



Organization, Personnel, and Effectiveness
Committee

Authorize Extension and Increase to Current Securitas Guard Services Contract

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Subject

Authorize an extension to June 30, 2026, on the existing 5-year contract with Securitas to provide security guard services; and authorize an increase of \$6 million in funding for the contract to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$61 million; the General Manager has determined that the proposed action is exempt or otherwise not subject to CEQA

Purpose

Authorize an extension and increase to current security guard services contract while a protest issue is being resolved

Need for Security Guard Services

- U.S. Homeland Security and EPA Office of Water oversee water utility security and recognize benefits of guard force
 - Control access
 - Patrol infrastructure
 - Respond to incidents
- Provide flexible staffing in response to changing threats
- Allows Metropolitan staff to focus on core operational activities

Competitive Bid Timeline (2025)

May

- June 4, - A two-step Request for Bids was issued (RFB No. 459392)

September

- Five (5) firms prequalified, three (3) submitted responsive bids

October

- Leading bidder identified
- The second lowest bidder has filed a protest

Resolution of Bid Protest

- Resolution of the bid protest in a timely manner
- Requesting a six-month extension of the existing contract with Securitas to June 30, 2026
- Not-to-exceed amount to \$61 million
- The increase will cover security needs through the end of the contract extension period
- Anticipated resolution before the June 30, 2026, extension date

Contract Security Increases

- Security demands have caused yearly fees for current contract to be greater than anticipated. Reasons for increasing costs include:
 - Increasing guard presence, adding armed officers, and adding security managers
 - Increased patrol at all facilities
 - Vehicle replacements
 - Wage increases

Board Options

- Option #1
 - Authorize an extension to June 30, 2026, on the existing 5-year contract with Securitas to provide security guard services; and authorize an increase of \$6 million in funding for the contract to a new not-to-exceed amount of \$61 million.
- Option #2
 - Do not proceed with a six-month extension amendment and instead approve a month-to-month extension of the guard services contract at an anticipated cost of \$1.1 million per month.

Staff Recommendation

- Option #1

