

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 22, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **April 27, 2022 Council Agenda Item #40; 22-902: Criminal Justice Center Memorandum of Agreement**

The purpose of this memorandum is to update the City Council on the status of the Criminal Justice Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Dallas County and the upcoming agenda item on April 27, 2022.

Background

On November 22, 1978, the City of Dallas contracted with Dallas County to utilize the county jail to process and maintain city jail prisoners. The MOA has been amended four times with the last amendment in 1997. In addition, two Office of the City Auditor Audit Reports were conducted in 2002 and 2009. Both reports recommended modifications to the agreement and led to discussions at that time without finalization.

In late 2018, the City and Dallas County resumed negotiations to reevaluate the terms of the contract. The City's objective was to increase transparency of costs included in the cost methodology, eliminate confusing and difficult to understand language, update the terms to reflect current operations, and incorporate recommendations from the City Auditor. In September 2020, due to the ongoing negotiations with the County, the Dallas City Council approved monthly payments from October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. No payments have been made to the County for jail services since March 31, 2021.

City and County staff have come to an agreeable Amendment No. 5 that will include changes such as adjustments to the cost methodology and adds an avenue to address contract issues and operational issues through a City/County Coordinating Committee and dispute/resolution process.

Next Steps

On April 27, 2022, the City Council will be asked to ratify payments for jail services from April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022 in the amount of \$10,286,365.90 and approve Amendment No. 5 to the Criminal Justice Center Memorandum of Agreement, which makes Amendment No. 4 null and void. This action also seeks authorization for future payments for jail services from May 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 in the amount of \$3,476,851.05.

For reference, included is the Public Safety Committee briefing from Monday, April 11, 2022, which provides details on the proposed amendment. Please contact Gloria López Carter, Director of Court & Detention Services at g.carter@dallascityhall.com if you have any questions or concerns.

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