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City Manager's Report
August 10, 2021, City Council Meeting
Prepared by: Cleve Morris, City Manager
Item #: 12.3

Subject: Approve in concept a joint project with El Dorado County to prepare and operate a managed camp facility located adjacent to the El Dorado County Jail.

Purpose: To grant conceptual approval of a managed camp facility jointly funded and operated with El Dorado County to alleviate the homeless problem on the Western Slope.

Background:

At the City Council Meeting on June 29, 2021, the City Council held a special meeting to discuss homeless issues in Placerville and how we can better address them. As part of that meeting, staff was directed to request that the County construct at least three managed camps to alleviate homeless issues in the City. Staff provided a letter to the County providing that direction. The County considered the information and then took it to their Board for discussion. The Board of Supervisors agreed to hold a Two by Two meeting to discuss the temporary issue of homelessness. Any further discussion was to be done as part of a joint meeting.

Discussion:

On August 6, 2021, Mayor Thomas and Vice Mayor Taylor met with Supervisors Thomas and Hidahl along with City and County Staff including the Chief of Police and County Sheriff. At that meeting we discussed the issues relating to homelessness and particularly how it is affecting the City of Placerville. Issues of public safety and public health were included.

Several options were considered including Managed Camps, Managed facilities, less managed programs and continuing as we are currently doing. After the discussion, a conceptual proposal was provided by Sheriff John D'Agostini to open a managed camp, provided and operated by the County Sheriff with assistance and cooperation from the other County Departments and the City of Placerville. The location of the camp is proposed on County property adjacent to the County Jail off of Forni Road.

Cost for the facility, both setup and operation, will be determined and brought back to the City and County at a later date. However, it should be noted that the only funding that can be immediately identified for this project is American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). If this concept is approved, it should be recognized that both City and County ARPA funds would be used.

The State is currently looking at funding for Encampment Facilities, however, it is not anticipated that these funds will be available for 6 to 8 months. In addition, these funds are projected to be competitive

and therefore they are not guaranteed. However, it is anticipated that we could supplement our funding with these funds if successful.

Sherriff D'Agostini will make a presentation at this meeting regarding the proposal and answer any concerns/questions.

Options:

1. Approve the proposal in concept and direct staff to work with the County to develop the details of the proposal including cost and bring back the cost proposal to the City.
2. Approve the proposal with recommended modifications and direct staff to work with the County to develop the details of the proposal including cost and bring back the cost proposal to the City.
3. Do not approve the concept at this time and provide further direction to staff.

Cost: There is no cost for this immediate action. The cost for the program will be brought back to Council for consideration at a later date.

Budget Impact: None at this time.

Recommendation: Approve in concept a joint project with El Dorado County to prepare and operate a managed camp facility located adjacent to the El Dorado County Jail.



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