



AGENDA REPORT

TO: Edward D. Reiskin
City Administrator

FROM: Melinda Drayton
Interim Fire Chief

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

DATE: June 18, 2020

City Administrator Approval

Date: June 23, 2020

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends The City Council Approve A Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator to Amend The Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) Regarding Fire Protection And Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting Services (ARFF) Between The City Of Oakland And The Port Of Oakland, To Extend The Term For One Year To Allow The Oakland Fire Department To Continue To Provide Such Services At The Oakland 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 one year 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 Council to authorize the City Administrator to amend the MOU which expires June 30, 2020.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

In 1997, City Council, via Resolution Number 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 a MOU with the Port to provide ARFF services, and this MOU will expire June 30, 2020.

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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 resources have been stretched, such that completion of negotiations for a new agreement with the Port is not feasible at this time.

Despite COVID-19, air travel continues at the Airport and there is an ongoing need for ARFF services there.

The Board of the Port of Oakland has approved the proposed one year extension of the MOU.

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 2020-21.

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 actual cost 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.

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.

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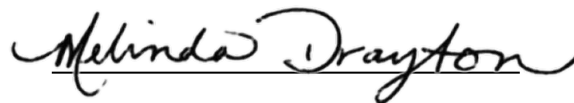
Race and Social Equity: There is no racial or social equity impact caused by the passage of this resolution.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff Recommends That The 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 One Year 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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