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Watershed Protection and Development Review RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 26

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application for a grant from the Texas Water Development Board in the amount of up to \$150,000 for 50 percent of the cost for a flood protection planning study for the Cherry Creek Tributary of the Williamson Creek watershed

Amount and Source of Funding: A grant funding opportunity in the amount of \$150,000 is available from the Texas Water Development Board. A funding match of \$150,000 is required and is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department. Total funding for the project is \$300,000.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material

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Resolution

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The Texas Water Development Board offers flood protection planning grants to assist local governments. The State's program is funded at \$1,000,000 in this fiscal year. Grant applications are due December 14, 2006; grant applications must include a resolution stating City intent to accept grant funding and comply with grant administrative requirements. Up to 50 percent grant funding is available to support flood protection planning study activities. If the resolution is approved, the grant application will be submitted for a flood protection planning grant in the maximum amount of \$150,000. This amount is one-half of the anticipated cost of the proposed study to identify flooding problems and feasible flood hazard reduction solutions for the Cherry Creek Tributary of the Williamson Creek watershed. The total study project cost is \$300,000; matching funds are available in the 2006-07 Operating Budget of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department.

Approximately 70 residential structures and 8 roadway crossings along the Cherry Creek Tributary between Hidden Oaks Drive (about 1500 feet south of William Cannon and West Gate) and its confluence with the main branch of Williamson Creek near Jones Road are located in the 100 year floodplain. This area has experienced severe flooding in the recent past, including 27 homes and several roadway crossings that were flooded on November 14, 2001.

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to submit an application to the Texas Water Development Board for a flood protection planning grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to identify flooding problems and feasible flood hazard reduction solutions for the Cherry Creek tributary of the Williamson Creek Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the grant application requires certain written assurances by the City of Austin; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

1. The City Council authorizes the submittal of a grant request to the Texas Water Development Board for flood protection planning for the Cherry Creek tributary of the Williamson Creek Watershed; and

2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager to apply for this grant from the Texas Water Development Board and to execute all documents related to the submission of this application; and

3. The City Council intends to commit local matching funds in cash and/or in-kind services towards this project.

ADOPTED: _____, 2006 ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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