AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	**Item ID**	53805	**Agenda Number**	96.
Meeting Date:	12/17/2015	**Department:**	Watershed Protection	

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance granting a site specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 and granting a variance to City Code Section 25-8-261 to allow redevelopment of St. Catherine of Siena Church (SP-2014-0476C). This action requires a site specific amendment to the Save Our Springs Initiative and concerns property in the Barton Springs Zone. (District 8). Related to Item # 97.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	December 11, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 20141211-107 initiating site specific variances and code amendments to address proposed redevelopment and expansion of St. Catherine of Siena Church, within the Barton Springs Zone.
For More Information:	Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, 512-974-2699
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	August 19, 2015 - Recommended by the Environmental Commission on a vote of 11-0. October 13, 2015 - Recommended by the Planning Commission on a vote of 11-0 with Commissioner Oliver absent and 1 vacancy.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

St. Catherine of Siena Church is located in the Williamson Creek watershed within the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Redevelopment of the property is subject to current code. Redevelopment under the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception requires, among other things, water quality treatment for the entire property and mitigation land or payment to acquire land based on the entire tract. The church wishes to redevelop only a portion of the property by demolishing an existing building and constructing a new structure within the same footprint without providing water quality for the entire property or providing mitigation for existing excess impervious cover.

The ordinance is being brought forward in response to a request by the City Council contained in Resolution No. 20141211-107, which initiated the amendment and variance, and requested that the City Manager work with the applicant to bring an ordinance to Council that:

1. Allows no increase in the existing amount of impervious cover on the site;
2. If feasible, decreases the amount of impervious cover on the site; and
3. Provides water quality treatment consistent with Section 25-8-26 (*Redevelopment Exception in the Barton Springs Zone*) for all redeveloped areas and to the extent feasible for the entire site.