



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving a Professional Services Agreement With Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC for Independent Facilitator Services Related to the Village Board's Community Safety Goals in an Amount Not to Exceed \$159,250 and Authorizing Its Execution

Overview

It is requested that the Village Board authorize and approve the execution of the Professional Services Agreement with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC for independent facilitator services related to the Village Board's community safety goals.

Staff Recommendation

Adopt the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The amount of this agreement is paid out of the Village's self-insured retention fund.

Background

At the June 22, 2020, Special Board Meeting, the Village Board approved a resolution in support of the Obama Foundation's Pledge which was taken by Mayor Anan Abu-Taleb as part of a national effort to address police violence and systemic racism.

At that same meeting, the Village Board directed staff to: (1) hold a series of public forums to listen to the public as they share their experiences with the Village's police department; (2) identify a third-party consultant to examine policing in the Village; (3) review the Citizen Police Oversight Committee ("CPOC") procedural rules and applicable provisions of the Village Code to determine if CPOC is operating within the parameters of those rules; and (4) evaluate use-of-force policies in accordance with the resolution in support of the Obama Foundation Pledge.

Two public remote meetings were held on August 5, 2020, and August 6, 2020, and individuals submitted private testimonies via email. A Request for Proposals ("RFP") for an independent assessment of policing, training, accountability, and community engagement regarding the Oak Park Police Department was issued on October 5, 2020, and an Addendum was issued on October 21, 2020. There were seven submissions to the RFP. On July 12, 2021, two firms were invited to interview with the Village Board. On August 30, 2021, Berry

Dunn was chosen by the Village Board to provide independent facilitator services related to the Board's community safety goals.

Alternatives

Not adopt the Resolution.

Previous Board Action

See background above.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

The Village's Citizens Police Oversight Committee reviewed the Scope of Services included in the RFP and provided feedback.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

N/A.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A.