

Meeting Date (?) 12/15/2015

Subject Matter* (?) Approval of an ILA with Brazos County Sheriff's Department
This must match rolling agenda entry

Department of Origin* TRANSPORTATION/DRAINAGE SERVICES

Submitted By* E. Zaragoza

Type of Meeting* BCD Special Regular

Classification* Public Hearing Consent Statutory Regular

Ordinance* None First Read Second Read First & Only Read

Strategic Initiative* Public Safety Service
 Economic Development Infrastructure
 Quality of Life

Agenda Item Description* Consideration of approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Brazos County, Texas for the Brazos County Sheriff's Department to provide controlled inmate laborers to perform landscaping, litter patrol, and other minor public works projects within the City of Bryan.

Summary Statement *

The Public Works Department is requesting approval of an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with the Brazos County Sheriff's Department in order to leverage and maximize labor resources to complete selected minor public works construction and maintenance projects within the City. As the City continues to search for innovative solutions to enhance the community, the Brazos County Sheriff's Department desires avenues in which to utilize county inmates as well.

On March 25, 2014, the City Council approved the first ILA with Brazos County for Inmate Services. As opposed to the previous ILA, which was based on an hourly rate, this new agreement will be invoiced by the work day with a guarantee of four to six inmates providing labor. This change will allow for an all-inclusive rate to be charged, without having to pay for additional mileage, to be invoiced monthly.

As proposed in the previous agreement, this ILA allows supervised County inmates to perform specific services to the City such as landscaping, litter patrol, and other minor public works projects. The primary function of this ILA will support the efforts of the Streets & Drainage Department; however, other City departments may utilize this labor as time allows.

Since approval in 2014, the Streets & Drainage Department has managed this contract and observed numerous jobs with successful results performed by the County. Some of these tasks are listed below:

- Vegetation control along 31 miles of right-of-way
- Cleaned bridges over SH6 to remove built up debris from winter sanding and vehicle activity
- Cleaned ponds for the Parks Department at Allen Ridge, Astin, and Symphony Parks
- Pulled weeds on playing fields at Bryan Regional Athletic Complex (BRAC)
- Assisted Code Enforcement with illegal dump clean-up efforts
- Assisted in concrete pour on County property

Approving this ILA will replace the existing agreement, provide an opportunity for the City to have a dedicated inmate crew of four to six laborers assigned to projects, and, as mentioned above, change the method of payment from an hourly rate (\$27.50) to being billed by the work day (\$280). This proposed change also will include a not to exceed amount of \$49,000.00 annually. Funding for this work has been accomplished by eliminating a position, through attrition in 2014, in the Streets & Drainage Department. The eliminated position funding will be used to pay for this agreement, which allows for four to six inmate laborers at the cost of one position. In addition, the proposed ILA increases opportunities for inmates to gain work experience and work off some of their sentence as allowed by law, while at the same time beautifying the community, providing lower cost public works projects, and maintaining the community's streets, rights of way, and public places.

Staff Analysis & Recommendation *

Public Works respectfully requests the City Council approve the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Brazos County, Texas for the Brazos County Sheriff's Department to provide controlled inmate laborers to perform landscaping, litter patrol, and other minor public works projects within the City of Bryan.

Approving this ILA will replace the existing agreement, provide an opportunity for the City to have a dedicated inmate crew assigned to projects, and change the method of payment for services. In addition, the proposed ILA increases opportunities for inmates to gain work experience and work off some of their sentence as allowed by law, while at the same time beautifying the community, providing lower cost public works projects, and maintaining the community's streets, rights of way, and public places.

Options *

(In Suggested Order of Staff Preference)

1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement
2. Do not approve the Interlocal Agreement and continue to work under the active Interlocal Agreement

Funding Source *

Streets and Drainage Operating Budget

Attachments

ILA COB and Brazos County.pdf

30.21KB

Please detail attachments and note attachments available for viewing in City Secretary's Office:

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