City of Fayetteville Staff Review Form

2019-0083

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City Council Meeting Date - Agenda Item Only N/A for Non-Agenda Item

| Becca Bertram | 1/29/2019 DEVELOP | | DEVELOPMENT S | MENT SERVICES (620) | |
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| Submitted By | S | ubmitted Date | Division / Department | | |
| Action Recommendation: | | | | | |
| Approval of a membership with the N the agency. | Iorthwest A | arkansas Regional Planning Co | ommission to sup | oport the operation of | |
| Budget Impact: | | | | | |
| 1010.090.6600-5735.00 | | | General | | |
| Account Number | | _ | Fund | | |
| Project Number | | _ | Project Title | | |
| Budgeted Item? | Yes | Current Budget | \$ | 51,506.00 | |
| · | | Funds Obligated | \$ | - | |
| | _ | Current Balance | \$ | 51,506.00 | |
| Does item have a cost? | Yes | Item Cost | \$ | 51,506.00 | |
| Budget Adjustment Attached? | No | Budget Adjustment | | | |
| _ | _ | Remaining Budget | \$ | - | |
| Purchase Order Number: | | Previous Ordinance | Previous Ordinance or Resolution # | | |
| Change Order Number: | | Approval Date: | | | |
| Original Contract Number: | | | | | |
| Comments: | | | | | |



CITY COUNCIL MEMO

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 19, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

THRU: Garner Stoll, Development Services Director

FROM: Becca Bertram, Development Services Administrator

DATE: January 29, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of a membership with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning

Commission for each year from 2019 through 2023.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of a membership with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission for each year from 2019 through 2023.

BACKGROUND:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission provides a wide range of planning, administrative, and technical services to member governments. Membership also enables eligibility for federal aid distributed to member jurisdictions in Washington and Benton Counties for transportation projects of regional significance.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Fayetteville's participation and representation in regional affairs is critical to the future of NWA. Membership with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission would provide the City an avenue for regional dialogue and cooperation.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

The membership fee is \$51,506.00/year. This money has been budgeted in the General Fund.

Attachments:

2019 Budget Request to the Mayor



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August 24, 2018

Mayor Lioneld Jordan City of Fayetteville 113 Mountain Fayetteville, AR 72701

Re: 2019 BUDGET REQUEST

Dear Mayor Jordan:

In accordance with the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission's FY 2019 budget, we respectfully request that \$51,506.00 be appropriated in the 2019 Fayetteville budget as the City's contribution toward the 2019 operation of the agency. The amount is unchanged from last year, and is based on the same membership fee structure of 70 cents/capita (which is 15 cents/capita lower than it was in 1996). As a matter of comparison with other metropolitan areas in Arkansas with regional planning commissions, Metroplan members in Central Arkansas pay 92 cent/capita, and SARPC members in Southeast Arkansas pay 65 cents/capita as their respective membership fees.

Besides providing a forum for regional dialogue and cooperation, the Commission provides a wide range of planning, administrative, and technical services to our member governments. In addition, as the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) under U.S. DOT regulations, NWARPC receives over \$7 million annually for distribution to member jurisdictions in Washington and Benton Counties for transportation projects of regional significance. The Commission is also the Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration grant funding for transit providers—Ozark Transit and Razorback Transit. As such, we are responsible for transit planning in the 2-county area, and for determining the distribution of (\$2.7 million) FTA funding for capital and operating assistance.

Fayetteville's participation and representation in regional affairs is critical to the future of Northwest Arkansas—particularly as the region continues to grow and expand. Consideration of your continued membership would be appreciated. Should any questions arise, or should additional information or assistance be required, please advise.

Sincerely.

Jeff Hawkins

Director