Thursday, October 11, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 10

Subject: Approve resolution authorizing the acquisition for the Austin Clean Water Program: Little Walnut/Upper Fort Branch Wastewater Improvement Project for an 877 square-foot permanent wastewater line easement and a 1,719 square-foot temporary working space easement, out of Lot 14, Manor Estates, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$65,000. The owner of the needed property is Foley Property Assets, LLC. The property is located at 5800 Sweeny Circle, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 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 this order, the City 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 Little Walnut/Upper Fort Branch Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, requires the acquisition of a permanent wastewater line easement and a temporary working space easement on the property located at 5800 Sweeny Circle, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

An independent third-party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the proposed easements at \$41,175. The owners submitted a counter offer of \$65,000, which was accepted by the City of Austin's review appraiser.