

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	21085	Agenda Number	98.
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Meeting Date:	1/17/2013	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 consider a resolution approving the use of approximately 2,830 square feet of land for a permanent wastewater line and approximately 4,825 square feet of land for a temporary working space for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of wastewater line for the Austin Water Utility Wastewater Line Relay and Spot Repair Services 3014-3125 Hemphill Park Drive Project through dedicated parkland known as Hemphill 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:	
For More Information:	Junie Plummer 974-7085; Richard Fraser 974-3139; Lauraine Rizer 974-7078; Amanda Glasscock 974-7173.
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 Austin Water Utility Department is proposing to replace a deteriorating wastewater line, originally constructed in 1932, of which a portion of the existing line crosses Hemphill Park. The proposed replacement will cross the Park in a different location to avoid excavating near the mature trees that have grown over the original pipe location. This proposed work in Hemphill Park is a part of the Austin Water Utility Wastewater Line Relay and Spot Repair Services 3014-3125 Hemphill Park Drive Project to replace 706 linear feet of aged wastewater line and several manholes in 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 Austin Water Utility 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 December 23 and 30, 2012 and January 6, 2013.