

AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Approve the negotiation and execution of the documents and instruments necessary both to use a tract of 88.076 acres on the north side of McAngus Road at Towery Lane in Austin, Travis County, Texas for municipal purposes and to remit up to \$475,000 to the Noise Compatibility Program fund.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Amended Capital Budget of the Austin Police Department. Related to Items #24 and 25.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Since 1993, the Austin Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit has leased eight acres of a thirty-three acre tract at 8011 E. Parmer Lane. The current lease payment is \$4,500 per month. The owner of 8011 E. Parmer Lane is actively marketing the entire thirty-three acre tract, and the current lease agreement allows the owner or the City to terminate the lease with a six month advance written notice.

The Mounted Patrol Unit has eighteen trained police horses and riders to assist in the prevention and detection of crime, search and rescue efforts, crowd control, demonstration control and parades. The Mounted Patrol Unit provides support to the Downtown Area Command on weekends and Special Events (New Year's Eve, Halloween, and Mardi Gras).

The tract consists of 88.076 acres of vacant land located on the north side of McAngus Road at Towery Lane in Austin, Texas. The site was acquired by the City of Austin Aviation Department pursuant to the Airport Noise Compatibility Program using grants from the Federal Aviation Administration. Under Federal Law, the Aviation Department is required to mitigate residential and other non-airport compatible uses and re-sell the property at fair market value. Because the property was originally acquired using FAA grant funds, the City cannot use the land for municipal purposes unless it remits to the Noise Compatibility Program fund the value of the property.

This site meets current and future needs of the Mounted Patrol Unit.