

AGENDA



Thursday, June 10, 2010

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 17**

Subject: Approve an ordinance authorizing the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$539,358 from the Downtown Austin Alliance; and amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20090914-002 to appropriate an additional \$110,358 for a total of \$539,358 in funding for the Downtown Ranger Program.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the Downtown Austin Alliance from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The Downtown Ranger Program has been an effective tool in addressing public order issues and making the downtown area safer for citizens and visitors. Downtown Rangers are civilian employees that assist in walking and bicycle patrol. The Austin Police Department (APD) Downtown Area Command manages the Ranger Program. This Council action accepts funding to maintain 13 full time equivalent(FTE) positions for the Ranger Program. Funding for these FTE positions covers salary, fringe benefits and all related equipment such as a police bicycle and radio. The Downtown Ranger Program has been successful in providing part-time job opportunities to future APD cadets awaiting the APD Training Academy. This aspect of the program strengthens APD's recruitment efforts.

The General Fund will not be required to contribute to this grant.