

- **TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council
- FROM: Gary W. Adams, Chief of Police
- **SUBJECT:** Agreement for Services between All City Management Services, Inc. (ACMS) and the City of University Park for School Crossing Guard services.

## BACKGROUND:

University Park Police Officers are often needed to assist with crossing guard duties when School Crossing Guards are absent or if a position is vacant. This keeps officers from working on the city streets and being available to perform their regular duties; such as patrolling the city or answering calls for service.

Recently the city was approached by All City Management Services, Inc. (ACMS) a private company, which provides and manages crossing guard services, including stand-by crossing guards to fill in when needed. ACMS will hire the city's current part-time guards and manage the program entirely for an agreed upon fee. Although this appears to be more than we currently pay for this service, the police department now manages this program, hires guards and has to use on-duty officers to fill in when a guard is sick or leaves our employment at a cost equivalent to, if not more, than this fee.

ACMS has over 27 years of experience and leads the crossing guard industry in the development of School Crossing Guard standards for training, supervision and safety. They currently employ over 2,900 School Crossing Guards throughout the country.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of this agreement.