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Public Safety Contract Update

LITCHFIELD PARK, AZ, April 9, 2021: During a Special City Council meeting held April 7, 2021, the Mayor and Council took action to negotiate an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Avondale to provide police and public safety services within the City of Litchfield Park. These services will begin July 1, 2021, pending approval of the IGA between the two cities.

“As a neighboring city, collaborating with the City of Avondale will allow greater community policing as the proposed agreement includes a full beat of officers as opposed to the current three-quarter beat provided by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office,” said City Manager Matthew Williams. The proposed agreement will provide five dedicated officers, one sergeant and an additional law enforcement position specifically to the City of Litchfield Park.

Said Avondale Police Chief Dale Nannenga: “The Avondale Police Department is looking forward to providing the same level of outstanding customer and public safety services to the City of Litchfield Park that we provide to the City of Avondale.”

The solar powered license plate reader cameras that are currently being installed throughout the City remain independent of any police service provider. Changing services from MCSO to the Avondale Police Department will not pose any obstacles. The current MCSO contract has been in place since 2012 and will continue through June 30, 2021.

Prior to the Council’s decision, the City sought quotes for cost of public safety services from MCSO, and the cities of Avondale and Goodyear. Goodyear could not begin services until July 1, 2022.

Citizens and residents will be notified of contact information regarding non-emergency numbers for the Avondale Police Department in the coming months. For any emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

For more information, please contact City Hall at 623.935.5033