

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 67

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 13,100 SF (0.3 acre) for a wastewater line and approximately 6650 SF (0.152 acre) for a temporary work space to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Govalle I – South 2nd Street Wastewater Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Nicholas Dawson Park, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. (Suggested date and time: January 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Austin Clean Water Program, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility and the Public Works Department, is proposing to install approximately 350 linear feet of 18' wastewater line running north-south through the park and approximately 205 linear feet of 8' wastewater line that will run east-west. This project also includes approximately 13,100 square feet for a temporary working space.

The project will affect only a small area of the park running east-west along the James Street right of way. The lines within the park will be installed via trenchless construction. There will be one large pit in the center part of the park to allow four bores (one each to the north, east, south and west). Two of the bores (east and north) are under the creek to limit impact to the creek. Existing park improvements will not be disturbed by this project.

Additional mitigation on this parkland is required by the Parks Department for the use of Mary Dawson Park as a staging area.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's Construction in Parks Specifications. Austin Water Utility is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation will be included as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are December 16, 23 and 30, 2007.