

AGENDA



Thursday, February 25, 2010

**Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 64**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 5.87 acres for an electric substation, electric transmission lines, distribution lines and drainage area through dedicated parkland known as Morris Williams Golf Course, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction will be paid by requester. (Suggested date and time: March 25, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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

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Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on February 22, 2010. To be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board on February 23, 2010.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

Austin Energy is proposing to construct a new electric substation on a portion of the Morris Williams Golf Course. The new substation is needed to deliver reliable electric service to meet a growing demand. The proposed location on Manor Road would be used in lieu of Austin Energy's property located on 51st Street.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications." Austin Energy is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are February 28, March 7, and March 14, 2010.