

Police
CITY OF AUSTIN

AGENDA
DATE: 4/20/2006

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**RECOMMENDATION FOR
COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the extension of line of duty injury leave at full pay for Austin Police Department Officer Steve Claiborne.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget for the Police Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

Requesting Department: Police

For More Information:

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

In accordance with Local Government Code, Sec. 143.073, a municipality shall provide a leave of absence, with full pay, for an injury related to the person's line of duty for up to one year. At the end of the one-year period, the City Council may extend the injury leave at full or reduced pay. APD is requesting an extension of line of duty injury leave at full pay for Officer Claiborne for up to a 12-month period.

Steve Claiborne was injured on April 3, 2005 when a car turned in front of his police motorcycle causing a motor vehicle accident. Currently, he uses a cane to walk, and he will require throat surgery in April of 2006. The 12-month extension will give Officer Claiborne the needed time to recover from his injuries.

RESOLUTION NO. 20060420-

WHEREAS, Police Officer Steven Claiborne of the Austin Police Department was critically injured while attempting to stop a traffic violator on March 4, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Act provides leave for up to one year for Civil Service police officers injured in the line of duty and Officer Claiborne was unable to return to full duty during the year since his injury, and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Act authorizes a municipality's governing body to extend the injury leave at full pay; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the injury leave provided for Officer Steven Claiborne under Section 143.073 of the Texas Local Government Code is hereby extended beyond March 4, 2006. This extension shall cover additional periods of leave necessary because of the injury he sustained on March 4, 2005, up to a maximum of one year of additional leave.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk