



Town of Miami Lakes

Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

From: Edward Pidermann, Town Manager

Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for Local Patrol Services

Date: September 10, 2019

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council approve the Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County (County) for the provision of Local Police Patrol Services from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024.

Background:

Since November 2001, the Town has been receiving local patrol police service from the Miami-Dade Police Department via an Interlocal Agreement between the two governments. The current agreement is set to expire on November 13, 2019.

In February 2019, the Town entered into discussions with Miami-Dade County regarding the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement. Specifically, Town staff reviewed the terms of the interlocal agreement and conducted a contract comparison across the other two municipalities that have interlocal agreements with Miami Dade County for police services, the Town of Cutler Bay and Village of Palmetto Bay. During this process, several differences were noted across the three contracts and Town staff, in partnership with the management of both the Town of Cutler Bay and the village of Palmetto Bay, entered into negotiations with Miami-Dade County to achieve uniformity in contract terms across the three municipalities.

After a meeting was held in late July with Miami Dade County police staff with the three municipalities present, the attached contract was developed that is uniform in contract terms across the three municipalities. A highlight of the changes to the previous interlocal agreement is highlighted below:

- 3.2- Increase in minimum of physical checks from one (1) to two (2) during a watch order per 24-hour period
- 3.5- Lowered average response time goal to six (6) minutes and thirty (30) from eight (8) minutes
- 3.6- Added average response time goal of fifteen (15) minutes to non-emergencies

- 3.8, 3.9, and 16.4- Added that the Town Manager must be informed if police response to incidents outside of the Town limits; also adds the development of protocols and record keeping of police activity occurring outside of Town limits
- 3.16- Added that newly transferred personnel must become knowledgeable of Town ordinances and priorities and receive vehicle/equipment within thirty (30) days of assignment
- 7.1- Changed payment terms from monthly to quarterly. This is advantageous to the Town as it allows the Town to collect additional investment interest on its cash positions.
- 7.2- Added the requirement of a monthly expenditure summary to be submitted to the Town to maintain expenditure tracking.
- Removed “The County will continue to provide general office supplies such as paper, post-it notes, etc. The County will also provide capital supplies from the General Services Administration (GSA) catalog such as toner and printer ink cartridges up to a value of \$3,000 per annum in the year the renewed Agreement is signed, increasing by 3% each year of the Agreement. (section 8.4 in previous agreement)” The Town will purchase these items directly and will allow for improved cost controls of these items.
- 9.8- Added that the Town Commander shall attend Town hall meeting to discuss community policing issues at request of the Town Manager.
- 11.2 - Added that transfers of the rank of Lieutenant or above shall be discussed with the Town Manager
- 11.9- Reduced the maximum days for a vacancy from 120 days to 90 days
- 13.1- Added a reasonable effort to use on-duty personnel for Town events
- 22.4- Adds “favored nations” language in which if any other municipality under contract with the County for police services receives terms more favorable than the Town’s, the Town is entitled to reopen contract negotiations
- 24.2- Adds automatic extension period for the contract if parties are engaged in negotiations that extend past the contract term

Based on the Town’s positive experience of outsourcing police services to Miami-Dade County and their intimate knowledge of the Town, it is recommended that their services be continued for another five-year period. Under the provision of their services, the Town has been one of the safest communities in Florida, ranked #11 across all 412 municipalities in Florida.

The approximate value of this new agreement is \$8,020,000 per year. This represents an approximate increase of \$1,320,000 or 19% increase since the last agreement was adopted in 2014. This increase is mainly attributed to Miami-Dade County police union contract pay and benefit increases and the addition of two additional police officers since 2014.

Attachments:

Resolution- Interlocal Agreement with Miami-Dade County for Local Patrol Services
Contract - Miami Dade Police Services Interlocal Agreement