

AGENDA



Thursday, November 6, 2008

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

Item No. 11

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract through the CPA COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM (TXMAS) with JAMAIL & SMITH CONSTRUCTION, Austin, TX, for site grading and irrigation system at Zilker Park in the amount of \$844,100.76.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This contract is a Cooperative Purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation. However, the contract included 60.48% WBE subcontractor participation.

Prior Council Action: October 16, 2008 – Council approved the contract for the purchase and planting of sod.

The Fiscal Year 2008 – 2009 Capital Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) includes \$2.5 million for the Zilker Park Improvement Project. This project involves leveling of the grounds, installing irrigation and planting a more durable grass for approximately 46 acres of parkland in Zilker Park. C3 Presents, the producer of the Austin City Limits will donate \$2.5 million to the City within a 7 year period for the upgrades. On October 16, 2008 Council approved the contract for the purchase and planting of sod.

The scope of this contract includes site grading and installation of a permanent underground irrigation system with electrical service required for operation of the system. The irrigation system is to be installed in the section of Zilker Park bounded by Barton Springs Road on the South, Lou Neff Road on the East and North and Stratford Drive on the West. It will use non-potable water obtained from Lady Bird Lake by use of the recently installed Zilker pump station.

The grading will create more efficient surface drainage in the area and will enhance the park experience for daily use and planned events, such as the Kite Festival, the Trail of Lights Festival and the Austin City Limits Festival. The project will begin in January and will be completed by June 2009. All affected events have either been re-scheduled or relocated.

This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). The contract included 60.48% WBE subcontractor participation with one of the firms being a hispanic woman-owned business.