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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH – MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** HON. MAYOR, CHAIRPERSON AND CITY COUNCIL

**THROUGH:** JONATHAN EVANS, CITY MANAGER, MPA, MBA, ICMA-CM

**FROM:** ORIE BULLARD, JUSTICE SERVICE CENTER DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** **THIRD AMENDMENT - SMART(OJT) REENTRY PROGRAM**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 21, 2020

**CC:** GENERAL PUBLIC

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**Background:**

The Justice Service Center is an ex-offender reentry program providing non-traditional case management services to returning citizens in Palm Beach County. These services include: Job Readiness Training, Educational Assistance, Transportation Assistance, Mental Health Assistance, Substance Abuse Treatment, Restoration of Civil Rights, Identification Assistance, Transitional Housing, and other support services as needed. Opening its doors in February 2007 with the goal of “empowering communities through restoration” The Justice Service Center has provided essential social services to over 1500 residents. The program focuses on promoting community growth and alleviating the burden of recidivism on the Riviera Beach Community and Palm Beach County at large.

On September 19, 2017, Palm Beach County was one of five sites nationally to receive the Smart Reentry Grant from the Department of Justice in the amount \$850,000. The purpose of the grant is to enhance existing county reentry services by providing resources for On-The-Job Training programs and cognitive-based interventions for reentry clients. Through partnerships with community providers, local and state correctional facilities, the grant aims to provide more employment opportunities to formerly incarcerated men and women while improving public safety countywide. On April 4, 2018, the City Council of Riviera Beach approved an Interlocal agreement between the Board of County Commissioners, Palm Beach County, Florida, and the City of Riviera Beach, Florida; accepting funding in the amount of \$173,689 to provide for The Justice Service Center’s On-The-Job Training program for the continuation of reentry services. On March 4, 2020



in an effort to serve additional clients the City Council approved a Second Amendment from the Public Safety Department to increase scope of services to serve fifty (50) participants and increase funding by \$47,165 to a total of \$220,854.

In an effort to continue providing essential services to clients the Interlocal Agreement is being amended to extend the date to complete all services from September 30, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Additionally, there have been amendments to the standard contractual language and modifications have been made to reflect the change.

**Citywide Goal:**

This item incorporates the citywide goals of strengthening community engagement and building great neighborhoods.

**Budget/Fiscal Impact:**

Funds are provided by Palm Beach County Public Safety Department.

**Recommendation(s):**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution amending the Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners for the SMART On-the-Job Training (OJT) Reentry program facilitated by Justice Service Center.

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution to approve Third Amendment to Interlocal Agreement
2. Third Amendment to Interlocal Agreement

