

AGENDA



Thursday, March 6, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 48**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 0.151 acre for a water line to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace the existing water line for the construction of the William Cannon Over Onion Creek Water Line Improvement Project through dedicated parkland known as the Onion Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: April 10, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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 Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility, is proposing to relocate a portion of the existing water line located in the right-of-way along William Cannon Drive. This relocation is necessary for the expansion of the East William Cannon Drive Bridge over Onion Creek.

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 March 16, 23 and 30, 2008.