



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: December 21, 2021

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

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SUBJECT: Appointment of City Council Member to the Military Installation Sustainability Steering Committee as part of the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation Grant

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council appoint a City Council Member to sit on the Military Installation Sustainability Steering Committee as per the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC) grant secured by the City in cooperation with Vandenberg Space Force Base (VSFB).

Background:

The City and VSFB, have long enjoyed a symbiotic relationship. As the national Western Range Space Force launch facility, VSFB anticipates increased activity as the private commercial space sector expands. This launch mission expansion brings challenges for VSFB and the City as they work together in planning for their closely related futures. In response, earlier this year staff initiated a planning effort funded by the Department of Defense (DOD), OLDCC, under its Military Installation Sustainability (MIS) grant program. The City hybrid program approach combines the requirements of two closely related MIS grant categories, Installation Resilience and Compatible Use. Lompoc's cooperative planning process with VSFB is taking into consideration the interests of surrounding communities, Santa Barbara County and State and Federal agencies, as well as the private space launch sector and other interested organizations. Its goals are to protect and preserve military readiness and defense capabilities while supporting symbiotic community economic stability and success.

Discussion:

The Steering Committee supports the grant objectives to:

- Identify and respond cooperatively to mutual environmental vulnerabilities such as climate change, drought and wildfires;

- Promote community development that is supportive of, and not in conflict with, installation training, testing, and operational missions;
- Promote and provide options for positive compatible uses between VSFB, the City, surrounding communities, businesses and landowners; and
- Increase public awareness of the military's mission and contribution to the regional economy. (See Attachment 1.)

Staff recommends the City Council appoint a City Council Member to represent the City on the Military Installation Sustainability Steering Committee. (See Attachment 2.) and related grant activities to include:

- Quarterly meetings through the end of the planning program in July 2022 (the next meeting is to be scheduled in early February);
- Attendance at the 2022 Defense Communities National Summit in March in Arlington, VA; and
- Phone calls and meetings as requested by the OLDCC grant team. (See Attachment 3.)

Fiscal Impact:

There are no negative fiscal impacts to the General Fund by appointing a City Council Member to the Steering Committee other than potential travel costs.

Conclusion:

Appointing a Council Member representing the City is critical to the success of the OLDCC grant.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

- Attachments: 1) Program Summary & Goals
2) Steering Committee Roster
3) Final Grant Scope of Work & Task Detail