## Memorandum



DATE May 20, 2022

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

May 25, 2022, City Council Agenda Item #13 22-1026 (Department of Public Works)

SUBJECT Sixty-two Month Lease Agreement for the Fire-Rescue Department Professional Services Office

The following agenda item is scheduled for City Council consideration on May 25, 2022 and will enable Dallas Fire-Rescue to implement recently announced behavioral health services for its members.

## **Agenda Item #22-1026**

Authorize a sixty-two-month lease agreement with Ricchi Towers, LLC, for approximately 2,105 square feet of office space located at 8585 North Stemmons Freeway, Suite S-720, to be used for City personnel purposes for the Dallas Fire Department for the period July 1, 2022 through August 31, 2027 - Not to exceed \$190,151.68 - Financing: General Fund (subject to annual appropriations)

## **BACKGROUND**

This item authorizes a sixty-two-month lease agreement with Ricchi Towers, LLC, for approximately 2,105 square feet of office space located at 8585 North Stemmons Freeway, Suite S-720. This lease will provide office space for staff serving Fire-Rescue personnel.

This space will be utilized by the recently approved three staff clinical psychologists for DFR. These personnel will perform a significant aspects of Fire-Rescue's developing Resiliency Program, including pre-employment evaluations and screening, education, training, counseling, and therapy. Since anonymity is a vital component in behavioral health, it is important that the office space not only provides an environment conducive to these much-needed services; but is also away from departmental facilities to help meet the mental health needs of Dallas Fire Department's personnel.

The lease will begin on July 1, 2022 and end on August 31, 2027. Should you have any questions regarding these items, please contact me at (214) 502-9084

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**Deputy City Manager** 

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