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AGENDA



Thursday, June 22, 2006

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Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute amendments to Agreements with Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 ("WCID No. 17") for the provision of wholesale wastewater service to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development and to the Steiner Ranch area.

Amount and Source of Funding: WCID No. 17 will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements. No City funding is required for this agreement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required

Additional Backup Material

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[TRAVIS COUNTY WCID 17 00135W](#)

[Water and Wastewater Recommendation 00135W](#)

For More Information: Bart Jennings, 972-0118, Denise Avery, 972-0104

Prior Council Action: August 24, 2000 (Steiner Ranch Wholesale Agreement); October 30, 2003 (Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement); June 23, 2005 (First Amendment of Comanche Canyon Wholesale Agreement)

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

WCID No. 17 provides water and wastewater services within its boundaries in northwest Travis County along the RM 620 and Lake Travis. Previously, on June 17, 2002, the City of Austin ("City") and WCID No. 17 entered into a wholesale wastewater agreement for a portion of WCID No. 17's service area. This service area is related to a Development Agreement between the City and T.H.L. Ranch, Ltd, Taylor Woodrow Communities/Steiner Ranch, Ltd., 239 Rio Vista, Ltd., and Gerald Kucera ("Steiner Ranch Area"). Additionally, on July 12, 2004, the City and WCID No. 17 entered into a wholesale wastewater agreement for another portion of WCID No. 17's service area. This service area is related to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development ("Comanche Canyon Area").

WCID No. 17 now desires wholesale wastewater service for additional areas adjacent to the Steiner Ranch and Comanche Canyon Areas. The attached exhibits illustrate the additional service area for the Steiner Ranch and Comanche Canyon Areas. Within these requested areas for those lots with existing septic tanks, wastewater service for the existing developments can be converted to wholesale wastewater service with no further expansion of service level without the City's approval. For those tracts that do not currently possess City approved platted lot status, the tracts will only be provided one Living Unit Equivalent of wastewater service. Upon City approval of a final plat, the City will provide, to each platted lot, the appropriate level of wholesale wastewater service that matches the wastewater service requirements of the final plat. The level of wholesale wastewater service for the requested additional areas is estimated from 22,500 to

48,700 gallons per day depending upon the results of undeveloped tracts going through the City's development process.

The City's Watershed Protection and Development Review Department has determined, based upon its research, that the City's provision of wholesale wastewater service for the additional requested service areas will not result in a greater density than allowed under City ordinances. The wholesale agreements between the City and WCID No. 17 contain terms and conditions that would also apply to the new areas, such as:

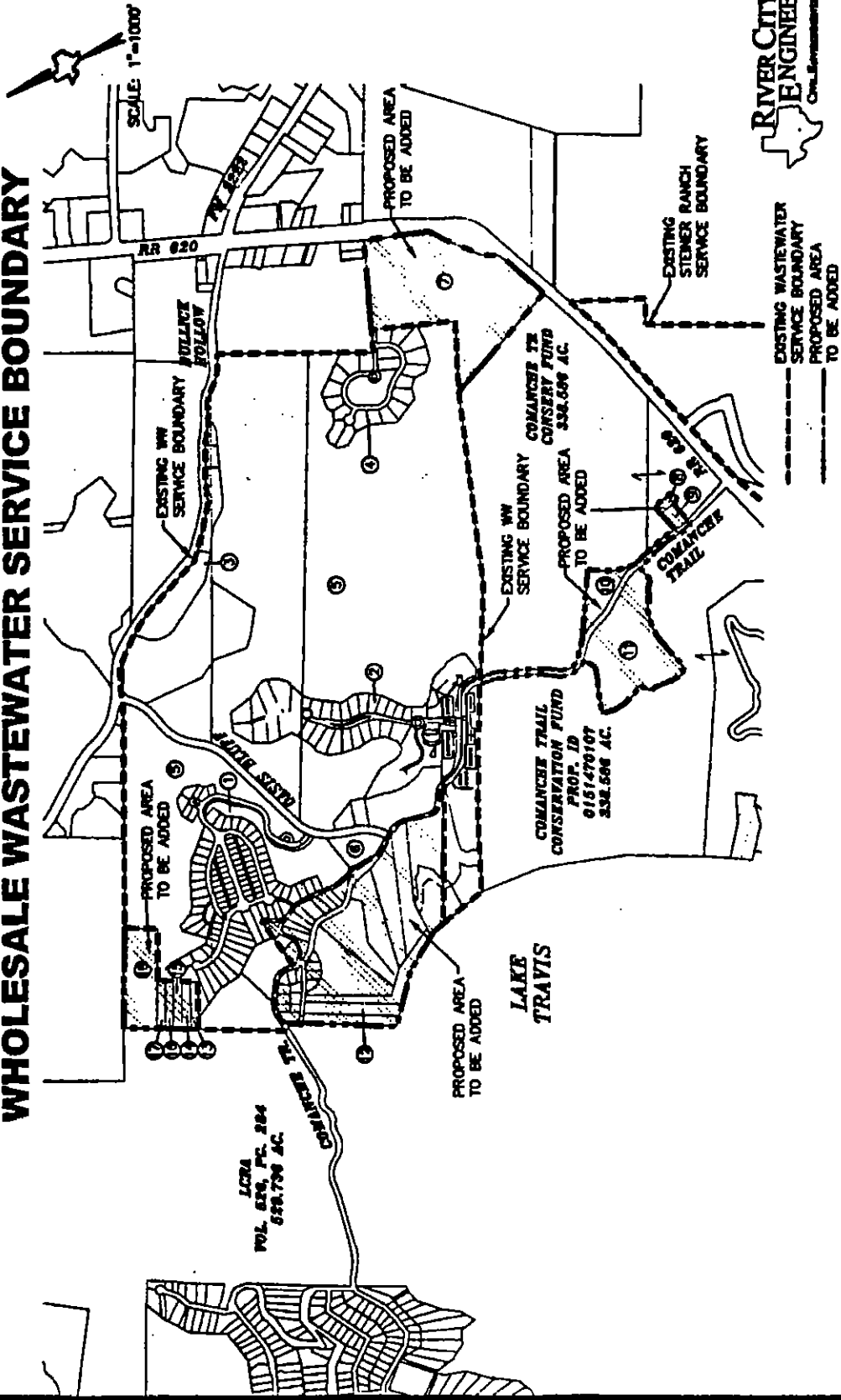
- the payment of the City's wastewater capital recovery fees for new connections to the City's system,
- the requirement of providing treated wastewater effluent to the City,
- the requirement of meeting specific wastewater quality parameters and undertaking corrective actions, if needed, and
- the provision of surcharges for exceeding wastewater flows and liquidated damages for not complying with other contractual limitations.

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**EXISTING WASTEWATER
SERVICE BOUNDARY
PROPOSED AREA
TO BE ADDED**

TRAVIS COUNTY WC&ID NO. 17 COMANCHE CANYON

WHOLESALE WASTEWATER SERVICE BOUNDARY



RIVER CITY ENGINEERING
Civil, Mechanical, & Electrical

No. 040506-G

**RECOMMEND APPROVAL AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE
AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENTS WITH TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL
AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17 (WCID NO. 17) FOR THE PROVISION OF
WHOLESALE WASTEWATER SERVICE TO THE COMANCHE CANYON PLANNED
UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND TO THE STEINER RANCH AREA.**

April 5, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

VOTE: 8-0-0-1

Motion made by: Warner

Commissioners Consenting: Coleman, Lee, Gonzalez, Raun, Chan, Fricse,
Scott-Ryan

Commissioners Dissenting:

Commissioners Abstaining:

Commissioners Absent: Pool

The Water and Wastewater Commission recommend authorization to negotiate and execute amendments to agreements with Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 (WCID No. 17) for the provision of wholesale wastewater services to the Comanche Canyon Planned Unit Development and to the Steiner Ranch area.



Michael Warner, Chairperson
Water and Wastewater Commission



Date