

**RESOLUTION NO. 20070503-031**

**WHEREAS**, new development alters the built and physical environments of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, new three-dimensional modeling technologies are a useful tool for analyzing a development's impact on pedestrians, roads, and buildings in the vicinity by allowing easier visualization of what a development will look like; and

**WHEREAS**, three-dimensional visualization presents complex information in an easily understandable manner suitable for public discussions regarding positive and negative consequences of a building project; and

**WHEREAS**, three-dimensional city models are created on the basis of information already available to various departments within the City, including map and height data; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

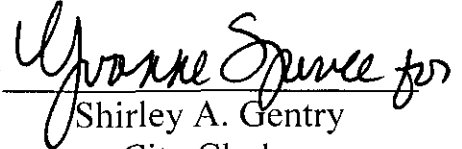
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

That the City Manager is directed to analyze the potential costs and benefits of making a three-dimensional digital model of the City of Austin available for public use. Analyzed scenarios should consider such factors as

budgetary, technological, and staffing implications, as well as best practices from other cities that have similar virtual modeling programs.

**ADOPTED:** May 3, 2007

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk