Thursday, July 26, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 33

Subject: Approve resolution authorizing the acquisition for the Austin Clean Water Program:Govalle 1 East Lamar Area Wastewater Project of a temporary staging area and material storage site easement of 2.007 acres situated in Travis County, Texas, described as 2.007 acres, more or less, out of the Isaac Decker League Survey No. 20, Abstract No. 8 and being the same land as "Tract 2" and "Tract 3" in deed recorded in Volume 8869, Page 136, of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas and incorporated for all purposes (collectively called the "Property") located at 2505 Thornton Road, from Rox B., Duke M., and Danay C. Covert, Austin, Travis, Texas in the amount not to exceed \$258,750.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The City of Austin is upgrading its wastewater collection system as mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order, received April 29, 1999.

In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order, the City of Austin has assembled the Austin Clean Water Program to plan, design, and construct sustainable wastewater collection system improvements that will result in a collection system free from Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

The design plans for the Austin Clean Water Program: Govalle 1-East of Lamar Project require the temporary acquisition of a staging area and material storage site easement of 2.007 acres of land for a 27 month duration across property located at 2505 Thornton Road, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

An independent third-party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the proposed easement at \$258,750. The owners have agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for the temporary staging area and material storage site easement.