

ITEM#: 18
DATE: 05-24-22

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SAFETY SERVICES CONTRACT FOR FY 2022/23

BACKGROUND:

The City has contracted with the Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities (IAMU) for over 15 years to provide safety training and OSHA compliance support to City staff. IAMU provides training regarding topics of importance to all City staff and provides specialized training for the unique activities undertaken by staff in different departments.

In addition to the safety training services, IAMU provides OSHA compliance support, safety program review, accident investigation support, and undertakes special projects at the request of division leaders and the Risk Manager. IAMU has been very receptive of continuing improvements to the Safety Services program as requested by the City's Risk Manager. IAMU continues to improve its services to the City in line with the City's organizational values and works closely with the Risk Manager to ensure that the City's needs are being met.

The City's current contract with IAMU expires June 30, 2022. The expiring contract is for an amount not to exceed \$132,000 for the 2021/22 fiscal year. IAMU has not requested an increase for several years. For FY 2022/23, IAMU is proposing a contract amount of \$138,600, which is a 5% increase. In light of the increase this year, IAMU is guaranteeing the contract amount would remain flat at \$138,600 for FY 2023/24, should the City renew at that time.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve renewal of an agreement for safety services with IAMU for an amount not to exceed \$138,600 for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
2. Do not approve an agreement with IAMU, and direct City staff to find alternatives to provide safety training services.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

City staff has evaluated the proposed contract amount increase from IAMU. Staff believes that the 5% increase is reasonable, given IAMU's previous performance and the fact that no cost increase has occurred in this contract for several years. IAMU has agreed to guarantee a flat rate for the FY 2023/24 contract if the City wishes to continue contracting with IAMU at that time.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.