

Your **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

reports as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to a Police Department agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the transfer of prisoners from police facilities to court for arraignment, and for the release of police arrestees.

Recommendations for Council action:

AUTHORIZE the Chief of Police to execute the proposed agreement and first amendment thereto with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the transfer of prisoners from Los Angeles Police Department facilities to court for arraignment and for the release of Police Department arrestees, subject to the approval of the City Attorney as to form and legality.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that the proposed contract and amendment obligate the City to reimburse Los Angeles County for these services based on actual costs. Based on the current year estimate of \$3.04 million, the total for the fifteen year possible term will be approximately \$45.6 million. This amount will be a General Fund obligation. The Police Department budget includes funding for this purpose. This action complies with City financial policies in that budgeted funds are used for budgeted purposes.

Community Impact Statement Submitted: None

SUMMARY

In a report to the Mayor dated March 23, 2010 (attached to the Council file), the CAO states that the Police Department requests authority to enter into an agreement with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for transportation of Police Department arrestees from Police Department facilities to court for arraignment, and for the release of Police Department arrestees upon proper instruction from the Court System. The proposed agreement has a term of five years, with two five-year renewal options. The CAO reports that pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the City will reimburse the County for the cost of providing these services based upon rates approved annually by the County. For 2009-10, the total cost is estimated to be \$3.04 million. The Police Department also requests authority to execute an amendment to this agreement to add the new Metropolitan Detention Center to the list of locations for pickup.

The CAO goes on to report that while it is the preference of both the Police Department and the City Attorney is to amend the original contract, at this time both are recommending approval of the new contract to avoid possible service interruption.

According to the CAO, a review of the arrestee transport and release functions was conducted and it was determined that while the City might be able to provide transportation services at the same or slightly lower cost than the current County rates, the start-up cost of purchasing busses makes the change fiscally imprudent. For the release function, the downside is that any City employee stationed at the Court for this purpose would have significant down-time waiting for City prisoners to be made available for release. With the current arrangement, the City only

pays for the time County staff spends releasing City prisoners, not the full-time cost of those staff, since they also spend significant time processing release of other agencies' prisoners.

The CAO recommends approval of the Police Department's request. The Mayor transmitted the CAO report to Council for consideration.

At its meeting held April 5, 2010, the Public Safety Committee discussed this matter with representatives of the CAO and the Police Department. It was stated that the video arraignment technology available at the City's new Metropolitan Detention Center is not available at all Police Department detention facilities. Also, the Courts have not expressed their readiness to make use of this new technology. So, the transport of arrestees to Court for arraignment is still required. According to the CAO's representative, the contract allows the City to negotiate changes in provisions to reduce transport costs should video arraignment be fully implemented. The Committee recommended that Council authorize the Chief of Police to execute the contract and related contract amendment with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for the transport or release of Police Department arrestees, as recommended by the CAO.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SMITH:	YES
CARDENAS:	YES
PERRY:	YES
REYES:	ABSENT
ZINE:	YES

JAW

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