



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: May 27, 2014

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Pct. 3
Commissioner Bruce Todd, Pct. 2

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

APPROVE A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A JOINT WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC SAFETY WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

With continuing public safety events that involve both the City of Austin and Travis County, it has been recommended by several members of the City Council and several members of the Commissioners Court to form a joint working group to review and discuss public safety issues and opportunities with each other, and also work closely with staff representatives to analyze relevant data and information and identify efficiencies that can be achieved through collaboration and coordination.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Emergency Services recommends approval of this Resolution. The Austin City Council approved their Resolution on May 1, 2014.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

County and City staff are currently reviewing potential use of fire sensors to wildfire threats in our area; we work together with EMS response and transport services; we work together with the COTA race track event; we work together with hazmat response and fire response; we work together with 9-1-1 service delivery; and we work together with Emergency Management activations; and many more public safety issues and opportunities.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact with this request.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Barbara Wilson, County Attorney's Office, 854-9567

JOINT WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, there are a number of public safety issues that require coordination between Travis County and the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Council Members have expressed an interest in forming a joint working group so that elected officials have an opportunity to work closely with staff representatives to analyze relevant data and information and identify efficiencies that can be achieved through collaboration and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the joint working group members from Travis County could serve as liaisons to the full Commissioners Court whenever policy direction is needed;

NOW THEREFORE, WE THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF TRAVIS COUNTY, AUSTIN, TEXAS DO HEREBY ESTABLISH A JOINT WORKING GROUP ON PUBLIC SAFETY WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN. The COMMISSIONERS COURT SHALL APPOINT TWO COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE WORKING GROUP.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS _____ DAY OF MAY 2014.

SAMUEL T. BISCOE
COUNTY JUDGE

RON DAVIS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

BRUCE TODD
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

GERALD DAUGHERTY
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

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