

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

DATE: February 27, 2019

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers, Department Directors, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer Smith, Leisure Services; Kraig Fullen, Chief of Police; David Carranza, Community & Economic Development

CC: Jerene Watson, Interim City Manager, Department Directors

SUBJECT: STATUS AND INTENT OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS – DOUGLAS PRISON

The report is in response to a question from Councilmember Morales regarding the status and intent of the prison operations; whether closing or ongoing.

DISCUSSION:

Jennifer Smith: Last meeting Warden Pacheco stated efforts to open an additional unit at the prison complex were underway. Our monthly DOC meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in the HR training room. Everyone is welcome to attend. The monthly meetings allow each department (especially those with inmates) to share information, express concerns, and/or review recent incidents. Additionally, the city is looking to provide our own transportation of our inmates to Douglas. Rene Rios, Ernie Romero, and Rocio have been working on getting this going; specifically, a bus sufficient enough to transport inmates and a CDL driver. We don't have any guarantee DOC will continue to transport inmates into Douglas. Our efforts for transportation have been ongoing.

Kraig Fullen: Conversation with Warden Glenn Pacheco this morning confirms that the AZDOC – Douglas Complex is working towards reopening the Eggers Unit. The unit will be upgraded to a higher level security yard and the department has already invested \$100,000 in upgrades to the facility in preparation. Staff is currently performing training exercises in anticipation of the opening. The reopening of the unit will add 240 additional bed spaces to what is there currently.

David Carranza: There is a new warden, Mr. Pacheco, who came in after Warden Megan Muse went to Tucson.

RECOMMENDATION / CONCLUSION:

This report is for information only.

