

Thursday, December 13, 2007

## Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 27

**Subject:** Approve payment of membership fees to the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

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This action will authorize continuance of the City's membership in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council (ASACC).

The (ASACC) is a private non-profit corporation composed of members from the region's business and private sectors. Its membership includes 15 local governments and 60 private firms and individuals.

The Corridor Council was formed in 1983 with the purpose of promoting the region's economic development, and promoting the long range planning and coordination that is necessary to ensure that growth provides the widest possible benefit and least possible damage to the region. The ASACC continues those stated purposes through regional economic development efforts and an ongoing involvement in regional infrastructure planning and implementation.

The City has been a member of the Council since 1995. Currently, the Corridor Council has been instrumental in promoting commuter rail, the SH 130 project, and other toll road projects.

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval of the City's continued membership in the ASACC, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.