Thursday, October 11, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 13

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Blunn Creek Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, to acquire a 554 square foot permanent wastewater line easement out of the Isaac Decker League, Abstract No. 8, in Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$13,955. The owner of the needed property interest is CWS Riverside 300, L.P. The property is located at 300 East Riverside Drive, 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 Blunn Creek Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, require acquisition of a permanent wastewater line easement on the property located at 300 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas. The City has attempted to purchase the needed permanent wastewater line easement. However, the parties have been unable to agree on an appropriate price. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.