

AGENDA



Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC., Austin, TX for the Ben White/IH-35 Bioretention/Extended Detention Pond Project in an amount of \$540,791 plus a \$27,039.55 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$567,830.55.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$567,830.55 is available in the Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest compliant bidder of five (5) 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 13.87% MBE, and 2.40% WBE subcontractor participation.

Prior Council Action: August 21, 2008 - Council approved of the Neighborhood Plan Amendment by changing the land use designation on the Future Land Use Map from commercial to civic. August 21, 2008 - Council approved of rezoning the land from Community Commercial Conditional Overlay Neighborhood Plan (GR-CO-NP) to Public Conditional Overlay Neighborhood Plan (P-CO-NP).

In 2003, the City of Austin, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department purchased a 5.757 acre tract of land located along IH-35, in the Franklin Park Neighborhood, specifically to construct a water quality pond to treat storm water runoff which resulted from TXDOT's Ben White/IH-35 roadway improvements. The Ben White/IH-35 Bioretention/Extended Detention Pond project will capture this runoff and treat it prior to entering into Williamson Creek.

Both the Watershed Protection Master Plan and the Franklin Park Neighborhood Plan rate Onion Creek and Williamson Creek as important natural resources for the area which warrant protection and preservation.

This water quality pond project has a bioretention feature using wetland plants and native grasses which will add to the aesthetics of the area and provide a natural filtration of storm water flowing to Williamson Creek. Existing stone will be excavated on site and used in constructing the ponds retaining walls, planting benches and berms.

The contract allows 240 calendar days for completion of this project.