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Interoffice Memorandum

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Edward F. Lavallee *[Signature]* 6/19/18

RE: Proposed Agreement with the School Board of Sarasota County

DATE: June 19, 2018

Following is a summary of fiscal and operational issues proposed for an amendment to the existing contract with the School Board of Sarasota County for provision of School Resource Officers (SRO's) in Venice for the 2019 school year. The proposal is the product of a meeting with Sarasota County School officials held on June 18th. Also for reference, attached is the current SRO contract.

FY18 School Year:

- City of Venice currently assigns three full-time SRO's to provide police services to Venice High School and Venice Elementary School.
- Current SRO cost distribution:
 - City pays approximately \$51,556 for each of the first two SRO's - total \$103,113
 - City pays 100% of the third SRO - approximately \$103,113
 - Schools pays 50% of the first two SRO's - total \$103,113

FY19 School Year (Effective July 1, 2018):

- Schools to pay \$65,000 for each of the three Venice SRO's - total \$195,000
- City to pay the balance of SRO salary and benefit cost - approximately \$114,000
- Contract language to be modified to allow scheduling flexibility for the Police Department to utilize the three SRO's between Venice Elementary School and Venice High School

In summary, the fiscal 2019 proposal essentially reverses the current cost distribution, providing that in the new school year the Schools will pay roughly 65% of the SRO cost and the City paying the balance.

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Subject to review by the City Attorney, Council is requested to approve an agreement, modeled after the current contract between the City of Venice and Sarasota County School District (attached), for the provision of three Venice Police Department School Resource Officers for 2019 school year; to become effective July 1, 2018 incorporating the conditions outlined above.

Additionally, as the proposed allocation of funds to the City of Venice is to some extent a proportionate share of funds available to the Sarasota County School District for school-related safety and security, should supplemental or additional funds become available to the School District for this purpose, the City of Venice should receive a proportionate share of those additional funds.

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Attachment