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DEPARTMENT: Police Department

DEPARTMENT HEAD: William P. McManus, Chief of Police

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT: Detention Center Transition

SUMMARY:

Oversight of the City of San Antonio Detention Center will be transferred to the San Antonio Police Department effective October 1, 2016 in order to improve overall management and operations at the facility. The Detention Center processes all persons arrested and awaiting magistration within San Antonio and Bexar County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In May 2016, discussions began between the San Antonio Police Department and Municipal Court regarding the proposed transfer of Detention Center oversight to the SAPD. A series of meetings to review various issues related to the facility and its operation were conducted; among the topics discussed were: budget information, standard operating procedures, existing contracts and equipment/property inventory. ITSD also completed an inventory and assessment of current technology within the Detention Center.

In June 2016, representatives from SAPD and Municipal Court met with Human Resources to discuss fiscal

and human resource issues associated with the anticipated transition. Following this meeting, Human Resources representatives and executive leadership from SAPD and Municipal Court met with all Detention Center personnel to announce the transition and address any questions.

Detention Center Staffing & Activity

Upon the official transfer on October 1, an SAPD Captain will be assigned to oversee Detention Center staff which is comprised of 43 employees when fully staffed:

Position	Employees	Vacancies
Detention & Security Manager	1	--
Detention Center Manager	1	--
Assistant Detention Center Manager	1	--
Detention Center Supervisor	6	--
Detention Center Officers	31	3

A total of 65,399 individuals were processed through the Detention Center in 2015. The facility operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and is staffed utilizing 3 eight hours shifts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action. The Detention Center budget will transfer to the non-departmental category effective October 1, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

The transfer of Detention Center oversight to SAPD will be effective October 1, 2016. Staff recommends having further discussions with Bexar County Sherriff's Office and Bexar County.