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RESOLUTION NO. 20060622-XXX

WHEREAS, the City of Austin employs law enforcement officers in four different capacities: as Austin Police Officers in the Police Department and as Airport Police Officers, Park Police Officers, and City Marshals in the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department; and

WHEREAS, the officers in each Department perform different duties but all are commissioned as peace officers by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) and exercise law enforcement powers; and

WHEREAS, the two Departments employing the officers have separate command structures and use different sets of policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the officers in the two Departments have different employment rights and compensation structures; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Manager be directed to complete a feasibility study regarding the potential costs, savings, efficiencies, employment issues, and practicality of combining all of the City's law enforcement officers under a central command and control structure, and report back to Council in forty-five (45) days after this resolution.

ADOPTED:	June 22	, 2006	ATTEST:	
				Shirley A. Gentry
				City Clerk