Thursday, December 9, 2010

Contract and Land Management RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 4

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Fort Branch Watershed Management Area Reach 6 & 7 Channel Rehabilitation – Truelight Area and Eleanor Drive Area Project to acquire a 1,678 square foot drainage easement out of Lot 20, Block 1, Lincoln Gardens Section One, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas in the amount of \$2,265.00. The owners of the needed property interest, CHARLES BROWN, ALBERT LOGGINS, ROY LOGGINS, RAY LOGGINS, SUSIE MARIE BROWN, CLARENCE DOUG SIMMS, TOMMY JOE LOGANS and FELICIA DEE, who are the heirs to the estate of ETHEL MAE LOGGINS AKA ETHEL MAE LOGANS. The property is located at 1220 Fort Branch Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Watershed Protection Department's Fort Branch Creek Reach 6 & 7 Channel Rehabilitation project includes a portion of the 1220 Fort Branch Boulevard property that extends into the channel. The project will stabilize the creek banks to provide erosion protection and reduce the frequency and depth of flooding for the surrounding neighborhood. This project requires the acquisition of a 1,678 square foot drainage easement, out of Lot 20, block 1, Lincoln Gardens Section One, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easement. The City and the property owners were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.