

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Subchapter B of Chapter 142 of the Texas Local Government Code authorizes the City of Austin to enter into written agreements regarding wages, salaries, rates of pay, hours or work, or other terms and conditions of employment affecting certain law enforcement officers employed in the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department; and

WHEREAS, such written agreements may be negotiated by the City of Austin only with an Association which does not advocate the illegal right to strike by public employees and which has been designated by a majority of the law enforcement officers employed in the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department; and

WHEREAS, such Subchapter requires that, the City Council must, by majority vote, determine that the City of Austin may meet and confer under such Subchapter without conducting an election by the voters of the municipality or conduct such an election; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has received a petition that designates the Austin Public Safety Officers Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all law enforcement officers employed by the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department other than the Department Director,

Assistant Department Director, and other exempt employees, for purposes of meet and confer negotiations under that Subchapter; and

WHEREAS, such Association has requested that the City Council determine that the City of Austin may meet and confer under such Subchapter without conducting an election by the voters of the municipality; and

WHEREAS, such Association has provided written representation that it does not advocate the illegal right to strike by public employees; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department has determined that such petition was signed by a majority of the law enforcement officers employed by that department; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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


That the Austin Public Safety Officers Association is hereby recognized by the City of Austin, as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for all law enforcement officers employed by the Public Safety and Emergency Management Department other than the Department Director, Assistant Department Director, and other exempt employees, for purposes of meet and confer negotiations under Subchapter B of Chapter 142 of the Texas Local Government Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED :

That the City Council hereby determines that the City of Austin may meet and confer under Subchapter B of Chapter 142 of the Texas Local Government Code without conducting an election by the voters of the municipality.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006

ATTEST: _____


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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