

Item H-1

Consider a resolution approving an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Westlake, Texas, for consolidated full-time fire protection/prevention and emergency medical services; for a term of sixteen (16) months commencing April 1, 2021; to include an equally shared feasibility study regarding said consolidated services; and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents relating thereto on behalf of the City of Keller, Texas.

Westlake Fire/EMS and Keller Fire-Rescue Temporary Consolidation

Westlake Fire/EMS

- Currently fully staffed with 18 employees operating out of 1 station
- Would add a third ambulance to Keller resources
- Westlake Fire/EMS Chief will act as Interim Keller Fire-Rescue Chief

Keller Fire-Rescue

- When fully staffed, has 57 employees operating out of 3 stations
- Potential merger different from agreement for police services because Westlake has an existing department and resources

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Interlocal Agreement Terms:

- 16-month trial period beginning April 1, 2021
- No changes to either department's budget, compensation packages or recruitment procedures
- Westlake and Keller will share equally the cost of any consultant(s) hired for feasibility study
- Residents, fire personnel and council members from both communities will have the opportunity to engage and provide input during the merger analysis
- The provision of fire protection/prevention and emergency medical services to both communities shall remain at the same level of service or higher without any disruption of service



Questions?
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