A U S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, November 20, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions **Item No. 103**
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution authorizing the use of approximately 0.156 acre for a permanent wastewater easement and temporary working space use for the Pickfair Wastewater Lift Station Abandonment Project through dedicated parkland known as the Pickfair Park in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: November 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 West 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 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 Department of Public Works, on behalf of the Austin Water Utility is proposing to install wastewater line improvements and abandon the existing Pickfair Lift Station. The wastewater line improvements include the area where the existing lift station is and does include existing wastewater lines already in place. The lift station will be decommissioned and gravity flows will be installed. Once the lift station area has been restored, it will become part of Pickfair Park.

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 were October 26, November 2 and 9, 2008.

The proposed mitigation value (listed in the proposed MOU) has been tentatively agreed to by PARD, AWU and recommended by the Parks Board.