Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID 58329

Agenda Number 20.

Meeting Date: 6/9/2016

Department: Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Subject

Authorize execution of an interlocal agreement with the City of Galveston, for the City of Austin to provide temporary emergency shelter services for City of Galveston evacuees during mandatory evacuations.

Amount and Source of Funding

City of Austin General Fund monies will not be required. All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed by the State of Texas Division of Emergency Management when this sheltering system is activated.

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

May 2006 - Council approved an initial agreement which was renewed for a period of five years.
April 2011 - Council approved an updated agreement which was renewed for a period of five years.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

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Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

For the past 10 years, the City of Austin has served as the emergency shelter for hurricane evacuees from the City of Galveston. Under this agreement “point-to-point” evacuees consist of persons who reside in the City of Galveston and do not have their own transportation to flee major hurricanes.

This agreement renews this arrangement with the City of Galveston. Up to 1200 evacuees may come to Austin from the City of Galveston under this agreement for a period of 3 to 5 days. These evacuees are typically sheltered in Austin Convention Center or Palmer Events Center facilities.

It is expected that the State of Texas will reimburse the City of Austin for all reasonable expenses it incurs to temporarily shelter City of Galveston evacuees who come to Austin during a mandatory evacuation, when the State of Texas Division of Emergency Management has activated the State’s emergency sheltering system.