

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 14, 2010

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 25**

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**Subject:** Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Police Department Capital Budget of Ordinance No. 20100913-003 to appropriate \$475,000 for the purchase of real estate on the north side of McAngus Road at Towery Lane in Austin, Travis County, Texas for the Mounted Patrol Unit.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$475,000 is available from a reimbursement resolution. Related to Items #6 and 24.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Chief Art Acevedo, Austin Police Department, / 974-5030; Alice Suter, Financial Manager / 974-5069

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The Austin Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit currently leases eight acres, of a thirty-three acre tract at 8011 E. Parmer Lane and has since 1993. The current lease payment is \$4,500 per month. The owner of 8011 E. Parmer land 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, and demonstrations 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).

Approval of this budget amendment will provide the funds necessary for the purchase of 88.076 acres of vacant land located on the north side of McAngus Road at Towery Lane in Austin, Travis County, Texas. This site meets current and future needs of the Mounted Patrol Unit.