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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	10867	Agenda Number	135.
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Meeting Date:	12/8/2011	Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code and approve a resolution to consider the use of approximately 31,861 square feet temporary access route for the decommissioning and demolition of the Holly Street Power Plant through dedicated parkland known as Metz Park.

Amount and Source of Funding

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

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.
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 Holly Street Power Plant Decommissioning and Demolition will require the use of parkland located at Metz Park, including the Metz Recreation Center south parking lot, as a haul route for materials removed from the plant. Because this haul route to and in Pedernales Street will be dedicated and barricaded, the existing parking for the Park users will be unavailable for the duration of the project. Austin Energy will mitigate the inaccessible parking by the construction and removal of a temporary parking lot with access sidewalks on parkland and a cash transfer as mitigation for the use of parkland.

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 November 13, 20 and 27, 2011.