



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3653, **Agenda Item #:** 40.

1/18/2024

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the interlocal agreement with Travis County for booking and related services at the Travis County Central Booking Facility to extend the term of the agreement through September 30, 2024, for an amount not to exceed \$9,908,902.00.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$9,908,902 is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 General Fund Operating Budget.

Prior Council Action:

February 15, 2018 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of the current interlocal agreement with Travis County on a 9-0 vote (Council Member Troxclair abstaining and Council Member Casar off the dais).

September 15, 2022 - Council authorized negotiation and execution of a one-year extension of the interlocal agreement (Item No 31 - approved on consent).

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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 in Austin, TX. The Central Booking Facility is the location where persons arrested by APD and other local law enforcement agencies are taken upon arrest for booking, identification, magistration, and other services. Judges of the Austin Municipal Court conduct the magistrations of arrested persons at the Central Booking Facility under authority provided in State law.

Since 1988, the City and Travis County have shared the costs of operating the Central Booking Facility through an interlocal agreement. The current interlocal agreement was executed in 2018 and was extended in September 2022 for a one-year term. The parties have negotiated an additional one-year extension of the 2018 agreement to cover the City's 2023-2024 fiscal year and seek Council approval of that extension in this agenda item. The negotiated agreement is attached in the backup materials for this item. If approved by Council, this agreement will then be presented to the Travis County Commissioners Court for approval.

Approval of this item will extend the term of the interlocal agreement through September 30, 2024, and make other agreed modifications to improve the efficiency and efficacy of both the magistration services provided by the City and the daily operations conducted by the Sheriff's Office at the Central Booking Facility. The parties have also agreed to modify the cost-sharing structure in the interlocal agreement for the period covered by this amendment. Previously, the City's cost for this agreement was determined through a cost-sharing model based on the total expenses of both parties to provide their respective services at the Central Booking Facility and the proportion of total magistrations conducted at the facility attributed to APD arrests. For the period covered by this amendment the parties have agreed to a total cost of \$9,908,902 as the City's contribution to

the costs of operating the Central Booking Facility. This represents an increase of \$2,284,061. The amount of the increase is due to increased operating costs for both the County and City at the Central Booking Facility, and to provisions in the 2022 amendment that froze certain elements of the prior cost model for the period covered by that amendment, which created a larger year-over-year funding gap.

The negotiated agreement also calls for the City and the County to meet regularly during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 to discuss operational issues at the Central Booking Facility, pilot projects either party may implement that would affect operations at the Central Booking Facility, and other strategic issues.