Thursday, July 24, 2008

Contract and Land Management   **Item No. 18**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve the negotiation and execution of a lease and facilities use agreement with Austin Community College for a five year initial term with one 5-year extension option for a firefighter-training program to be located on approximately 2 acres of land on the City-owned Bill Roberts Fire Training Center at 4800B Shaw Lane, Austin, TX.

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

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This contract establishes a lease and facilities use agreement between Austin Community College (ACC) and the City of Austin to allow ACC to locate classroom and storage facilities on a designated portion of the Bill Roberts Fire Training Center, 4800B Shaw Lane and to use Austin Fire Department drill field. ACC will improve the site with several buildings, parking lots, utility connections and related improvements and will conduct a basic firefighting certification academy for students registered with ACC. In return, ACC will facilitate the delivery of Austin Fire Department's continuing education and professional development courses, by providing the Austin Fire Department reasonable and ongoing access to all of ACC's appropriate educational resources in connection with the Austin Fire Department's courses, including access to Blackboard software programs available to ACC.

The initial lease term is for five years ending on December 31, 2013, with an additional five-year term. ACC will provide insurance and will coordinate all activities on the drill field through the AFD and will comply with applicable AFD rules in such use. ACC will pay for its utility service including a calculated charge for the use of water on the drill field. The Lease provides for the relocation of the facilities and/or termination, if the City otherwise requires the use of the leased area during the term of the Lease.