

AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Watershed Protection and Development Review
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 81**

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of a twelve (12) month contract with AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (AISD) for the provision of transportation services for students participating in the Earth Camp program for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in the estimated annual amount of \$18,000, and to include five (5) additional one-year extension options, for a total contract not to exceed \$108,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: \$1,500 (one month) is included in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. The balance of \$16,500 is contingent on approval of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget and the availability of funding in future budgets for the extension options.

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

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This twelve (12) month agreement in the estimated annual amount of \$18,000 will continue Earth Camp transportation services that have been provided by AISD for the past ten (10) years. The service is provided by AISD using their school buses and will be billed at a rate of approximately \$15 per hour for locations within AISD district boundaries, and at a rate of approximately \$15 per hour plus \$1.25 per mile for locations outside of AISD district boundaries.

Earth Camp students will be transported between their schools and various Earth Camp sites throughout the City for twenty (20) hours per week for twenty-five (25) weeks. Earth Camp sites to be visited include Blunn Creek Nature Preserve, Bull Creek Preserve, Walnut Creek Metro Park, St. Edwards Park, McKinney Falls State Park, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Barton Springs, the Green Classroom at Becker Elementary School, Whirlpool Cave and Village of Western Oaks Karst Preserve. Students will be transported to various caves for education.