

Recommendation for Council Action

Item ID 8010 117. **Austin City Council** Agenda Number

Office of Real Estate Services **Meeting Date:** 7/28/2011 Department:

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 20,688 square feet for permanent drainage purposes, approximately 7,731 square feet for temporary access purposes, and approximately 36,345 square feet for a temporary workspace, staging area and material storage purpose in connection with the construction, use, maintenance, repair and replacement of a storm drain line and appurtenances for a portion of the East Bouldin – Euclid/Wilson Storm Drain Improvements project through dedicated parkland known as Gillis Park in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: August 25, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by requestor.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Junie Plummer 974-7085; Glen Taffinder 974-3381; Tony Krauss 974-7138; Amanda
Information:	Glasscock 974-7173.
Boards and	
Commission	Reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.
Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	
Additional Backup Information	

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.

The Watershed Protection Department is proposing to install approximately 10,000 linear feet of new storm drain conduit ranging from 18-inches in diameter up to 7-foot by 5-foot box culverts and to improve the existing water quality pond and splitter box that outfall into East Bouldin Creek for the Euclid/Wilson Storm Drain Improvement Project within a portion of Gillis Park. This project will reduce flooding problems for residents living within the neighborhood.

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". The Watershed Protection Department 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 July 31 and August 7 and 14, 2011.