

Thursday, May 8, 2008

Neighborhood Planning & Zoning RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 21

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the City's continued membership in the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) in an amount not to exceed \$72,684.

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

For More Information: Greg Guernsey, 974-2387; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Prior Council Action: 2/14/02 – Council directed the City manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with CAPCO for a regional plan to be performed by Fregonese-Calthorpe in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

10/03/02 – Council approved an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with CAPCO to increase funding for the City's participation in the Central Texas Regional Transportation Visioning Project, in an amount not to exceed \$900,000.

5/19/05 – Council approved a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Capital Area Planning Council of Governments (CAPCOG) for the City's participation in Envision Central Texas for Fiscal Years 2004-2005 and 2005-2006, in an amount not to exceed \$134,000, for a total contract amount of \$1,284,000.

5/25/06 – Council approved an Interlocal Agreement for a 10 year sub-lease of a 4,200 sq. ft. back-up facility for the 911 Center, and accepted \$866,000 in funding from CAPCOG to purchase equipment for the establishment and operation of the 911 back-up center.

The Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG), formerly Capital Area Planning Council (CAPCO), was organized in 1970 to serve local governments in the ten-county central Texas region. Member counties in CAPCOG include Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Hays, Leander, Llano, Travis and Williamson Counties.

The primary focus of CAPCOG is to serve as advocate, planner and coordinator of initiatives that, when undertaken on a regional basis, can be more effective and efficient. These include emergency services, elderly assistance, law enforcement training, criminal justice planning, solid waste reduction, regional planning, transportation planning, infrastructure development, and housing and economic development.

This action will continue the City's membership in CAPCOG through 2008.