

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Civil Service police officers and firefighters may appeal disciplinary actions of the Police Chief or Fire Chief and request a hearing before a Hearing Examiner (Arbitrator) or the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, the disciplinary appeal hearings are open to the public but occur during business hours when many members of the public cannot attend and observe the hearings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to expand public access to these hearings as a tool to educate the public regarding these hearings and to increase public awareness of these hearings; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to develop a policy to expand public access to Civil Service appeal hearings by using the resources of Channel 6 and to request that the Civil Service Commission amend its rules to include the policy in its hearing procedures.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk