Thursday, June 18, 2009

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize a resolution consenting to the annexation of 6.68 acres into Travis County Water Control and Improvement District 10 ("WCID #10") for the provision of water service.

Amount and Source of Funding: There are no expenditures incurred by the City of Austin for this action. The landowner or WCID #10 will incur all expenses for water service to the seven-acre tract.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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

On August 30, 1990, the City of Austin ("Austin") entered into a wholesale water services contract with WCID #10. WCID #10 is located entirely within Travis County, part of the City of West Lake Hills ("West Lake Hills") and a portion of the corporate limits of the cities of Austin and West Lake Hills. Article IX of WCID #10's contract with Austin requires the prior written consent of the Austin City Council for WCID #10 to expand its service boundary by annexing additional land into WCID #10.

On April 7, 2009, the landowners of the property (3101 Stratford Lane as indicated on the attached map) requested Austin's consent to be provided water service through WCID #10. On May 12, 2009, WCID #10 voted to the annexation of 6.68 acres into WCID #10, subject to Austin's consent. The 6.68 acre property will contain four single-family residences and will use septic systems for wastewater service. The property consists of 6.47 acres within the corporate limits of West Lake Hills and 0.21 acres within the corporate limits of Austin and is entirely located within Austin's designated Drinking Water Protection Zone. The area located within the corporate limits of Austin will remain undeveloped as a buffer.

The property is adjacent to WCID #10's current service area. However, the property is currently within the service area of Ridgewood Village Water Supply Corporation ("Ridgewood"). On March 30, 2009, Ridgewood agreed to release the area, for it to be served by WCID #10.

The Austin Water Utility's recommendation is to approve the annexation of the property into WCID #10 subject to the landowners meeting all Austin, West Lake Hills, and WCID #10 requirements to be eligible to receive water service from WCID #10, including the payment of water capital recovery fees and adhering to Austin water conservation practices.