

# CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS MEETING AGENDA ITEM

NUMBER: 18.	
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Augment the Municipal Court's FY20-21 General Fund Operating Budget in the Amount of \$20,000 for Mental Health Evaluations to Determine Defendants' Competency to Stand Trial. (Citywide) (For Possible Action)	
<b>REQUESTED BY:</b> Cindy Marshall, Court Administrator, Municipal Court	<b>WARD:</b> Citywide
<b>RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:</b> That the City Council approves the augmentation of the Municipal Court's FY20/21 General Fund Operating Budget.	
<b>FISCAL IMPACT:</b> AMOUNT: \$20,000 <b>EXPLANATION:</b> Under the Professional Services Agreement between the Court and Dr. Daniel Sussman, MD., the psychiatrist is compensated at \$400/hour. The Court orders approximately 100 evaluations per year. The fiscal impact for a full year is \$40,000. This budget augmentation request is for the six months remaining in the FY20/21 fiscal year, therefore, is in the amount of \$20,000.	<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER:</b> 00100-190121-431000

**STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Under NRS 178.415, the Court has the authority to appoint a psychiatrist to conduct an evaluation of a defendant's mental health in order to determine their competency to stand trial. During the time that North Las Vegas contracted with the City of Las Vegas Detention Facility to house inmates, the evaluations were done by the Detention Center's staff psychiatrist. When the City opened the Community Correctional Center, it was necessary for the Court to contract with an outside psychiatrist and has, therefore, entered into a Professional Services Agreement with Dr. Daniel Sussman, M.D. to conduct the evaluations.

CIP No.	Related Item:	
LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Safe and Livable Community		
<b>PREPARED BY:</b>  Cindy Marshall Court Administrator	Respectfully Submitted  Ryann Juden City Manager	<b>MEETING DATE:</b> 12/2/2020