



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR

November 14, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

From: *PK* Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Claudette Ford, Director of Public Works

Subject: Contract: Security Guard Services At The Berkeley Marina

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution: 1) authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. (Securitas) to add security guard services for the Berkeley Marina; 2) increasing the contract amount by \$72,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$242,375, for the period from September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007; and 3) approving the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods, with the costs adjusted in accordance with the Consumer Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 3%.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Currently, the Berkeley Marina has budgeted one full-time equivalent Berkeley police officer assigned to the Marina to provide security from Wednesday through Saturday at an annual cost of \$163,862. The police officer has had to be reassigned due to limited Police Department resources. The City has expended \$28,367 to date in FY 2007 for these services. Securitas currently has a contract to provide security at the Public Works Department Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center for an amount not to exceed \$170,375. This amendment adds \$72,000, bringing the total contract to a not to exceed amount of \$242,375.

The Marina will use \$72,000 from its budget in the Marina Enterprise Fund (825-5903-450-3038, CMS No. BZ2H3) to cover the cost of the contract amendment with Securitas for the period September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. By utilizing Securitas for the Marina for the remainder of the fiscal year, the City will save approximately \$63,495. The cost savings are based upon the cost of a Police Officer for one full year, minus Securitas costs and the cost of the services to date ($\$163,862 - \$72,000 - 28,367 = \$63,495$).

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Currently, the Marina Fund covers the cost for a Berkeley police officer to provide security at the Berkeley Marina on Wednesday from Noon to 10 p.m., and Thursday through Saturday, 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. Due to limited police resources, the officer needs to be re-assigned to provide patrol coverage to other areas throughout the city, leaving the Marina without a dedicated police officer.

The Public Works Department recently executed an agreement with Securitas for security guard services at the Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center. A contract amendment will allow the Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Department to obtain private security guard services for the Marina seven days a week from 8:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Replacing the officer with a private security guard will provide the necessary security to prevent, deter and detect vandalism, theft and safety-related incidents that occur in the Marina. The Berkeley Police Department will support security guard staff as needed, and respond to reports of criminal activity.

BACKGROUND

On July 18, 2006, Council adopted Resolution 63,392-N.S. for a contract with Securitas for security guard services at the Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center. Securitas also currently provides security services at several other City buildings, including 2180 Milvia Street and 1947 Center Street. The contract amendment will provide needed security services for the Marina until the dedicated Berkeley police officer can return to the Marina.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The boating community and the Berkeley Waterfront Commission have had long-term concerns about criminal activity in the Marina, which mainly occurs in the parking areas during evening hours. Reduced security presence at the Marina could lead to increased criminal activity. Securitas can provide security guards (trained and uniformed) at the Marina in lieu of a full-time police officer.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

Marina staff could route calls requiring a police response through Public Safety dispatch to reach regular patrol units. However, this alternative without scheduled security presence would leave the Marina unprotected and more vulnerable to crime, which is not a plausible option.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2006, Council authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc. (Securitas) for security guard services at the Corporation Yard and the Solid Waste Management Center for an amount not to exceed \$170,375; and; and

WHEREAS, due to resource limitations at the Berkeley Police Department, the Police Officer currently assigned to the Berkeley Marina during evening hours must be re-deployed elsewhere within the City, thus leaving the Marina without needed security services; and

WHEREAS, Marina staff have determined that Securitas can provide appropriate security services at the Marina; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Recreation & Waterfront Department currently has budgeted \$72,000 for security purposes in FY 2007 (budget code 825-5903-450-3038); CMS No. BZ2H3; which addition will increase the total not to exceed contract amount to \$242,375.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to execute a contract amendment for \$72,000 with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., for security services at the Marina for the period September 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 increasing the total contract to an amount not to exceed \$242,375, with the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year periods with the amounts to be adjusted pursuant to the Consumer Price Index, not to exceed 3%.