

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: **027**

Police

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for operation of a central booking facility and related services for an initial term of 12 months with up to four optional annual extensions, in a total amount not to exceed \$36,483,023.

Lead Department	Austin Police Department.
Fiscal Note	Funding in the amount of \$6,740,737 is available in the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department for Central Booking related services. Funding for the remaining contract term is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.
Prior Council Action	January 26, 2017 - The motion authorizing negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County was approved on consent on Council Member Garza’s motion, Council Member Pool’s second on a 10-1 vote. Council Member Troxclair voted nay.
For More Information	Brian Manley, Interim Police Chief, Austin Police Department, (512) 974-5030.

Additional Backup Information:

The Travis County Sheriff’s Office operates the Central Booking Facility at the Travis County Criminal Justice Center located at 500 West 10th Street. Since 1988, the City of Austin and

Travis County have shared the costs of operating the Central Booking Facility via an interlocal agreement.

The interlocal agreement provides for booking and magistration services that are required for prisoners arrested by peace officers employed by the City of Austin. City staff have met with Travis County personnel the past several months to review current procedures, recommend changes to those procedures and methods of cost allocation.

The current proposed interlocal agreement includes a new cost model that will provide continuity and stability over the next five years in operations and budgeting. The new model uses historical trends in both City and County budgeted expenses, actual expenses, and actual percent/number of bookings for APD arrestees by fiscal year to come up with a “cost per booking”. The development of this agreement was negotiated over the past several months and City staff have concluded that it would be appropriate to enter into a new interlocal agreement with Travis County using this more efficient business model to recapture costs associated with the operation of the facility. The previous annual interlocal agreement process that started in FY2012 required a significant investment in time and effort by both parties to complete each year and were often made challenging by significant budget proposals or proposals to change operation so returning to an agreement that allows four annual renewals provided funding is available will allow for a more seamless process.

Provisions in the agreement will include

- The interlocal agreement will cover FY '18 and provide for four additional years through FY '22.
- Costs paid by the City will be based on a contracted cost per booking each year so that variances will be based on increases or decreases in APD bookings at the agreed upon cost per booking each year.
- The County can receive no more than 5% above the total estimated actual reimbursement amount in the cost model if bookings exceed projections in a fiscal year.
- The City must pay no less than 5% below the total estimated actual reimbursement amount in the cost model if bookings are less than projections in a fiscal year.
- The City and County will convene in the third year of the interlocal agreement to assess the new cost model and make changes if/where appropriate.

The City and County may convene to assess the cost model at any time if any significant regulatory and/or process changes occur that are unforeseen now.