Thursday, February 26, 2009

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 6

Subject: Approve the negotiation and execution of a deed to the TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT for those certain tracts of real property located in Travis County, Texas, at the terminus of Lola Lane, consisting of approximately 1.25 acres and being further described in those deeds recorded at Volume 2255, Pages 199 to 211, of the Deed Records of Travis County, Texas.

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

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On May 15, 2004, the voters of Travis County approved the creation of the Travis County Healthcare District and the District assumed responsibility for funding and providing medical and hospital care for indigent and needy persons within Travis County. The governing statute, Chapter 281 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, requires the City to transfer its healthcare facilities to the District upon the District attaining Federally Qualified Health Care Provider (FQHC) status. Several stand-alone facilities, including Brackenridge Hospital, have been or will be transferred by deed through separate Request for Council Actions (RCA).

The Interlocal Agreement between the City and Travis County, dated September 30, 2004, as amended, established the District and directed the transfer of certain City real property interests to the District, including Brackenridge Hospital. The Puett Tracts (see the attached location map), which are described in the deeds referred to above, were dedicated to the City's in trust for benefit of Brackenridge Hospital's. The District, as the current owner of Brackenridge Hospital under a deed from the City, is now the entity which is able to beneficially use these properties subject to this condition. Therefore, these properties should be transferred to the District as well.