

AGENDA



Thursday, March 25, 2010

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 58**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider the use of approximately 13,780 square feet permanent wastewater line, approximately 35,982 square feet temporary working space uses, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Seaholm Wastewater Modifications Project through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Shoal Beach and Shoal Creek Greenbelt, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time: April 22, 2010, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding: All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester.

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

For More Information: Junie Plummer 974-7085; April Thedford 974-7141

Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board.

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon a finding that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of this land.

The Seaholm Wastewater Modifications Project consists of approximately 2,000 linear feet of 24- and 30-inch wastewater pipe. The proposed wastewater line will run east-west along the north side of Cesar Chavez St. from the existing upstream Shoal Creek Lift Station to a proposed downstream shaft near the intersection of B.R. Reynolds Dr. and Lamar Blvd. This proposed wastewater line will ultimately drain into the proposed Downtown Wastewater Tunnel which commences a few feet downstream and is currently under construction. The Seaholm Wastewater Modifications Project will be built using micro tunneling methods.

The purpose of this project is to divert wastewater flowing into the Shoal Creek Lift Station to the proposed Downtown Wastewater Tunnel. This will allow the existing Shoal Creek Lift Station to be decommissioned and removed and make room for the proposed Central Library.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications". The Austin Water Utility Department is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

There is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland which includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to such lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman are March 28, April 4 & 11, 2010.