

## AGENDA



Thursday, October 1, 2009

**Contract and Land Management  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 7**

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**Subject:** Authorize execution of a construction contract with SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC, Austin, TX, for the Blunn Creek – Warehouse Row Water Quality Ponds 1 & 2 in the amount of \$425,256 plus a \$42,525.60 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$467,781.60.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Mike Kelly, P.E. 974-6591; Roger Hickman, P.E. 974-7240; April Thedford, 974-7141

**Purchasing Language:** Lowest bid of ten (10) 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 10.24% MBE and 3.16% WBE subcontractor participation.

**Prior Council Action:** November 20, 2008 - Zoning change from LI-NP to P for Pond #1 site by Ordinance 20081120-081 and for Pond #2 site by Ordinance 20081120-082.

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The work consists of the construction of two water quality ponds that will use biofiltration to treat polluted stormwater runoff from 100.4 acres of urban development. This project is the last in a suite of Capital Improvement Projects in the Blunn Creek Watershed aimed at improving the water quality of Blunn Creek. This older urbanized basin drains into Lady Bird Lake, one of the City's high value receiving waters. In order to continue improving the water quality in the Lake, the Watershed Protection Department must clean up the legacy stormwater pollution from the older developments that were built without water quality controls. The water quality ponds will be built on two separate lots at the intersection of Warehouse Row Street and Alpine Road in south Austin, near the headwaters of Blunn Creek. This project is made possible in large part by the donation of two properties upon which the two ponds will be built. The project has been reviewed and approved by the South River City Citizens (SRCC) Neighborhood group.

Due to the potential for unknown subsurface conditions a 10% contingency in funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any future change orders.

The contract allows 90 calendar days for completion of this project.