Thursday, October 18, 2007

Public Works RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 17

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Govalle SSO-West 5th and 6th Street Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, to acquire a 100 square foot temporary working space easement out of the Plat of Terrace Park, a Subdivision of Lots 6 and 7, Outlot No. 3, Division "Z", City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$1,165. The owner of the needed property interest is E. Jeannie Navarro. The property is located at 1412 West 6th Street, 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 Govalle SSO - West 5th and 6th Street Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, require acquisition of a temporary working space easement on the property located at 1412 West 6th Street, Austin, Texas. The City has attempted to purchase the needed temporary working space 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.