

## AGENDA



Thursday, December 16, 2010

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 30**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the State of Texas, Attorney General's Office, Criminal Investigations Division for up to \$10,000 for peace officer overtime incurred while working on Human Trafficking cases as part of the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Special Revenue Fund of the Austin Police Department from the Bureau of Justice Assistance "Austin Area Human Trafficking Task Force Fiscal Year 2010 Continuation Funding" grant program.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

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This action would authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with The State of Texas, Attorney General's Office, Criminal Investigations Division to allow for reimbursement by the City for overtime hours incurred by Texas Attorney General's Office peace officers working on Human Trafficking cases as part of the Austin/Travis County Human Trafficking Law Enforcement Task Force.

"Human Trafficking" means deceiving or coercing people under threat of harm, usually for the purpose of compelling them to engage in forced labor or sexual exploitation. Human Trafficking investigations form the law enforcement basis of this Agreement. Human Trafficking must not be confused with human smuggling which is when an individual voluntarily seeking out a smuggler pays a fee in exchange for transport to a destination and is free to do as one wishes upon reaching his destination.

Under this Agreement, the City agrees to reimburse the Texas Attorney General's Office for peace officer overtime costs, not to exceed \$10,000, for the period of January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011 for Texas Office of the Attorney General peace officer overtime hours for Human Trafficking cases investigated by the Task Force. The overtime rate charged by the Texas Attorney General's Office will be consistent with the actual rate received by the officer assigned to the investigations.

Funding for the overtime costs comes from the Bureau of Justice Assistance "Fiscal Year 2010 Human Trafficking Task Force Initiative" grant program.