

AGENDA



Thursday, March 5, 2009

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 4

Subject: Approve Service Extension Request No. 2771 for wastewater service not to exceed an Estimated Peak Wet Weather Flow of 12 gallons per minute (gpm) for MARY LEIDEN, the owner of a proposed development of 14 Single Family Residences located within the Drinking Water Protection Zone in the City's Limited Purpose jurisdiction and within the Robert E. Lee Road Interceptor Study Area not designated for centralized service at 3301 STONERIDGE RD, AUSTIN, TX 78746.

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Seyed Miri, P.E., 972-0202 and Denise Avery 972-0104

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

Although based on the Utility's capacity analysis, adequate system capacity exists to meet the projected demands of the property to be served, Austin Water Utility does not recommend approval of Service Extension Request No. 2771 because the property is within the portion of the Robert E. Lee Road Interceptor Study Area not designated for centralized service. MARY LEIDEN, the owner of a proposed development of 14 Single Family Residences, has submitted SER No. 2771 requesting that the City provide wastewater utility service to the proposed development. The subject tract consists of approximately 4.45 acres of land located outside the full-purpose city limits at 3301 STONERIDGE RD. This tract is located within the Council approved Impact Fee Boundary and also within the Drinking Water Protection Zone and EANES Creek Watershed. The owner proposes to develop the property as a new project subject to the City's current watershed regulations.

City Council on February 4, 1998 by resolution approved the Report of the Consensus Building Group of the Robert E. Lee Road Relief Interceptor Planning Study (Report) signed by a diverse group of 15 stakeholders. Although the Report is non-binding on the City by its terms, because of Council approval of the Report, the Utility considers the Report as policy direction to staff from Council as to where the City will extend centralized service. It is important to note that to effectuate the intent of the Report, the Utility has offered, subject to Council approval, to own and operate a decentralized sewer facility serving the property, if the property owner builds it, and this continues to be an option for the property owner. The property owner also has the option of constructing on-site sewage facilities to provide wastewater service for this property.

The request for service does not include City cost participation or reimbursement. The Estimated Peak Wet Weather Flow is projected at 12 gallons per minute (gpm). Under City Code Section 25-9-54, City Council approval is required because the proposed development is in the Drinking Water Protection Zone and is not within the Austin Full Purpose Corporate Limits.

Applicant will construct approximately 680 feet of 8-inch gravity wastewater line from the existing 8-inch gravity wastewater line at the intersection of STONERIDGE RD and WALSH TARLTON LN east of the subject tract, west-northwest along STONERIDGE RD to the subject tract.

The proposed wastewater improvements are required to 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 water service.

The Watershed Protection and Development Review Department and other applicable City Departments have reviewed the subject Service Extension Request.