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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	51219	Agenda Number	2.
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Meeting Date:	10/8/2015	Department:	Austin Fire Department
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Subject

Approve negotiation of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the creation of a sobriety center that incorporates the terms recommended by the Austin-Travis County Intergovernmental Working Group.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

No fiscal note required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20150618-084
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20150618-084 the Austin-Travis County Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG) was created to work with the City Manager and other relevant parties to develop recommendations regarding (1) the location for a potential sobriety center, (2) a governing structure or inter-local agreement for the relevant entities, and (3) a funding plan for a sobriety center based on the model recommended in the Sobriety Center Implementation Report.

City and Travis County staff has recommended the County Medical Examiner Facility (MEF) located at 1213 Sabine Street, Austin TX 78701 as the location for a sobriety center. Staff also recommended the use of a local government corporation (LGC) for the governance and operation of the sobriety center. A funding plan has yet to be developed. The IWG, in concurring with staff recommendations, has requested that their respective governing bodies of the Austin City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court formalize the recommendations. To that end, council approval of this item directs the City Manager to negotiate an inter-local agreement with Travis County incorporating the terms described below:

1. City and County will participate in creating a joint Local Government Corporation (LGC) to operate a sobriety center.
2. City and County will cooperate in locating a suitable facility or property for the sobriety center. City and County will explore the terms for converting the property currently used as the Travis County Medical Examiner facility for use as a sobriety center.
3. An additional use of the MEF property may include a separate area in the building for an Austin Police Department (APD) substation housing APD officers.
4. City and County will negotiate:
 - a. City's and County's funding obligations for the LGC operations and capital expenses.
 - b. The number of LGC board members to be appointed by the City and by the County.
 - c. LGC insurance requirements.
 - d. Provisions regarding board member liability.
 - e. Provisions that the LGC will indemnify and hold harmless the city and county.
 - f. Provisions for other organizations or agencies to participate in the sobriety center.
 - g. Provisions for the LGC to explore the access to or the provision of detoxification services.
5. City and County will negotiate and cooperate in:
 - a. The appointment of the residents who will file an application for creation of the joint LGC.
 - b. Creation of a resolution by Council and Commissioners Court authorizing formation of LGC.
 - c. Drafting the terms of a certificate of formation of the LGC.