Thursday, November 8, 2007

Emergency Medical Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 18

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of Renewal of and Amendment Three to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Travis County to provide emergency medical services in Travis County to renew the agreement through Fiscal Year 2007-2008 and amend fees payable to City and certain exhibits.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding from Travis County in the amount of \$10,762,371 was included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Emergency Medical Services Department, as amended.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: The Fiscal Year 2004-2005 Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for Emergency Medical Services was approved on December 2, 2004. The Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Renewal and Amendment One was approved on September 29, 2005. The Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Renewal and Amendment Two was approved on October 5, 2006.

The EMS Department has been providing emergency medical services to Travis County for over thirty years. The current Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for ground EMS services was approved by Council on December 2, 2004. The Renewal and Amendment One for the FY 2005-2006 fiscal year was approved by Council on September 29, 2005. The Renewal and Amendment Two for the 2006-2007 fiscal year was approved by Council on October 5, 2006. The term of the current agreement expires on September 30, 2007, and it is renewable for one more term of one year.

This Renewal of and Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Interlocal Agreement will allow the City to continue to provide ground EMS services to those areas of Travis County that are located outside the City of Austin's corporate limits, under the same terms and conditions that were approved by Council in December 2004, except that the monthly fee to be paid to the City will increase to \$896,864.25 (from \$820,156.25 during FY 2007) and certain exhibits will be amended to reflect administrative updates.

Travis County reimburses the City for these services through a flat monthly rate that corresponds to the annual operating budget for EMS. The proposed amendments will adjust this monthly fee for FY 2007-2008 to correspond with the adopted operating budget for FY 2007-2008.