Thursday, June 18, 2009

Office of Emergency Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 22

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Houston to, in the event of a disaster, provide aid, including emergency personnel, debris removal personnel, equipment and other aid as requested by the affected municipality.

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The Mayor of the City of Houston has asked that the City of Austin enter into this mutual aid agreement in anticipation of the upcoming hurricane season. This action will authorize the City Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with the City of Houston to provide mutual aid in the event of a disaster in either city. The agreement contains a clause which entitles the City that provides aid to reimbursement for actual costs for the aid provided.

This agreement is very similar to the agreement the City of Austin entered into with the City of Houston to provide aid after Hurricane Ike. The agreement related to Hurricane Ike was limited to providing aid for cities affected by Hurricane Ike. This agreement is open ended in the sense that it is not limited to one particular disaster.