Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 31

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding floodplain variances requested by Mr. Richard P. Whitmore on behalf of Mr. Marc A. Knox and Ms. Janna S. Knox to allow construction of a single-family residence at 10021 Wild Dunes Drive in the 100-year floodplain of Onion Creek with proposed finished floor elevation being one foot above the 100-year floodplain elevation and limiting the requirement to dedicate a drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain by excluding the footprint of the proposed structure from the easement dedication requirement. (Suggested date and time: June 5, 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Gary M. Kosut, P.E., 974-3374; Colleen Kirk, CFM, 974-3362

Mr. Marc A. Knox and Ms. Janna S. Knox, through their agent, Mr. Richard Whitmore, propose to construct a single-family residence at 10021 Wild Dunes Drive. The undeveloped property is entirely within the 100-year floodplain of Onion Creek. The proposed residence is the subject of Building Permit application number 2007-160505-PR.

The proposed house would contain 2,841 sq. ft., which includes 2,144 sq. ft. of conditioned space, a 485 sq. ft. attached garage, a covered patio of 160 sq. ft. and a 52 sq. ft. covered porch. The applicant seeks variances to the City of Austin's floodplain management regulations to obtain a building permit to construct the proposed residence within the 100-year floodplain and to exclude the footprint of the proposed structure from the requirement to dedicate a drainage easement to the full limit of the 100-year floodplain.

The depth of water at the curb line of 10021 Wild Dunes Drive is about 5.8 ft. during the 100-year flood event. The depth of floodwaters during the 100-year flood event at the proposed house would be about 3.0 ft.