

Meeting Date: 7/13/2010



Agenda Item # 8-B

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Subject: University High School Financial Impact

BACKGROUND: Members of the Orange City Police Department (OCPD), Orange City Fire Department (OCFD) and Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) met with school officials on June 17, 2010 to discuss the opening of the new high school and its impact on law enforcement and fire services. The Volusia County School Board (VCSB) is scheduled to open University High School located at 1000 W. Rhode Island Avenue for the school year 2010/2011. The school is located in the incorporated area of Orange City and is surrounded by unincorporated areas. West Rhode Island, the main roadway to the school, is mostly county jurisdiction. The school will open this year with approximately 1700-1800 students, representing the ninth, ten and eleventh grades. The twelfth grade will be added in the school year 2011/2012 which will bring the enrollment to approximately 2700 students.

OCPD will be faced with numerous traffic related issues including but not limited to: the opening and closing of the school each day, extracurricular sports activities, special events, bus traffic and parking problems along Rhode Island Avenue and adjoining streets (some of these streets are located within county jurisdiction). The OCPD will be partnering with the VCSO for an initial police presence to suppress speeding on main arteries and parking issues around the school. We will utilize our message board, City web page and Nixle to educate the public and students of our enhanced presence during the opening of the school.

Intramural sports are not expected to present a financial impact the first year. This is attributed to the absence of a senior class and only one football day game is scheduled at the new school. The VCSO will handle all events which occur on school properties. Additional law enforcement services needed from either agency will be funded by the school as off duty paid assignments.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Staff recommends a periodic review of public safety services provided to University High School by Orange City.

ATTACHMENTS: None

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The initial financial impact to the Orange City Police and Fire Departments will be minimal because the VCSO has assigned a School Resource Deputy (SRD) to the campus (the school board has elected to work with one law enforcement agency for the placement of a resource deputy in County schools). The police department will assign one additional officer to a shift the first two weeks of the school year to address the traffic concerns. The estimated cost will be \$960.00 (40 hours at an overtime rate of \$24.00 per hour, per officer). Financial impact of Fire services are expected to be minimal. Historical data received from

the surrounding high schools show an average of thirty-eight calls per school year for Fire/Rescue service. Types of Fire/Rescue calls include sick persons, crashes and school fire alarm. Special school events requiring Fire Department employees and/or equipment are funded contractually by the High School.

Reviewed by City Attorney

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