Thursday, August 26, 2010

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 87

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and approve a resolution authorizing the use of approximately 1.562 acres (68,068 square feet) permanent water line and approximately 3.236 acres (140,978 square feet) temporary working space, access and temporary staging and materials storage site uses, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a water line for construction of a portion of the Montopolis Reclaimed Water Transmission Main Project through dedicated parkland known as Roy G. Guerrero Colorado River Park, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

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.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by 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. Austin Water Utility's Reclaimed Water Program is proposing a new reclaim water line from Hergotz Lane to Grove Boulevard for the Montopolis Reclaimed Water Transmission Main Project. The project consists of approximately 13,650 feet of 24" diameter ductile iron pipe, about 875 feet of 16" diameter ductile iron pipe and about 600 feet of 6" diameter pvc pipe. The project will provide reclaimed water for irrigation to the park and to other customers. The project will last approximately 18 months with most of the work in the park to be completed within 6 months. The temporary staging and material storage sites will be used for the duration of the project.

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 August 1, 8, and 15, 2010.