



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting October 29, 2019

DATE: October 3, 2019

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Motion authorizing a three-year Office Lease Extension Agreement with Corpus WCEC, LLC of Dallas, Texas for City Detention Center

CAPTION:

Motion authorizing a three year Office Lease Extension Agreement with Corpus WCEC, LLC of Dallas, Texas for lease of North Suite No 113 A in Wilson Plaza (5,503 square feet) for the operation of the City Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$275,865.48, with first-year funding in the amount of \$91,955.16 available in the General Fund, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020.

SUMMARY:

This motion authorizes a renewed lease agreement with Wilson Plaza for the operation of the City Detention Center in the amount of \$275,865.48. This agreement is necessary for the continued operation of the facility.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City Detention Center has leased this space from Wilson Plaza since 2004 when the agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County was cancelled.

The City Detention Center is a short-term detention facility where City of Corpus Christi Police Officers, deputy marshals, and airport police can bring persons they have arrested to be detained until they appear before a magistrate. People arrested for Class C misdemeanors are released with a personal recognizant bond after going before a magistrate. People charged with a Felony and or Class A or B misdemeanors are properly identified and transferred to the Nueces County Jail. Municipal court judges, as magistrates, are responsible for finding probable cause, giving warnings, and setting bail.

In Fiscal Year 2018-19, an average of 1,128 people were detained in the City Detention Center each month. An average of 280 females and 844 males were processed monthly. A monthly average of 862 persons were transported to the Nueces County Jail with higher charges.

ALTERNATIVES:

An alternative to authorizing this agreement would be to relocate the City Detention Center to a City-owned building that would provide a safer and improved facility for City staff, police officers, and persons arrested. However, this process will require obtaining funding and may require more time which would not meet the goal of the Municipal Court to manage the Detention Center.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact for this item is an amount not to exceed \$275,865.48, with the first-year funding available in the amount of \$91,955.16 in the General Fund, beginning in Fiscal Year 2020.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1020- General Fund

Organization/Activity: 10420- Detention Facility

Mission Element: 232- Manage Municipal Jail & Detention Center

Project # **(CIP Only):**

Account: 530160 Rentals

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Council approve the three year Office Lease Extension Agreement with Corpus WCEC, LLC of Dallas, Texas for lease of North Suite No 113 A in Wilson Plaza (5,503 square feet) for the operation of the City Detention Center for an amount not to exceed \$275,865.48.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Lease Agreement with Exhibits