

AGENDA



Thursday, March 25, 2010

**Contract and Land Management
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 14**

Subject: Authorize execution of a construction contract with LAUGHLIN-THYSSEN, INC., Houston, TX, for the Onion Creek 24-inch South Zone Water Transmission Main and 36-inch Central Zone Water Transmission Main Relocation in the amount of \$1,551,109.50, plus a \$155,110.95 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,706,220.45.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Capital Budget of the Austin Water Utility.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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Purchasing Language: Lowest bid of six (6) bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 12.86% MBE and 5.09% WBE subcontractor participation.

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

The Public Works Department is constructing a twin bridge to an existing structure on East William Cannon Drive over Onion Creek. As a result of the bridge project, the Austin Water Utility is required to relocate their waterlines (24-inch South Zone WTM and 36-inch Central Zone WTM) outside the existing right of way in a new, permanent utility easement. The relocation of the waterlines must precede the construction of the William Cannon Bridge over Onion Creek Phase 2 project.

Due to the involvement of tunneling under the creek, a 10% contingency funding has been included to allow for the expeditious processing of any change orders. The contract allows 180 calendar days for substantial completion of this project.

Work is anticipated to start in May 2010 and continue until November 2010.