

Item 13



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: July 30, 2013

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Sponsoring Court Members: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

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AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on request from the Civil Service Commission for Sheriff's Office Employees to hold occasional grievance hearings at the Commissioners Courtroom at 700 Lavaca.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Facilities Management Department (FMD) received a request from Lorrie Pickering – Coordinator for the Civil Service Commission for Sheriff's Office Employees to use the Commissioners Courtroom at 700 Lavaca for a grievance hearing on September 5, 2013. The hearing would be held from 4:30 p.m. and be concluded by midnight, at the latest. Ms. Pickering advised that there are approximately two to three of these hearings each year. Previously these hearings were routinely held at the Commissioners Courtroom at the Ned Granger Building. Ms. Pickering is requesting permission to use the current Commissioners Courtroom for this upcoming hearing on September 5th. Ms. Pickering advises that the Commissioners Courtroom configuration is conducive to their needs and also has the appropriate sound systems and recording capabilities already in place. FMD asks that the Commissioners Court likewise approve that future hearings of the Civil Service Commission be authorized to be held at the Commissioners Courtroom, if the Courtroom is available on the requested hearing date.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Facilities Management Department recommends the Commissioners Court approve the requested use of the Commissioners Courtroom for hearings of the Civil Service Commission.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

These Civil Service Commission hearings are held in the evening hours due to availability of the Commissioners. As stated on the Civil Service website

the purpose of the Commission is to promote a quality Sheriff's Office by establishing and enforcing rules and regulations that pertain to employee selection, advancement, benefits, rights and working conditions consistent with the Office's needs and circumstances.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS:

None

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Not Applicable.