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City Council Staff Report

From: City Manager

Report Type: STUDY SESSION

Lead Department: City Manager

Meeting Date: October 16, 2023

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TITLE

Bi-Annual Discussion with the Independent Police Auditor

RECOMMENDATION

This Study Session is a bi-annual opportunity for Council discussion with the Independent Police Auditor. There is no recommended action.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

This is the study session with the City's Independent Police Auditor (IPA) from the representatives of the OIR Group, the City's contracted consultant for the Independent Police Auditor function. It is the second of two discussions in this calendar year. The previous discussion took place with the City Council on June 12, 2023.¹

Purpose: In the amended contract with the OIR group, it states the following related to the IPA meetings with the City Council:

Beginning in the second half of 2021, CONSULTANT shall meet with the City Council two times per year to discuss trends in criminal justice and policing, policy and training matters, recommendations made by CONSULTANT, and other Council concerns. CONSULTANT'S conferences with Council are not for the purpose of elaborating on published reviews of specific incidents and shall not include discussion of personnel matters prohibited by law. Semi-annual conferences shall be scheduled after publication of the CONSULTANT'S report, according to availability of Council and the CONSULTANT.

Consistent with the description above, Council discussion with the IPA is not focused on the most recent report from OIR. However, for ease in reference, the most recent report was issued as an Informational Report on the September 18, 2023 City Council packet².

¹ June 12, 2023 City Council meeting item #3:

<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/Portal/Meeting?meetingTemplateId=12536>

² September 18, 2023 City Council meeting item #11:

<https://cityofpaloalto.primegov.com/meetings/ItemWithTemplateType?id=3163&meetingTemplateType=2>

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

No additional funds are needed for this study session.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The discussion with the City Council is an opportunity for the public to also share feedback related to issues covered by the IPA.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is not a project.

APPROVED BY:

Ed Shikada, City Manager