

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 26**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with AUSTIN UNDERGROUND INC., (MBE/MH 97.06 %), Lago Vista, TX, for Pickfair Lift Station Decommissioning in the amount of \$237,964.48 plus a \$11,898.22 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$249,862.70.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding 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 0.00% MBE and 2.94% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The primary goal of the project is to decommission the Pickfair wastewater lift station, which will result in reduced operating and maintenance costs for the Austin Water Utility. The project will provide gravity relief for the lift station and will also achieve environmental benefits including a reduction of electrical power usage and elimination of the risk of wastewater overflows due to mechanical failure. In the preliminary engineering report for this project, it was found that the concrete wet well in the lift station had deteriorated over time and the discharge piping had corroded to the point where it leaked when the pumps operated.

Another benefit of the project is that upon completion, the land that was previously designated for operation of the lift station will be turned over to the Parks and Recreation Department. Access for regular maintenance of the lift station is presently gained through Pickfair Community Park. As part of the project, the existing overflow pond and adjoining areas will be filled and landscaped. This additional area will then be made part of the existing community park. During the design process, the project team met with the Pickfair Neighborhood Association to describe the project and answer any questions that the citizens had.

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 final completion of this project.