RESOLUTION NO. 20080724-086

WHEREAS, Mobile Loaves & Fishes operates an outreach program titled Habitat on Wheels, which provides an affordable place to live for those with little to no income; and

WHEREAS, the Habitat on Wheels program offers low rent travel trailer housing to the homeless with the ultimate goal of integrating them into the community by providing a much-needed structure in their lives; and

WHEREAS, there is a public need for low / moderate income housing and the City of Austin has identified land that can accommodate the vision of the Habitat on Wheels community; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2008, the City Council directed the City Manager to negotiate and execute a lease with Mobile Loaves and Fishes for its Habitat on Wheels program, that serves the public purpose of providing low and / or moderate income housing on land owned by the City adjacent to the East Service Center located on Harold Court; and

WHEREAS, since that time, the City Council has received significant public feedback regarding the proposed location on Harold Court; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this feedback, it was determined that more dialogue and research was necessary before moving forward on any proposed location; and

WHEREAS, the City Council maintains its wish to support the mission of Mobile Loaves & Fishes by partnering with them in their Habitat on Wheels program; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to cease negotiation and execution of a lease with Mobile Loaves and Fishes for its Habitat on Wheels program on land owned by the City adjacent to the East Service Center located on Harold Court for a period of twelve (12) months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That during the twelve (12) month period, the City Manager is directed to conduct a search of suitable properties throughout the City for alternate locations for such a development and provide a monthly progress report to Council. The search should include any and all available City-owned property held in all parts of the City.

ADOPTED: July 24, 2008 ATTEST: Shirley Gentry
City Clerk