

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 103**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution authorizing the use of approximately 11,384 square feet (0.26 acre) for a wastewater line, 11,631 square feet (0.267 acre) for temporary work space, 46,986 square feet (1.078 acre) for temporary ingress and egress, and 2,000 square feet (0.0459 acre) for a temporary staging and storage area site to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line associated with the Govalle 5 Gaston/Bull Creek/W. 25th Street Wastewater Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Shoal Creek Greenbelt located along N. Lamar Blvd between 24th Street and 29th Street, 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.

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 new wastewater lines in the park from W. 24th Street northward to the vicinity of Northwood Road which intersects the park from the west. Wastewater lines to be abandoned or removed are too small to transport the flows or have deteriorated to the extent that they no longer perform as needed.

The proposed lines will tie into the existing manholes and be replaced with new wastewater lines with greater capacity. Most of the existing wastewater lines to be replaced will be plugged and abandoned. The proposed lines will be installed primarily via use an open trench method. Access to the park during construction will be from temporary entrances at W. 24th Street and from Shoal Creek Blvd.

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 were December 16, 23 and 30, 2007.