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Recommendation for Council Action (Real Estate)

Austin City Council

Item ID:

55853

Agenda Number

53.

Meeting Date:

March 24, 2016

Department:

Office of Real Estate Services

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution for the use of dedicated parkland, known as Lady Bird Lake at Auditorium Shores Park, Butler Park, Shoal Beach Park, Duncan Park, and Republic Square Park (District 9), for approximately 18,456 square feet of permanent reclaimed water transmission and distribution main use, approximately 38,836 square feet of temporary working space use, and approximately 6,502 square feet of temporary staging area and materials storage site use, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace reclaimed water transmission and distribution mains for construction of a portion of the Main to Junction 420 (Downtown Area) project, in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

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:

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Boards and
Commission
Action:

December 8, 2015 – Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 6-0 with Board Members Casias, Cofer, Donovan, Luca, and Schmitz absent.

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 and all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to such land.

Austin Water Utility is proposing to construct the Main to Junction 420 project, a reclaimed water project that will expand the reclaimed water system to the Austin Downtown Central Business District. The reclaimed water project will connect to a 12-inch reclaimed water main currently under construction with the Mains to Capitol/Austin Independent School District project at San Antonio Street and West 10th Street. The project will extend reclaimed water mains south along San Antonio Street and under Lady Bird Lake to Butler Park.

The project includes construction of approximately 8,000 linear feet of 8-, 12-, 24-, and 30-inch reclaimed water transmission and distribution mains. The project will add new customers and economies of scale to Austin Water's reclaimed water program. These reclaimed water mains are identified in the 2011 Master Plan as a near-term construction project to provide a core loop through downtown to interconnect the reclaimed system north and south of the Colorado River.

Potential irrigation and cooling customers of the project include Auditorium Shores, Republic Square Park, Great Streets (3rd Street and 8th Street), Austin Community College Rio Grande Campus, and various other office buildings. The project will also include a connection to an existing reclaimed main in 2nd Street, adding the New Central Library, Green Redevelopment, and Seaholm District as reclaimed water customers.

Approximately 0.423 acres of parkland will be designated for a permanent reclaimed water main easement (subterranean) and 1.04 acres will be used for a temporary working space easement for construction access and installation of the reclaimed water transmission and distribution mains.

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 February 28, March 6 and 13, 2016.