AGENDA

Thursday, June 22, 2006

Austin Water Utility

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorizing negotiation and execution of a cost reimbursement agreement with AUSTIN HB RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, LTD., providing terms and conditions for construction of 18-inch gravity wastewater main and appurtenances to provide wastewater service to the Harris Branch Equinox Centre located at U.S. Highway 290 East and SH 130 with City cost reimbursement in an amount not to exceed $1,146,600, for actual ("hard") construction costs.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of $1,146,600 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached

Additional Backup Material
(click to open)

For More Information: Seyed Mirl, P.E., 972-0202, Denise Avery, 972-0104

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Water and Wastewater Commission.

The Harris Branch Equinox Centre is a proposed mixed-use development located on approximately 332 acres of land located at U.S. Highway 290 East and SH 130 (the "Property"), currently inside the corporate limits of Austin. Austin HB Residential Properties, Ltd., (the "Owner") has submitted Service Extension Request Number 2085, requesting the extension of City wastewater utility service to the Property, which is within the Desired Development Zone and Gillesland Creek Watershed.

Under the proposed cost reimbursement agreement, the Owner would construct approximately 4,500 feet of 18-inch gravity wastewater main from the proposed 18-inch gravity wastewater main (to be constructed by others) south of Highway 20 at the future extension of Parmer Lane, northwest to the northeast corner of the Property. The Owner will also construct an appropriately sized gravity wastewater main into and through the Property (the proposed appropriately sized gravity wastewater main will not be reimbursed). The proposed 18-inch gravity wastewater main improvements have been identified as a required wastewater improvement to supply wastewater service to the U.S. Highway 290 East and SH 130 area.

The City will reimburse the Owner for the actual "hard" construction costs of the 18-inch gravity wastewater main and appurtenances constructed within public right-of-way or easements for a
total not to exceed $1,146,600. The Owner will bear all "soft" costs for design, project management, easements, financing, accounting, and legal services associated with this construction.

All proposed wastewater improvements are subject to all environmental and planning ordinances and all environmental concerns will be addressed during the review of the design of the wastewater improvements and during construction of the proposed wastewater improvements. At this time the Utility does not anticipate any environmental problems that cannot be addressed during the design of the wastewater improvements.

The Owner will conform to the City of Austin design criteria and construction standards in all respects. The Owner agrees to allow the City to use the Plans and Specifications approved by the Director, to solicit and publish invitations for bids for the construction of the improvements following standard City bidding practices and procedures, including the minority-owned business enterprise procurement program found in Chapter 2-9 of the City Code, as amended, and Chapters 212 and 252, Texas Local Government Code, as amended.
STAFF PROPOSED APPROXIMATELY 4,500 FEET OF 18-INCH GRAVITY WASTEWATER LINE

STAFF PROPOSED APPROPRIATE SIZED GRAVITY WASTEWATER LID

Proposed 18-inch Gravity Wastewater Line To Be Constructed BY S.E.R. 2085

W.W. S.E.R. Name: Scots Glen
W.W. S.E.R. Number: 2085

Utility Development Services Platted 04/05/2006
W.W. S.E.R. Name: Scots Glen
Location Map
W.W. S.E.R. Number: 2085

Utility Development Services Plotted 04/06/2006
RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN HB RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, LTD., PROVIDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 18-INCH GRAVITY WASTEWATER MAIN AND APPURTENANCES TO PROVIDE WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE HARRIS BRANCH EQUINOX CENTRE LOCATED AT U.S. HIGHWAY 290 EAST AND SH 130 WITH CITY COST REIMBURSEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,146,600.00 FOR ACTUAL "HARD" CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

June 14, 2006
REGULAR MEETING
VOTE: 6-0-0-3

Motion made by: Chan
Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Lee, Gonzalez, Jr., Raun, Scott-Ryan
Commissioners Dissenting:
Commissioners Abstaining:
Commissioners Absent: Chairman Warner, Friese and Pool

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of a cost reimbursement agreement with Austin HB Residential Properties, LTD., providing terms and conditions for construction of 18-inch gravity wastewater main and appurtenances to provide wastewater service to the Harris Branch Equinox Centre located at U.S. Highway 290 East and SH 130 with City cost reimbursement in an amount not to exceed $1,146,600.00 for actual "hard" construction costs.

Chien Lee, P.E., Vice Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission

Date: 6-14-06