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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	24480	Agenda Number	81.
Meeting Date:	5/23/2013			Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider the permanent use of approximately 7,508 square feet of land and temporary working space use of approximately 5,108 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a wastewater line for the Austin Water Utility Wastewater Line Relay and Spot Repair Services, 2506 Hartford Road to 2614 Jefferson Street Project, through dedicated parkland known as Hartford Park in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time, June 20, 2013, 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 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:	March 26, 2013 - Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 6-0 vote.				
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 which was originally constructed in 1935 and serves a portion of the Pemberton Heights neighborhood along the 2500 block of Hartford Road. The Mopac Expressway is now near the wastewater line and repairs of the existing pipe without use of the parkland would require closure of the shoulder and/or main lanes of the Mopac Expressway. The planned sound wall by Texas Department of Transportation will not improve maintenance access to the existing pipe. The proposed replacement wastewater line will be located further east within Hartford Park which was dedicated by plat in 1941. The alignment was selected to minimize the overall impact to existing trees in the Park. This proposed work in the Park will be constructed by an Austin Water Utility's service contractor. The proposed wastewater line is planned to

be 510 feet in length and include 4 new manholes.

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 May 26, 2013, June 2 and 9, 2013.