

**RESOLUTION NO. 20070621-099**

**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;

**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

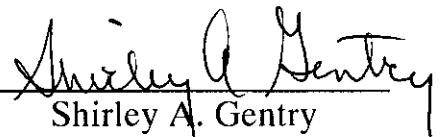
**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to expand public access to these hearings as a tool to educate the public regarding these hearings and to increase public awareness of these hearings; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**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:** June 21, 2007

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk