

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 4

**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the negotiation and execution of an agreement to purchase easements for the Austin Clean Water Program as follows: Govalle/Crosstown Sanitary Sewer Overflow Wastewater Improvement Project for a 16,162 square-foot permanent wastewater line easement, a 15,190 square-foot temporary working space easement and a 9,750 square-foot temporary staging area and material storage site easement, being a portion of a tract of land described as all of Lot 9 and a portion of Lots 5 & 6 out of the Subdivision of 252 acres out of the George W. Spear League in Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$217,939. The owner of the needed property is The Board of Regents of the University of Texas System. The property is located at 1618 West 6th Street, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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The City of Austin is upgrading its wastewater collection system as mandated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order, received April 29, 1999.

In response to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Administrative Order, the City of Austin has assembled the Austin Clean Water Program to plan, design, and construct sustainable wastewater collection system improvements that will result in a collection system free from Sanitary Sewer Overflows.

The design plans for the Govalle/Crosstown Sanitary Sewer Overflow Wastewater Improvement Project, a portion of the Austin Clean Water Program, require the acquisition of a permanent wastewater line easement, a temporary working space easement, and a temporary staging area and material storage site easement located at 1618 West 6th Street, Austin, Texas.

An independent third-party appraisal has established the fair-market value of the proposed easements at \$217,939.