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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Sondra Creighton, P. E., Director
Public Works Department

DATE: March 7, 2005

SUBJECT: Ratification RCA for Austin Filter Systems, Inc. for the Fort Branch - Manor Road Emergency Project - March 10, 2005 Council Agenda

I am providing you with information concerning a ratification RCA for execution of an Emergency Contract in the amount of \$475,072.75, with Austin Filter Systems for repairs to the Fort Branch Channel that is on the March 10, 2005 Council Agenda.

Austin Filter Systems had substantially completed a project lowering and widening approximately 1,350 linear feet of the Fort Branch channel and replacing two box culvert bridges crossing the Channel at Manor Road and Westminster Drive with box beam bridges. During June, August and November 2004 heavy rains resulted in creek flows that scoured away nearly two hundred linear feet of stream bank between the Manor Road and Westminster bridges. A section of the recently completed channel project upstream of the Manor Road Bridge failed during the November 2004 storms resulting in an imminent structural threat to electric power poles and services, private property and the recently completed channel improvements upstream of the Manor Road Bridge.

Considering the health and safety risk presented by the erosion and destabilization of the stream bank, Joe Pantaloni, Director of Watershed Protection, signed an emergency affidavit thus waiving the procurement process for this project. Construction plans were presented to Austin Filter Systems on November 30, 2004 and a contract was executed with them on January 27, 2005. The ratification of that contract is scheduled for Council consideration on March 10, 2005.

There have been several citizens who have written with concerns about their property which is currently outside of the Fort Branch Emergency Project. Watershed Protection and Development Review has communicated back to these citizens that there is a project in design now to address the erosion of Fort Branch Creek from Manor Road to Westminster Drive. The project will be included in the 2006 Capital budget of WPDR and is estimated to commence in 2006.

If you have questions on this item, please do not hesitate to contact me at 974-7175.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sondra Creighton", is written over a horizontal line.

Sondra Creighton, P.E., Director
Public Works Department

cc: Toby Hammett Futrell, City Manager
Joe Canales, Deputy City Manager
Joe Pantaloni, Director, WPDR
Dennis Crabill, Project Manager