

Thursday, June 21, 2007

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 19

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Area Planning Council of Governments (CAPCOG) for the City's funding participation in Envision Central Texas for Fiscal Year 2006-2007, in the amount of \$67,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,351,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

**Prior Council Action:** 2/14/02 – Council voted to direct the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with CAPCO for a regional plan to be performed by Fregonese-Calthorpe in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

10/03/02 – Council voted to amend the Interlocal Agreement with CAPCO to increase funding for the City's participation in the Central Texas Regional Transportation Visioning Project, in an amount of up to \$900,000 (\$500,000 from 2002 CMTA ¼ Cent Funds and \$400,000 from STP4C grant funds), for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,150,000.

5/19/05 - Council amended the Interlocal Agreement with CAPCO to increase funding for the City's participation in Envision Central Texas, in the amount of \$134,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,284,000.

Envision Central Texas (ECT) is a non-profit entity responsible for the development and execution of a regional visioning plan process for the Central Texas area including Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties. The project is an extensive long-range regional study that consists of planning models, principles and strategies of current and future growth patterns in the Central Texas region. The study includes an implementation strategy and an analysis of financing, quality of life, mobility, environmental and other issues related to regional planning.

In May 2004, ECT released the Envision Central Texas Vision which provides a vision for the Central Texas area in 20-40 years. In 2005, ECT transitioned from visioning to implementation with seven Implementation Committees to develop tools, resources and projects in critical issue areas such as transportation, land use and the environment. ECT will continue to fulfill its critical role of educating and engaging citizens in an ongoing dialogue about the challenges of growth and the opportunities to shape our region's future. ECT will also be a resource to the region on issues related to key growth trends, best practices and strategies that support quality growth.

Approval of this item will continue the City's participation for Fiscal Year 2006-07.