



MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Ott, City Manager

FROM: Ed Van Eenoo, Budget Officer

DATE: August 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Fiscal Memo for Item #59

Item #59 on the August 27, 2009 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to begin the process to implement staff recommendations regarding underground structures and groundwater included in the February 12, 2009 report to City Council entitled "Groundwater Characteristics and Challenges for Subsurface Structures in Austin's Urban Core."

Staff from the Planning and Development Review (NPZ) Department and the Watershed Protection Department (WPD) will be available to work on this item. PADR will be able to work on this effort utilizing current staff and resources. WPD is estimating that over the next six months, about five staff would each need to spend about 12 hours per month on this item. The staff expected to work on this item are a Consulting Engineer, Assistant Director over Watershed Policy, City Attorney, Financial Manager and an Engineering Tech C.

Note that for the Environmental Resources Management (ERM) Division of WPD, there will be no significant fiscal or staffing impact. Much of the work performed by ERM was in preparation of the report and the subsequent Council Resolution. Any additional work that may result from Code/Criteria changes can most likely be handled by existing staff in the course of providing technical assistance to One-Stop Shop (OSS) reviewers.