



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MATEO COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE, SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OTHER MEMBER SAN MATEO COUNTY CITIES

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Authorization to continue the Joint Powers Agreement with the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force and member cities.

Background

On March 26, 1985, the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office and other member San Mateo County police agencies entered into a Joint Powers Agreement to form the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force (NTF). The NTF has been in operation for twenty years and has made a major impact in narcotic activity in San Mateo County. They have served numerous search warrants and made arrests within the City of Belmont.

The formation of the Task Force in 1985 was done primarily to coordinate efforts between cities and to make narcotics enforcement more efficient. No one agency could handle the enforcement of narcotics laws within the County on its own.

Discussion

The Board of Directors of which I am a member reviewed the current agreement and noted that it had not been revised since 1988. It was determined that several updates needed to be made. The JPA Agreement was forwarded to the San Mateo County Council's Office for review and update. The JPA Agreement was reviewed and several changes were made that did not affect the basic concept of the Agreement.

I forwarded a copy of the updated Agreement to City Attorney Marc Zaffarano who reviewed the updated Agreement and approved the revisions.

The below listed sections are highlights of the revisions to the JPA Agreement:

Section 6

- Changed the fiscal year from Oct 1 to July 1-June 30 of every year

- Explains the steps that are taken by the Governing Board and its authority
- States the Board has no authorization to bind any governing body to make the recommended contribution and/or appropriation

Section 13

- Any party may withdraw an officer from the Task Force by notifying the Chair of the Governing Board by April 30 of the next year instead of August
- The JPA now addresses what will be done with the funds of the departing agencies from the JPA who have not completed their terms

Section 20

- The original insurance limit was \$250,000. The County has eliminated this and will continue insurance coverage by adding the NTF to its excess liability coverage for the life of the contract
- Any out-of-pocket expenses as a result of a claim (out of pocket) shall be shared by the parties (50%) paid by the County and (50%) to be paid by the member cities with the formula set forth in Section 20

Fiscal Impact

Currently we have no officers assigned to NTF. The City of Belmont contributes \$31,883 to the Task Force funding.

Public Contact

The Agreement was discussed at the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force Board Meeting on October 27, 2005, which is posted as a public meeting.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the Agreement and revisions.

Alternatives

1. Take no action
2. Accept the JPA Agreement and revisions
3. Return it to staff for further study and recommendation

Attachments

1. Resolution
2. Second amendment to Joint Powers Agreement establishing the Narcotics Task Force
3. Amendment to Joint Powers Agreement establishing Joint Powers Agreement

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Mattei
Police Chief

Jack R. Crist
Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING THE AMENDED JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT WITH THE SAN MATEO COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE, SAN MATEO COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE AND OTHER MEMBER SAN MATEO COUNTY CITIES

WHEREAS, the County of San Mateo and cities within the County entered into a Joint Powers Agreement on March 26, 1985, to establish the San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Narcotics Task Force had reviewed the original agreement and made recommendation for changes, and

WHEREAS, the revision of the Agreement has been made in Amendment #2, and

WHEREAS, this City Council has been presented for its consideration and approval, and has reviewed and approved Amendment #2 to the JPA as to both form and content.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont wishes to affirm the JPA Agreement that established the Narcotics Task Force.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on November 9, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont