

AGENDA



Thursday, February 12, 2009

**Neighborhood Planning & Zoning
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 11**

Subject: Approve payment of membership fees to the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

This action will authorize continuance of the City's membership in the Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council (ASACC).

The ASACC is a private non-profit corporation composed of memmbers from the region's business and private sectors. Its membership includes 15 local governments and 60 private firms and individuals.

The Corridor Council was formed in 1983 with the purpose of promoting the region's economic development, and promoting the long range planning and coordination that is necessary to ensure that growth provides the widest possible benefit and least possible damage to the region. The ASACC continues those stated purposes through regional economic development efforts and an ongoing involvement in regional infrastructure planning and implementation.

The City has been a member of the Council since 1995. Currently, the Corridor Council's three major projects are SH 130, promoting commuter rail throughout the region, and the Digital Convergence Initiative (DCI), which is part of the University of Texas IC2 Institute and their efforts to create an economic super cluster through the digital convergence business and research base of the surrounding region.

The Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department recommends approval of the City's continued membership in the ASACC, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.