

AGENDA



Thursday, November 8, 2007

Public Works

Item No. 37

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the acquisition for the Fort Branch Reach 6 and 7 Streambank and Flood Control Project for a voluntary fee simple buy out situated in Travis County, Texas, described as Lot 6, Block 1, Lincoln Gardens, Section 1, located at 1314 Fort Branch Boulevard from James Caswell and Martha K. H. Caswell in the amount not to exceed \$77,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Lauraine Rizer 974-7078, Laura Bohl 974-7064.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD) completed a comprehensive study to prioritize solutions related to flooding, erosion and water quality in the Lower Fort Branch Watershed Management Area (WMA). The City is now in the design phase of a project to reduce flood and erosion damages along the creek corridor. The project includes a combination of structural and non-structural measures such as upgrading the culvert at Fort Branch Boulevard, streambank stabilization and property acquisitions for damage reduction.

The design will require permanent use of the land at 1314 Fort Branch Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas. An independent third-party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the property at \$77,000. The owners have agreed to accept the City of Austin's offer for a fee simple acquisition of the property.