

AGENDA



Thursday, October 18, 2007

Public Works**Item No. 18****RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SOUTHWEST CORPORATION, Austin, TX, for the Austin Tennis Center in the amount of \$3,377,603 plus a \$150,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,527,603.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest of three bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) through the achievement of Good Faith Efforts. 15.46% MBE and 4.24% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Zoning and Platting Commission. Related to item #11.

Prior Council Action: August 18, 2005 - City Council directed the City Manager to suspend all plans for the expansion of the South Austin Tennis Center and initiate a process of identifying a new site for tennis center and determine feasibility of developing such facility jointly with Austin Independent School District (AISD) as part of their bond program relating to recreational facilities. December 15, 2005, City Council approved Public (P) zoning for the Tennis Center at Johnny Morris Road park property.

Voters approved renovation of the South Austin Tennis Center as part of the 1998 Bond program. Designs were prepared for eight new courts at the South Austin Tennis Center. Due to neighborhood concerns, the plans to add new courts at the South Austin Tennis Center were suspended. A new park site at Johnny Morris Road next to the new Austin Independent School District (AISD) middle school was selected. This facility will include 12 new courts in compliance with the requirements of the United States Tennis Association (USTA). Two of the 12 courts will be furnished with bleachers for tournament viewing. It also includes a small pro-shop and required parking.

This new tennis center will be constructed on parkland adjacent to the newly constructed Gus Garcia Middle School. The Colony Park neighborhood association which is adjacent to the park has expressed its support for the new tennis center.

This is an undeveloped site. All new utilities will be brought to the site from Johnny Morris Road. Subsurface utility engineering services were used to determine depth of the existing water line; however, there may still be unknown conditions causing conflicts. The geo-technical investigation showed that the soil is very rich in clay and it may require additional excavation. A 4.44% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 275 calendar days for substantial completion of this project.