


To: Mayor Salvino, Sr.
Vice Mayor Bobbie H. Grace
Commissioner Chickie Brandimarte
Commissioner Walter B. Duke, III
Commissioner Albert C. Jones

From: Robert Baldwin, City Manager 

Date: June 23, 2015

Subject: Law Enforcement and Fire Rescue Agreements

For the past several months we have been negotiating with the Broward Sheriff's Office for 1) a contract for Law Enforcement Services and 2) a contract for Fire Rescue Services. Simultaneously we have been evaluating alternatives in the event we were not able to reach a satisfactory agreement with BSO.

Law Enforcement Services

Dania Beach has enjoyed a long, excellent relationship with the Broward Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement Services. Traditionally, BSO has provided high-quality, affordable services from BSO.

The current agreement was negotiated and recommended by this administration in 2009. Sheriff Lamberti would not agree to a 5% annual cost increase cap that was previously agreed to by Sheriff Jenne. Otherwise the agreement was satisfactory.

Sheriff Israel has agreed to the following:

- 1) Renewal of the current agreement (my request).
- 2) Return of the 5% annual cost increase cap (my request) excluding health insurance premiums (9% cap), workers comp premium, pension contributions, and increase in cost of radios cost and assigned vehicles for 2 years.
- 3) Wording giving the Sheriff greater flexibility in making staffing changes (Sheriff's request).
- 4) The cost for the upcoming year is \$11,515,379 which is an increase of \$499,648 or 4.54%.
- 5) The agreement is for an additional 5 years.

Additionally, the Sheriff has offered to place a Marine Unit in Dania Beach provided the City will provide BSO one or two slips, as needed, at the Dania Beach Marina. This service is a benefit to both parties and will be addressed through a separate Letter of Understanding.

I believe this contract renewal is an improvement over our current agreement. It is my intention to bring this contract forward for approval at your meeting in either July or August.

Fire Rescue Services

Our current Fire Service Agreement, executed in 2011, was a major undertaking merging the Dania Beach Fire Rescue Department with BSO. Sheriff Lamberti's administration caused a change in the agreement in 2012 requiring the City's share of pension cost to escalate significantly reducing the financial benefit of the agreement. The quality of service has been excellent. Unfortunately, the cost has continued to escalate despite the best attempts of Sheriff Israel's administration and us to control costs. The costs related to the Fire Rescue Services contract will be cause of concern in future years.

Sheriff Israel has agreed to the following:

- 1). Renewal of the current agreement (my request).
- 2). Addition of a 5% annual cap (my request) excluding health insurance premium (9% cap), workers comp premium, pension, OPEB and VEBA contributions, and increased cost of radios and assigned vehicles for 2 years.
- 3). The estimated cost for the upcoming year is \$9,519,659 which is an increase of \$438,572 or 4.83% excluding vehicle purchases which are still under negotiation.
- 4). The term of the agreement is for 3years.

Though the negotiations appear near completion, we still have a few issues that need to be resolved. If all matters are resolved we plan to bring you this agreement for consideration in August or September.

Please be reminded this is a preliminary update for your information.