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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	46737	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	6/18/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20140908-002) to increase appropriations by \$2,710,000 for Parkland Acquisition and Development (District 3). Related to Item # 26 and # 28.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$2,710,000 will be provided by the future issuance of Public Improvement Bonds, approved by the voters on November 6, 2012.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In the November 2012 Bond Election, City of Austin voters approved Proposition 14 authorizing \$77.68 million of General Obligation Bonds to fund capital improvement projects and programs for Parks and Recreation. This budget amendment seeks to appropriate \$2,710,000 in Proposition 14 funding which was identified specifically for parkland acquisition and development at the headwaters of Country Club Creek. The acquisition will allow for the protection of the 32.673 acres located near East Ben White Boulevard and Pleasant Valley Road and provide connections for trails in the area. It is identified as a top priority in the East Riverside/Oltorf Neighborhood Plan.

This funding was originally scheduled to be included in the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Proposed Capital Budget based on when staff believed the property would be available for acquisition from the current owner, the Catholic Diocese of Austin. Staff has been communicating with the Diocese for a lengthy amount of time, but the Diocese previously expressed very little interest in selling. The Diocese has since decided to sell the property now, thus requiring the

funding through a Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget amendment. The Diocese has indicated it will sell the property to another interested party if the City does not purchase it at this time. This would prevent the Parks and Recreation Department from being able to protect the headwaters and provide trail connectivity as desired by the surrounding community.