

AGENDA



Thursday, April 10, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 56**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 3,635 SF (0.083 acre) for a wastewater line and approximately 3,014 square feet (0.069 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 East Bouldin Creek Greenbelt and located behind Bouldin Creek Condominiums, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: May 8, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at 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 Austin Clean Water Program, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility and the Public Works Department, is proposing to install approximately 190 linear feet of 24-inch wastewater line running north-south through the park via trenchless construction methods to reduce surface impact. This project also includes approximately 2,602 square feet for a temporary working space.

There are no existing park improvements in the project as there is no public access route to the park land.

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". The Austin Water Utility is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation and 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 April 13, 20 and 27, 2008.