

AGENDA



Thursday, October 16, 2008

**Convention Center
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 10**

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Austin Convention Center Department Operating Budget of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to decrease the Ending Balance by \$155,000 and increase the Transfers Out to the Capital Improvement Project Fund in the amount of \$155,000; amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Palmer Events Center Operating Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to decrease the Ending Balance by \$60,000 and increase the Transfers Out to the Capital Improvement Project Fund in the amount of \$60,000; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Austin Convention Center Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20080908-003 to appropriate the \$155,000 transfer from the Austin Convention Center Department Operating Budget for the Convention Center Enterprise Security Assess System Project and to appropriate the \$60,000 transfer from the Palmer Events Center Operating Fund for the Palmer Enterprise Security Assess System Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding of \$155,000 is available from the ending balance of the Austin Convention Center Department Operating Fund and funding of \$60,000 is available from the ending balance of the Austin Convention Center Department Palmer Events Center (PEC) Operating Fund.

Fiscal Note: Fiscal (3) notes attached.

For More Information: Mark Tester, Director of the Austin Convention Center Department 404-4040 or Michele Gizelbach, Acting Chief Financial Manager, 404-4054.

Prior Council Action: September 8, 2008: Council approved Budget Ordinance 20080908-002 and 20080908-003.

The Austin Convention Center Department is seeking this budget amendment, so the City may replace and upgrade the Convention Center and Palmer Events Center building security system infrastructure and participate in an enterprise-wide security access systems contract to maintain security infrastructure.

This budget amendment will permit the Convention Center Department to replace end-of-life access control system components that are no longer functional or are not supported by any vendor or manufacturer. This includes replacing building access control components, video surveillance cameras, recording equipment, and alarm system hardware and software at both the Convention Center and the Palmer Events Center. In addition, the video surveillance system at the 5th Street Parking Garage will be expanded to enhance the security monitoring provided to patrons of this garage.

Replacing this equipment will also permit the Austin Convention Center Department to place the entire security system infrastructure on a maintenance agreement to ensure any on-going maintenance and repairs are performed in a quick and cost-effective manner.