

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: SEAN MCGLYNN, CITY MANAGER
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT HUNTER AARONSON

AGENDA ACTION: RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve the Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Robert Hunter Aaronson, independent police auditor, of Palo Alto, CA, increasing compensation by \$31,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$231,000.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the agreement is to increase compensation to continue engaging the services of Mr. Aaronson through the end of the calendar year as independent auditor for the Police Department. On November 13, 2018, Mr. Aaronson will give Council an updated annual report.

BACKGROUND

Mr. Aaronson began working with the Santa Rosa Police Department in January 2016.

During that time, he has

- Conducted ongoing audits and evaluations of the Santa Rosa Police Department's personnel investigations and accountability processes.
- Met with various stakeholders in the Santa Rosa community.
- Assisted people with complaints about the Santa Rosa Police Department.
- Worked closely with the City Manager and Police Department administration to make recommendations for appropriate changes to systems, procedures, or policies.
- Acted as a resource to assist Police Department supervisors and managers to discuss ongoing personnel investigations.

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- Reported to the City Manager regularly regarding any recommendations for improvement.
- Made improvements in the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) including establishing a clear mission, defining its role in the chain of command, and developing a written scope of its activities

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

- January 2016 – Council approved Agreement
- April 2017 – Council received annual report and approved current Agreement increasing compensation and time of performance

FISCAL IMPACT

Funding for this contract is appropriated in the General Fund and managed by the City Manager's Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution/Exhibit A (Agreement)

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