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Police RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 18

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year Interlocal Agreement with Travis County in the amount of \$4,589,912 for central booking and related jail services with four 12-month renewals.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$4,589,912 will be included in the Proposed Police Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2007.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note not required.

Additional Backup Material
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No Attachments Available

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Prior Council Action: May 25, 2006, by Resolution No. 20060525-051

The Travis County Sheriff's Office operates the Central Booking Facility at the Travis County Criminal Justice Center, at 500 West 10th Street. Since 1988 the City of Austin and Travis County have shared the cost of operating a Central Booking Facility under an Interlocal Agreement. The current Interlocal agreement has been in effect since 2000. In August, 2005, the agreement was extended for an additional year, and will expire on September 30, 2006.

The Interlocal Agreement provides for booking and magistration services that are required for prisoners arrested by peace officers employed by the City of Austin. City staff and the Austin Police Department have met with Travis County personnel the past year to review current procedures, recommended changes to those procedures, and methods of cost allocation. City staff concluded that it would be appropriate to enter into a new Interlocal Agreement with Travis County. The Agreement has been prepared through a negotiation process.

The proposed Interlocal Agreement would be effective on October 1, 2006, for a term of one year from its effective date, and would automatically renew annually for four additional years unless terminated by either party. It provides for booking of city prisoners, magistration of prisoners by City of Austin Municipal Court judges, and provision of identification services by the Austin Police Department. The City will provide magistration services at the Central Booking Facility 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Currently, magistration is conducted between the hours on 7 am and 1 am. The Proposed Budget includes the necessary staff and resources for this change. The magistration services will be reviewed by a city/county coordinating committee during the initial term, and the committee will evaluate whether renewal of the 24/7 service is appropriate. The coordinating committee will also review performance data related to officer time spent in the booking process, and turnaround time for prisoner positive identification by APD. The County will create an intake control officer position to supervise prisoners when their property is being searched and inventoried.

Under the Agreement, the City will pay the County a total of \$4,589,912 for the first year of the agreement; an increase of \$179,781 over the current interlocal agreement. The cost model for the City's payments to the County during the term of this contract is based upon a calculation of projected direct city and county costs associated with central booking operations. The cost model is as follows:

Total County Budgeted Direct Costs for Central Booking Less: City budgeted direct costs for magistration services
Less: City budgeted direct costs for identification services Equals: Adjusted Budgeted Direct Costs for Central
Booking

Adjusted Budgeted Direct Cost for Central Booking Multiplied by: Actual percentage of city prisoner bookings out of
the total number of bookings handled for prior fiscal year Equals: City Reimbursement Amount to County

Costs do not include any indirect governmental costs, such as costs of general administration, legal department,
purchasing department, human resources department, or information technology department. County direct costs
associated with the provision of services by the Pre-Trial Services division are not included in the Total County
Budgeted Direct Costs for the initial term of this agreement. A portion of these costs will be included in subsequent
renewal terms in the following manner:

First Renewal Term (FY 08): 10% of direct budgeted Pre-Trial Services costs for FY 08; Second Renewal Term (FY
09): 20% of direct budgeted Pre-Trial Services costs for FY 09; Third Renewal Term (FY 10): 30% of direct
budgeted Pre-Trial Services costs for FY 10; Fourth Renewal Term (FY 11): 50% of direct budgeted Pre-Trial
Services costs for FY 11.

Before a renewal term, the City and County will meet to review and negotiate the amount of compensation to be
paid by City to County during the following fiscal year. Any cost increases that result in more than a 5% increase of
direct budged costs for either the City or the County are subject to negotiation and mutual agreement. If the
parties fail to agree on the amount to be paid during the next fiscal year, the amount to be paid to the County
during the next fiscal year is the amount of the payment for the current fiscal year, with an increase of 5%.