



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, August 27, 2002

Council Session

Item G23

#2002-267 - Approving Agreement with Nebraska State Patrol Relative to Preliminary Design and Cost Estimates for Joint Weapons Training Facility at CHAAP

When the City first began consideration of acquiring lands at CHAAP for development of a multi purpose shooting sports faculty, representatives of local law enforcement agencies and the Nebraska State Patrol were invited to participate in discussions, with the idea that CHAAP would provide a safe, convenient location for a permanent weapons training facility. With the closure of the old pistol range at CHAAP which was leased by the Grand Island Police Department, the GIPD and NSP are borrowing time at the NLETC range for handgun training and qualifications. There are no regular facilities available for carbine, rifle or shotgun training in this area.

The NSP has agreed to partner with the City to share equally in the cost of extending the existing design contract with PQH Vargas and Associates to draft preliminary design and cost estimate documents for a fee of \$10,000. Mr. Vargas is perhaps the best range designer in the U.S. and has done excellent work on the preliminary design and costing of the public shooting sports facilities currently under consideration by the City and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The design and cost documents will be used to seek funding and grants for final design and construction of the facility. There appears to be funding possibilities under the various Homeland Security Acts now before Congress, in addition to the programs already in existence, but these documents will be needed before the City and NSP can proceed to apply for funding.

The purpose of the proposed facility will be to provide officers with dynamic weapons training, that is, the ability to shoot from various positions at a variety of targets, not simply from a fixed line at static targets. This is the type of training required to teach officers to make good decisions and provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect themselves and the public.

If the facility is funded, the City and NSP may enter into another interlocal agreement to construct and operate the range. It is envisioned that the range may be available to other local and state agencies for training and qualifications on a fee paid basis. Hall County was contacted about sharing in this preliminary design and costing contract, but declined to participate

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RESOLUTION 2002-267

WHEREAS, following the closure of the old CHAAP pistol range formerly leased by the Grand Island Police Department, the City of Grand Island is in the process of seeking partners and funding to develop a law enforcement firearms training facility on the land owned by the City at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant site; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested financial assistance from area law enforcement agencies in the planning and development of such training facility; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Patrol has agreed to jointly retain and pay a PQH Vargus and Associates one-half of the cost to prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for such facility, at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000 as an amendment of the firm's current CHAAP design contract; and

WHEREAS, an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement has been prepared setting out the terms and conditions for such financial assistance and partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Grand Island and the Nebraska State Patrol to jointly retain and pay a PQH Vargus and Associates to prepare preliminary designs and cost estimates for a law enforcement firearms training facility as an amendment of the firm's current CHAAP design contract at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000 on land owned by the City at the former Cornhusker Army Ammunition Plant site is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such Interlocal Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the City of Grand Island.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska on August 27, 2002.

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ? _____ August 23, 2002 ? City Attorney
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