Thursday, September 23, 2010

Fleet Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 25

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office, under which the Comptroller will reimburse the City of Austin up to \$100,000 of the purchase price for twenty (20) hybrid vehicles, and the City's Financial and Administrative Services Department-Fleet Services Division will provide monthly reports to the Comptroller, for a term beginning upon execution of the Interlocal Agreement and ending on May 31, 2011.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount up to \$100,000 is available from the Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office.

For More Information: Gerry Calk, Fleet Officer 974-1541, Will O'Connor, Vehicle Acquisitions Manager 927-3297.

Boards and Commission Action: Related to Item #26.

Prior Council Action: April 29, 2010, approved purchase of light duty vehicles.

On April 29, 2010, Council approved the purchase of multiple hybrid vehicles to replace older vehicles and improve regional air quality. These vehicles have been purchased. The City's Financial and Administrative Services Department-Fleet Services Division submitted a grant application to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office, to reimburse the City for a portion of this purchase.

The City's cost to purchase twenty (20) hybrid vehicles was \$570,705.19. Grant funding of up to \$100,000 is available from the Comptroller as reimbursement for the purchase of these vehicles and for certain reports and data to be provided to the grantor by Fleet Services. The twenty (20) hybrids replaced twenty (20) older City vehicles with lower emissions standards that have been inspected by Fleet and determined to meet replacement criteria. Fleet Services has worked with the Austin Climate Protection Team in establishing a hierarchy of vehicle and fuel purchases to help in achieving our clean air goals. This grant supports Fleet's ongoing efforts of obtaining carbon neutrality by 2020.