

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Texas Facilities Commission is assessing its physical resources and presence in Austin and evaluating a proposal that would triple the amount of space at the Capitol Complex, including joint development with private partners where there are currently parking lots or garages; and

WHEREAS, the proposal envisions moving State employees from leased space to new State-owned buildings near the Capitol and potentially adding 7 million square feet of space with only 1 million necessary for use as offices for State employees; and

WHEREAS, the proposal envisions that the remaining 6 million square feet, which could enrich local property tax rolls if constructed as a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly development consistent with City of Austin development and in compliance with Capitol view corridors, would enhance the urban environment, increase quality of life amenities such as parks, trails, and historic preservation, and be well served by public transit; and

WHEREAS, by working with the State of Texas, Travis County, potentially the University of Texas System, the University of Texas at Austin, the Seton family of hospitals, and other stakeholders on a master plan, the City of Austin could bolster its long term financial position by strengthening its property tax base, creating synergy in redeveloping the Waller Creek area, funding an urban transit system, and exploring the development of vibrant medical education and research infrastructure, including a medical school, in the area; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Facilities Commission is undertaking a master planning effort to determine the economic feasibility and land use scenarios to better utilize the Capitol Complex, maximize State resources, and plan for future State growth; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 to partner in the Texas Facilities Commission's master planning effort.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk