

## AGENDA



Thursday, March 27, 2008

## Public Works

Item No. 24

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of proposed Change Order #5 to the construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, LTD., Houston, Texas, for the ACWP Barton Heights/Kinney Avenue Water and Wastewater Improvements Project in an estimated amount of \$341,678 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,785,337.10.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding in the amount of \$341,678 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Larry Mendez 974-1581, Gopal Guthikonda, P.E., 972-0240, Robin Field 974-7064

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) with 6.43% MBE and 7.38% WBE subcontractor participation to date.

**Boards and Commission Action:** No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**Prior Council Action:** Original contract awarded March 8, 2007.

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This project provides for the installation of new wastewater and water pipeline in the area bordered by Barton Springs road to the North, Kinney Avenue to the west, Lamar Boulevard to the east and Nash Street to the south. Additional impacted streets include Hilmont Street, Bluff Street, Juliet Street, Ethel Street, Jesse Street, Josephine Street, Treadwell Street and Collier Street. The proposed improvements include the installation of 6,300 feet of 8-inch wastewater line, 1,585 feet of 12-inch wastewater line, 175 feet of 6-inch wastewater line, 5,150 feet of 8-inch water line and 61 new wastewater manholes. The project is part of the Austin Water Utility's Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP), which was developed to response to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order regarding Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

This change order is necessary due to an increase in quantities required to complete the original scope of the project, including driveways, manholes, curb and gutter, and due to a revision to relocate a water line on Bluff Road. Additional funding is also being requested in order to install approximately 1,000 feet of 16-inch water line and appurtenances on Treadwell Street. This water line was previously planned to be installed under a private development contract, but the design of the water line has not yet been permitted. Without the installation of this water line, the original scope of the ACWP project cannot be completed. Additionally, this water line is necessary to provide full and reliable water service (including fire supply) to the surrounding neighborhood area.