the Airport. Since the onset of COVID-19, City staff and Port of Oakland resources had been stretched, such that completion of negotiations for a new long-term agreement with the Port were not feasible. In June 2020 both parties agreed that a one-year extension of the agreement was the best approach and the City Council authorized a one-year extension.

Representatives from the Port and the Oakland Fire Department continue negotiations for a proposed extension to the current MOU that will extend up to and including December 31, 2022. However, and at this point, both the Port and City require additional time to discuss the terms of such extension with their respective bargaining units.

In the interest of continuing to provide uninterrupted ARFF services at the Airport, City staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Administrator to amend the current MOU between the City and Port to extend the term for three months with no changes other than the term extension to allow the Oakland Fire Department to continue to provide such services at the Airport pending agreement on the longer proposed extension of the agreement.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City has provided the Port with an updated budget outlining its current costs to provide ARFF services at the Airport, which is currently estimated at \$6.4 million during FY 2021-22.

Extending the current agreement to provide ARFF services will not result in a negative fiscal impact to the City. Under the terms of the extension, the Port has agreed to pay the actual costs incurred by the City to provide the services in an amount not-to-exceed \$6.5 million.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH / INTEREST**

No public outreach is necessary for the approval of this resolution.

### **COORDINATION**

The Budget Bureau and the Office of the City Attorney were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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### **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Economic:*** There is no economic impact caused by the passage of this resolution.

***Environmental:*** There is no environmental impact caused by the passage of this resolution.


***Race and Social Equity:*** There are no racial or social equity impacts caused by the passage of this resolution.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

Staff Recommends That City Council Authorize The City Administrator To Amend The Memorandum Of Understanding Regarding Fire Protection And Aircraft Rescue Services Between The City Of Oakland And The Port Of Oakland, To Extend The Term For Three Months To Allow Oakland Fire Department To Continue To Provide Fire Protection And Aircraft Crash Rescue Services At The Oakland International Airport.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Michael Hunt, Chief of Staff, Oakland Fire Department, (510) 238-6353.

Respectfully submitted,



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