



MEMORANDUM

TO: Toby Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Budget Officer

DATE: August 24, 2006

SUBJECT: Public Safety Consultants

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Item # 59 on the August 24, 2006 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution to direct the City Auditor, with input from the City Manager as well as public safety departments and public safety associations, and upon approval of the Audit and Finance Committee of the City Council, to solicit, negotiate, and execute a contract with consultants having expertise in public safety operations and administration for the purpose of conducting an independent assessment of public safety in the City of Austin. Given that the proposed scope of work for the assessment is fairly broad at this time, we estimate the cost would be between \$200,000 and \$500,000. There is now no identified source of funding for the assessment – it would have to be provided in the approved Fiscal Year 2006-2007 budget.