

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Austin Water Utility RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 5

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an agreement with River Place Municipal Utility District ("River Place") for the provision of out-of-district water service to an approximately one-acre tract ("Dunlap Tract") which is located east of River Place's boundary.

Amount and Source of Funding: The landowner and River Place will be responsible for the necessary infrastructure improvements. No City funding is required for this agreement.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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

The City executed the Agreement Concerning Creation and Operation of River Place Municipal District No. 1, which consented to the creation of the district, on February 24, 1984. River Place consists of approximately 992 acres entirely located in the City's Drinking Water Protection Zone and partially within the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, the City's limited purpose jurisdiction, and the City's corporate limits of the 504.9 contour of the Colorado River. River Place is generally located south of FM 2222, north of the Colorado River, east of RM 620, and west of City Park Road.

River Place owns and operates its own water and wastewater treatment plants and therefore, the City does not provide wholesale water and wastewater service. However, River Place does have water and wastewater connections to the City's system for emergency purposes only. River Place currently serves 1,032 connections within River Place and 403 connections outside of River Place boundaries for out-of-district water service for the Westminster Glen and Glenlake subdivisions. The City and River Place executed a Strategic Partnership Agreement on September 7, 2009, under which the Austin Water Utility will assume operation and maintenance of River Place's water and wastewater systems on October 1, 2014, and the City will full-purpose annex River Place on December 31, 2017.

The landowner requested that River Place provide out-of-district water service to the Dunlap Tract, located near River Place's eastern boundary, and within the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and the City's Drinking Water Protection Zone. River Place water infrastructure is located near the tract. The nearest City water main is located approximately a half mile away. Wastewater service will be provided through the landowner's private septic system. The Dunlap Tract contains one single-family residence. A map of the area is attached.