

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 35**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the extension of line of duty injury leave at full pay for Austin Police Department Sergeant Robert McGowen.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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In accordance with Local Government Code, Section 143.073, a municipality shall provide a leave of absence, with full pay, for an injury related to the person's line of duty for up to one year. At the end of the one-year period, the City Council may extend the injury leave at full or reduced pay. APD is requesting an extension of line of duty injury leave at full pay for Sergeant Robert McGowan for up to a 12-month period.

Sergeant McGowen injured his knee on July 27, 2007 while attempting to arrest a suspect. Attempts to repair the knee surgically and through physical therapy have been unsuccessful. He is currently scheduled for a knee replacement at the end of October 2008 with his injury leave set to expire on November 22, 2008. The 12-month extension will allow Sergeant McGowen the needed time to recover from his surgery.