

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 3

**Subject:** Authorize the negotiation and execution of a twelve (12) month lease renewal with GLENN AND BRITTA M. HERZOG, Manor, Texas, for horse stable and arena facilities located at 8011 Boyce Lane, Manor, Texas, for use by the Austin Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit, in an amount not to exceed \$54,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$22,500 is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department. Funding for any remaining lease term period is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

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

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**Prior Council Action:** April 16, 1998 - Council approved the original lease agreement; June 27, 2002 - Council approved the lease renewal; January 12, 2006 - Council approved additional lease renewal.

The Austin Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit has been housed at this facility since 1993. The current lease payment is \$4,500 per month, and the lease expires April 30, 2011. The facility includes 16 stalls, an arena, two round pens, a turn-out pasture, and a hay barn. Taxes, insurance, and utilities are included in the monthly rate.

On October 14, 2010, Council approved the purchase of a tract consisting of 88 acres of vacant land located on the north side of McAngus Road at Towery Lane as the future site of the Mounted Patrol Unit. This renewal will allow for the continued use of the current site while the City evaluates facility options and secures funding for the project. The proposed 12 month lease would commence May 1, 2011 and remain at \$4,500 per month for the lease term. Additional negotiated terms and conditions may provide for future extensions of the lease term, including reasonable increases in rent.