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CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 18
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/24/2005
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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution naming the police sub-station facility located at 404 Ralph Ablanado Drive as the "Clinton Warren Hunter Police South Substation."

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**REQUESTING Police
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S
AUTHORIZATION: Rick Coy**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Coy, Assistant Police Chief; Yuki Miyamoto, 974-5853

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: N/A

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

PURCHASING: N/A

MBE / WBE: N/A

This resolution names the south police substation located at 404 Ralph Ablanado Dr. in memory of Officer Clinton Hunter. On November 29, 2001, as Officer Hunter attempted to deploy a tire deflation device to stop a fleeing DWI suspect, he was struck and killed by that driver on the east frontage road to S. IH35 at Onion Creek Parkway. This facility naming honors Officer Hunter for his dedication to the City and the department.

Resolution No. _____

WHEREAS, Clinton Warren Hunter joined the Austin Police Department as a member of the 99th Cadet Class on February 22, 2000 and was commissioned on September 8, 2000; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Austin Police Department, Clinton had proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and during that time served as platoon leader, driver, gunner and as a cavalry scout while in Bosnia; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the military was named Soldier of the Month on 3 different occasions, Squadron Soldier of the Month, Quarterly Soldier and Regiment Soldier, and honorably separated from the Army in 1999; and

WHEREAS, upon becoming an officer with the Austin Police Department, Clinton was assigned to the Southeast Area Command, F400 platoon; and

WHEREAS, during his assignment there he received several written commendations, was awarded the Crowd Management Team pin, and earned a Campaign ribbon for the Mardi Gras 2001 event; and

WHEREAS, on November 29, 2001 Clinton Warren Hunter was assisting fellow officers in attempting to stop a suspected DWI subject who was fleeing from officers; and

WHEREAS, Officer Hunter was in the process of deploying a tire deflation device along the east frontage road of South IH35 at Onion Creek Parkway because the suspect was driving northbound in that area, headed back into Austin area traffic and was clearly a danger to everyone on the road; and

WHEREAS, the suspect vehicle crested a blind rise in the roadway at a high rate of speed and struck Officer Hunter's police vehicle and then the officer himself; and

WHEREAS, despite the sustained and heroic actions of fellow officers and emergency services personnel, Officer Clinton Warren Hunter died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision; and

WHEREAS, Clinton's lifelong ambition had been to become a police officer, and once becoming an Austin Police Officer he was exemplary to others, vivacious and witty, a natural leader on his shift, and had a permanent smile on his face that typified his love for the job and for life; and

WHEREAS, his supervisors and fellow shift members remember Clinton as having a quick wit, an ability to laugh at himself, and his natural ability to perform to the utmost, so much so that Clinton was nicknamed "Senior Patrol Rookie in Charge" by his shift; and

WHEREAS, those who knew him well agree that Officer Clinton Warren Hunter was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing on the last day of his life; and

WHEREAS, in May 2002 Officer Clinton Warren Hunter's name was inscribed on the wall at the National Peace Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2002, Officer Hunter was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart with Valor which was accepted by his widow, Colleen; and

WHEREAS, a park area developed by Officer Hunter's fellow officers and friends, located at the Police Department's South Substation on Ralph Ablanado Dr. was dedicated to the memory of Clinton and his family on November 29, 2003; **NOW**

THEREFORE,

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

That in accordance with Section 15-7-22 of the City Code, the Council hereby authorizes the police sub-station facility located at 404 Ralph Ablando Dr. be from this date forward known and recognized as the **Clinton Warren Hunter Austin Police South Substation.**

ADOPTED: _____, 2004 ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Brown

City Clerk