

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 20

Subject: Approve an ordinance to establish classifications and positions in the classified service of the Austin Police Department and repeal Ordinance No. 20070910-010.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Art Acevedo, Chief of Police/974-5030

Prior Council Action: Classification Ordinance No. 20070910-010 adopted by Council on September 10, 2007.

The Austin Police Department proposes to amend the current classification ordinance to provide three (3) Commanders and six (6) Lieutenants to fill identified gaps in the department's management structure. The three Commander positions will operate as executive staff commanders which would aid and support the Assistant Chief's with day to day operations as well as performing additional duties by overseeing the Risk Management Division, Community Education and Outreach Division and the "Watch Commanders". Five Lieutenants will staff the "Watch Commander" positions and one Lieutenant will be assigned to the Community Education and Outreach division.

This action does not increase the total authorized strength of the Police Department.

The civil service classifications of the Police Department and the number of positions in each classification are established as follows: Assistant Chief 5 Commander 22 Police Lieutenant 64 Police Sergeant 151 Police Detective 288 Police Corporal 72 Police Officer 913.