

AGENDA



Thursday, October 11, 2007

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 2

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the issuance by Northtown Municipal Utility District ("District") of Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$6,005,000; and approving the draft order authorizing the issuance of the bonds by the District and the Preliminary Official Statement.

Amount and Source of Funding: The City is not responsible for payment of District bond debt service unless the District is dissolved under the terms of the Consent Agreement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Bart Jennings, 972-0118; Lisa Martinez, 972-0444; Denise Avery, 972-0104

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

The Northtown Municipal Utility District ("District") was created on August 14, 1985, by an Order of the Texas Water Commission, predecessor to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ"). The District contains approximately 1,224 total acres and is located approximately 15 miles northeast of downtown Austin entirely within the City of Austin's ("City") Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. It is generally bounded by the I-35 East Service Road to the west and Howard Lane to its south and abuts portions of Dessau Road along its eastern boundary. The District receives City wholesale water and wastewater service. As of June 30, 2007, the District contained 2,469 water connections and 2,449 wastewater connections.

The City has received a request from the District to approve a District bond sale in the amount of \$6,005,000. The total amount of bonds authorized for the District is \$69,443,000. The District has previously issued the following bonds: Series 1994, \$1,000,000; Series 1997, \$995,000; Series 2001, \$2,100,000; Series 2002, \$3,510,000, Series 2003, \$3,770,000 and Series 2006, \$4,500,000. The total amount of District bonds sold to date is \$15,875,000, of which \$13,600,000 is currently outstanding. After the proposed bond issue, \$47,563,000 in District bond authority will remain.

The proceeds from the proposed bond issue will fund the District's share of costs for the water, wastewater, and drainage facilities serving the following development:

- a. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 2,
- b. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 3, Phase A,
- c. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 3, Phase B,
- d. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 3, Phase C,
- e. Northtown Park, Section 8,
- f. Brookfield Estates I, Phase 1,
- g. Brookfield Estates I, Phase 2,
- h. Brookfield Estates I, Phase 3,
- i. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 4, Phase A,
- j. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 4, Phase B,
- k. Gaston-Sheldon, Section 4, Phase C.

The TCEQ Executive Director granted formal approval of this bond issue on July 20, 2007, and the TCEQ order was formally issued on July 26, 2007. According to the TCEQ's order, the net effective rate should not exceed 5.21%. These bonds are the sole obligation of the District. However, if annexation and dissolution of the District by the City were to occur, the City would be responsible for any remaining debt.

City departmental staff from the Austin Water Utility, Parks and Recreation, Emergency Medical Services, Watershed Protection and Development Review, Library, Neighborhood Planning and Zoning, Neighborhood Housing, Finance-Treasury, Watershed Protection, Fire, and Law reviewed the District's consent agreements. City staff recommends approval of the issuance of \$6,005,000 in Northtown MUD Unlimited Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2007, contingent upon review and approval of the final bond offering documents by the Chief Financial Officer's designee.

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**Communications and Technology Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 3**

Subject: Approve an ordinance changing the name of Thrasher Lane to Richardson lane.

Amount and Source of Funding: The application fee of \$415 does not apply, since this street name change is being initiated by a City department. No fee will be required for street signs located at the corners of Felix Avenue and Thrasher Lane, since the sign already reads "Richardson Lane."

For More Information: Cathy Winfrey, GIS Addressing, 974-2398

This RCA is requesting approval of an ordinance changing the name Thrasher Lane to Richardson lane. The change is being initiated by the CTM Addressing Department to establish continuity with no disagreement from the property owners. Staff has determined this request to be consistent with the City's Codes and Policies and recommends approval.

Note: An attempt was made in 1998 to rename this street. An ordinance was never passed, although the reasons for that are not clear from the old records. The property owners believe the street was renamed then, probably in part due to the street sign reading "Richardson Lane" at the corner of Felix Avenue and Thrasher Lane.