AUTHORIZATION FOR CITY MANAGER TO SEND NOTICES OF WITHDRAWAL FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT RELATED AGREEMENTS WITH OUTSIDE AGENCIES (F: 61.1)

This matter was considered later in the meeting.

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Following City Attorney Sandoval's report, and following City Council comments that the withdrawal is for the purpose of meeting deadlines if the City were to contract with the Orange County Fire Authority, and does not affect current or future membership to outside agencies, it was moved by Council Member K. Nguyen, seconded by Council Member T. Nguyen that:

The City Manager be authorized to send notices of withdrawal to the Metro Cities Fire Authority, North Net Training Center, and Orange County-City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority at the time required by the respective agreements.

The motion carried by a 7-0 vote as follows:

Ayes:

(7) Brietigam, O'Neill, T. Nguyen, Bui, Klopfenstein, K.

Nguyen, Jones

Noes:

(0) None

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:

Scott C. Stiles

From:

Omar Sandoval

Dept.:

City Manager

Dept.:

City Attorney

Subject:

Authorization for City

Date:

12/11/2018

Manager to send Notices of Withdrawal from Fire

Department Related

Agreements with outside agencies. (Action Item)

OBJECTIVE

To seek City Council authorization to send notices of withdrawal from the Metro Cities Fire Authority (MetroNet), North Net Training Center, and Orange County-City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority, related to Fire Department operations. This is necessary to prevent the payment of related costs for an entire year if the City decides to contract with OCFA for fire services.

BACKGROUND

The City is a current participant in three cooperation and joint powers agreements related to the Fire Department operations.

MetroNet provides communications services for Fire Department dispatch. The member agencies include the Cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim, Brea, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, and Orange.

North Net Training Authority owns property and a facility called the North Net Training Center located in Anaheim near Angels Stadium. The facility is owned and managed through a joint powers agreement between the Cities of Garden Grove, Anaheim and Orange, and is used for firefighter training.

The Orange County-City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority provides hazmat response for events that may occur in the City. The City of Garden Grove is not a member of the joint powers authority, but participates in its hazmat emergency response services as a subscriber.

If the City were to contract with OCFA for fire services, the City will need to terminate its relationship with the foregoing outside agencies.

DISCUSSION

The MetroNet and North Net Training Center agreements require a notice of withdrawal to be provided by the City no later than December 31, 2018, for withdrawal effective on the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2019. In effect, these agreements require a six-month notice of withdrawal. The City will need to send the notices by December 31, 2018, pending the current negotiations with OCFA. Should the City wait to provide the notices, then the City will be required to continue to be financially responsible for its share of the costs for the programs provided by these agencies through the end of the next fiscal year, ending on June 30, 2020 (provided that the City gives notice of withdrawal by December 31, 2019).

The Orange County-City Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Authority require 60 days' notice of termination of the subscription agreement. If approved, the City Manager would send notice of termination within the 60 days' period, in the event that the City were to contract with the OCFA for fire services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None. The City's funding participation in the programs will end effective June 30, 2019 in the event that the City withdraws from the programs were the City to contract with OCFA for fire services.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

Authorize the City Manager to send notices of withdrawal to the Metro Cities
Fire Authority, North Net Training Center, and Orange County-City Hazardous
Materials Emergency Response Authority at the time required by the respective
agreements.