

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 19**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with BENITEZ CONSTRUCTION, INC. (MBE/MH 41.73%), Manor, TX, for Pemberton Heights Water Improvements Phase II in an amount of \$502,375.50 plus a \$25,000 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$527,375.50.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$527,375.50 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of eleven (11) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City Code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 6.92% MBE and 3.28% WBE subcontractor participation.

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The scope of this project includes the construction of water line improvements within the Pemberton Heights neighborhood along the following streets: Gaston Avenue from Jefferson Street to McCallum Drive, and Shoal Creek Boulevard from North Lamar Boulevard to Gaston Avenue.

These streets and areas have had repeat water main failures as well as low pressure/volume issues. These improvements will fix both issues, assuring safe and reliable drinking water and fire protection.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions and utility conflicts when working in the right-of-way, a 5% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders. The contract allows 120 calendar days for completion of this project.