

**CITY OF LEXINGTON
WORKSHOP AGENDA
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Immediately following Council meeting
City Hall**

1. Call to Order: Mayor Kurth

2. Roll Call: DeVries – Hughes – Harris – Murphy

3. Discussion Items:

- A. Discuss Law Enforcement Services comparables
- B. Discuss Centennial Lakes Little League proposal for Memorial Park
- C. Discuss Proposed City Council Chamber wall hanging logo

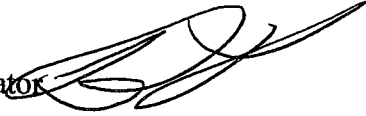
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4. Staff Input

5. Council Input

6. Adjourn

To: Mayor Kurth and City Council
From: Bill Petracek, City Administrator
Date: March 12, 2019
Re: Comparable Police Services



I sent out a questionnaire to various City's that are of comparable size in population to Lexington that are located in and around the MSP Metro area: **Lauderdale, Columbus, Bayport, Newport, Maple Plain, Independence, Nowthen, Hilltop, Osseo, and Falcon Heights.**

Enclosed you will find a spreadsheet of the communities that have responded to my brief questionnaire on the following questions that were asked:

1. **Who provides your law enforcement?**

2. **What is your annual budget – operations, capital outlay, capital improvements?**

3. **What services do they provide?**
 - a. Property maintenance yes/no

 - b. Animal control yes/no

 - c. Investigations yes/no

 - d. Medical first response yes/no

 - e. Additional Services: Please list.

Population	City of Bayport 3426	City of Newpport 3481	City of Maple Plain 1807 & 3704	City of Nowthen 4641	City of Hilltop 734	City of Osseo 2752	City of Falcon Heights 5554	City of Lexington 2114
Contact person	Adam Bell	Deb Hill	Robert Scheon	Kurt Glaser	Police Chief Austin	Riley Grams	Sack Thongvanh	Bill Petracek
1. Who does your law enforcement?	Washington County Sheriff's	Washington County Sheriff's	Joint Powers Agreement with City of Independence West Hennepin Public Safety	Anoka County Sheriff's	City of Columbia Heights P.D.	City of Osseo P.D.	Ramsey County Sheriff's	Centennial Lakes Police Department
2. What is your annual budget – operations, capital outlay, capital improvements?	Did not respond to questionnaire	\$790,740	\$550,000 City of Maple Plain; City of Independence - \$1,250,000	\$618,000 -Patrol services are scheduled and controlled by the Sheriff	\$257,885	\$861,131 Operations; \$116,455 Facilities Improvements; Total \$975,586	\$1,000,000	\$698,862 Operations \$57,277 Debt \$756,139 Total
3. What services do they provide?	Did not respond to questionnaire	24 Hour Patrol	24 Hour Patrol	20 Hour patrol	24 Hour patrol	24 Hour Patrol	24 Hour Patrol - But an officer is not assigned to the community	24 Hour Patrol
A. Property maintenance	City staff handles this, Sheriff's department will issue tickets when needed	City staff handles this, Sheriff's department will issue tickets when needed	Partial - With City Staff	No	Hilltop does not have a property maintenance code, but CHPD does handle basic code violations	Yes, property inspections	No property maintenance/code enforcement	Building Inspector sends letters, CSO issues tickets
B. Animal control	Did not respond to questionnaire	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
C. Investigations	Did not respond to questionnaire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
D. Medical first response	Did not respond to questionnaire	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
E. Additional Services:	Did not respond to questionnaire	Records retention and dispatch	Works with City Staff on a number of City issues, reviews plans for new building projects to ensure safety in building	Strictly Patrol Services	None Listed	None listed	Occasional business checks	Handles after hours issues

Centennial Lakes Police Department Services Provided to the City of Lexington

QUALITY OF LIFE:

-Community Service Officers = Non-sworn, civilian para-professionals who address code enforcement and ordinance violations. CSOs also provide extra patrol to parks and neighborhoods. In addition, they perform animal control duties including handling animal bites, transporting stray and found animals, addressing nuisance animals and related complaints, etc. All provided as part of service to the community.

-Special Attention/Problem Issues = We address without charge-back to the City various special enforcement actions to address drug activity, disorderly houses, ordinance violations, nuisance complaints, etc.

-Medical Response = Our officers have saved lives and lessened impact of medical issues due to quick response to medical emergencies.

-Citizen Interaction and Connection = Both routine and through programs like Citizen Academy.

-Our services are not prorated, i.e. we perform all of these functions as part of our overall service to the City.

-Citizen Opinion Survey = Strong support for our Department and the services that we provide.

PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY:

-We provide home and vacation checks free to our citizens.

-Vehicle and residential lock-outs are free to public.

-Commercial Vehicle Inspections = revenue for the City and increased safety for driving public.

-24/7 patrol of neighborhoods and businesses.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND IDENTITY:

-School Liaison = Officers work with at-risk students who reside in Lexington.

-Vested interest = Our officers reflect a strong and vested interest in the safety and stability of the community.

-Local Police Station = Easily accessible for citizens and close to Lexington for emergency response.

-Community Relations = Night to Unite, Citizen's Academy, Safety Presentations are provided without charge.

-Special Events = We provide traffic control and support for parades, runs, festivals, special events without charge-back to the City.

COST EFFECTIVE:

-We do not charge the City for extra or additional staffing when needed, or for extra patrol, or policing of special events, or code enforcement, or animal control, or school liaison, or problem-solving, etc.

-Background checks and liquor law training and inspections are done without charge-back to the City.

-Liability = Few citizen complaints, no law suites, quality personnel and policies.

-Budget = Less cost to the City in recent years because of funding formula. Department has also been under budget in recent years.

-Outside Funding = Sizeable funds received from forfeitures and seizures coming from our work with IRS and DEA. We also participate in DWI and Drug forfeitures in much the same manner. These funds are returned to the Department which helps to defray cost to the City.

-Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) = Department coordinates CERT team for special events and emergency situations at no cost to the City.

MISCELLANEOUS:

-Population Growth = Increase in concentrated population due to new apartment buildings will mean additional policing issues, increased traffic, and require proactive and preventive measures (including crime-free multi-housing). Our approach to policing has deterred problems from escalating.

-24/7 Service Function = We provide 24/7 staffing, patrol, and focused problem-oriented policing without additional charge to the City.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

-We compare favorably with other cities of comparable size in terms of cost and effectiveness. Must be careful also to compare "apples to apples" in terms of population density, calls for service, bars, rental housing, traffic, etc.

-Lexington Citizen Opinion Survey = Reflected strong support for our Department and satisfaction with our services.

-Budget = The budget formula has actually worked in Lexington's favor in recent years. Our Department has come in under budget as well.

-Bar Issues = We have taken a measured approach in holding bars accountable for violations. This approach may not be the same for another agency.

-Current Joint Powers Agreement/Contract = Withdrawal from current contract allowed only after October of 2021.

-We provide quality policing in delivery of service, leadership, policies, training, and personnel.

-We maintain a very strong, vested, and personal interest in the safety, stability, and reputation of the City of Lexington. It is difficult to quantify the results, but it is demonstrated in the manner in which we address problems and safety issues. I am confident that our approach to policing has deterred problems from escalating and will continued to do so. To do anything otherwise may compromise or sacrifice levels of citizen satisfaction, service, response, deterrence, problem-solving, etc.

-Local control of policing granted through our JPA.

-Other types of contracted service could rise arbitrarily.

-The City of Forest Lake recently went through a suggestion to change its law enforcement services. It caused considerable upheaval and consternation in the Community. The City ultimately retained its police department. The City is still healing from this controversy.

To: Mayor Kurth and City Council
From: Bill Petracek, City Administrator
Date: March 12, 2019
Re: Centennial Little League Memorial Park Proposal



Enclosed you will find a proposal from Pat Mahr, Centennial Little League Executive Director, listing items that the Centennial Little League would be willing to help fund – up to \$50,000 - if the Park Board and City Council are agreeable to the proposed improvements to Memorial Park.

Mr. Mahr presented this proposal at the March 4th Park Board meeting, however, the Park Board had not had much time to think about and discuss the items presented and to make a formal recommendation to the City Council. They forwarded the entire proposal to the City Council for your review and consideration of the funding levels and prioritizing the proposed projects for Memorial Park.

From Pat Mah

Blacktop \$116,851.00 ~~Estimate~~

Irrigation \$30,000 (Estimate)

Concrete Mow Strip \$7500.00
12" x 4"

Redo Fields 1, 2, 3 Shorten DW Fields 2, 3,

Remove 1 Lite pole & relocate 2 Lite poles
Rewire & adjust sod new area move 1
Scoreboard
\$40,180.00

Move out Field Fence Field 3 to Regulation
225 to 200 ft
\$2500.00

\$197,031.00 total

With new concession stand 25 ft x
\$90,000 App. 30 ft

\$287,031