

AGENDA



Thursday, December 13, 2007

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 70**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 0.162 acre for a wastewater line, 0.446 acre temporary work space, 1.70 acre access and 1.70 acre temporary staging and storage area to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Group 2 Inverted Siphons Wastewater Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Solo Star Tract as part of the Greenway & Destination Parkland Project located along Little Walnut Creek, 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 relocate and replace portion of the existing inverted wastewater siphon crossing Little Walnut Creek just west of the Waynesburg Cove.

The wastewater siphon will be replaced with an adequately sized inverted siphon and associated inlet and outlet structures to help the overflows and failures of the existing Waynesburg Cove inverted siphon within the parkland. This project will also replace approximately 1,350 linear feet of 8-inch diameter wastewater pipe, manholes, service connections and other appurtenances outside the parkland.

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.