

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 11

Subject: Approve Service Extension Request No. 2768 for 6720 VAUGHT RANCH RD. for water service not to exceed a peak hour flow of 29 gallons per minute (gpm) requested by property owner GSVR 2222, LLC, proposing a 6,600 square feet (sf) mixed use development at this location within the Drinking Water Protection Zone in the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

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Boards and Commission Action: Not recommended by the Environmental Board. Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

GSVR 2222, LLC, the owner of the proposed development of 2,200 square feet (sf) Office, 2,200 sf Retail (Retail/Convenience Store usage, including Gas Station), and 2,200 sf Restaurant (Restaurant type usage within the Convenience Store), has submitted Service Extension Request No. 2768 requesting that the City provide water utility service to the proposed development. The subject tract consists of approximately 1.933 acres of land located outside the full-purpose city limits at 6720 VAUGHT RANCH RD. This tract is located within the Council approved Impact Fee Boundary, Utility Service Area, and also within the Drinking Water Protection Zone and West Bull Creek Watershed.

Applicant could drill a well to meet their water needs, therefore City water service would not result in more intense development. Depending on local geological conditions, centralized water service can limit groundwater contamination associated with poorly or improperly cased groundwater wells.

The request for service does not include City cost participation or reimbursement and based on the Utility's capacity analysis, adequate system capacity exists to meet the projected demands of the property to be served. The estimated peak hour flow is projected at 29 gallons per minute (gpm). This request is being brought to the City Council because Austin City Code § 25-9-34 requires City Council approval for all Service Extension Requests in the Drinking Water Protection Zone that are not within the Austin Full Purpose Corporate Limits.

Applicant will construct approximately 480 feet of 8-inch water line from the existing 12-inch water line (Project 93-2017) crossing FM 2222 RD near the northern corner of the subject tract, south along FM 2222 RD to the southeast corner of the subject tract.

The proposed water improvements will conform to all City of Austin Code requirements. The applicant will construct all required improvements at their cost and after final acceptance of construction the applicant will dedicate the facilities to the City for ownership, operation and maintenance. The applicant has submitted a written request to be annexed by the City. All lots will be served by City of Austin wastewater service as specified in proposed Wastewater SER-2769.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department and other applicable City Departments have reviewed the subject Service Extension Request and recommended approval since the project is in compliance with current City code.