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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	54038	Agenda Number	23.
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Meeting Date:	1/28/2016	Department:	Economic Development
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Subject

Approve an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Economic Development Capital Budget (Ordinance No. 20150908-002) to increase appropriations by \$125,500 for tree relocation and care services for a 28" diameter heritage live oak tree located on Block 185 of the former Green Water Treatment Plant. Related to Items # 22 and # 43.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$125,500 is available from Trammell Crow affiliates.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	<p>January 10, 2008 – Council approved Seaholm Development District Designation and initiated rezoning (Ordinance No. 20080110-075).</p> <p>February 14, 2008 – Council approved criteria and guidelines for Request for Proposals (Resolution No. 20080214-054).</p> <p>February 28, 2008 – Council approved evaluation criteria for Request for Proposals (Resolution No. 20080228-076).</p> <p>June 18, 2008 – Council authorized negotiation and execution of exclusive negotiating agreement with TC Austin Development, Inc., Construction Ventures, and USAA (Resolution No. 20080618-024).</p> <p>May 24, 2012 – Council approved an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute a Master Development Agreement with TC GREEN WATER MASTER DEVELOPER, LLC. for the sale and redevelopment of the property formerly occupied by the Green Water Treatment Plant; adopting building access and area of refuge requirements; waiving City Code Sections 25-1-112 and 25-8-641; and approving a managed growth agreement (Ordinance No. 20120524-012).</p>
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

Approval of this budget amendment will increase the current budget appropriation by \$125,500 to fund the costs associated with the relocation and care services for a 28" diameter heritage Live Oak tree located on Block 185 of the former Green Water Treatment Plant. The City and Trammell Crow will enter into a reimbursement agreement in which Trammell Crow will reimburse the City for the cost of the tree relocation after Trammell Crow purchases Block 185 as part of the phased development of these properties. Additionally, Trammell Crow will have an obligation to provide post-relocation tree care for five years.

The City issued a solicitation for the sale and redevelopment of the former Thomas C. Green Water Treatment Plant (GWTP) in 2008. In 2012, Trammell Crow was selected to be the master developer of the site. Several mature trees which did not interfere with the deconstruction of the treatment plant were left in place pending finalization of Trammell Crow's redevelopment proposal. Although the Request for Proposals did not require retention of the trees, the Heritage Tree Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20100204-038) was adopted during the negotiation process, and Trammell Crow was encouraged to save all viable heritage trees by either incorporating them into the redevelopment plans or by relocating them when feasible. In July 2013, under the Master Development Agreement, the City and Trammell Crow entered into an ancillary agreement which implemented tree preservation goals on the GWTP site.

A tree assessment was performed on the trees located on the GWTP site and a 28" heritage Live Oak was determined a good candidate for relocation. A suitable site for relocation has been found on the west bank of Shoal Creek, adjacent to the New Central Library. Staff estimates that the tree will be relocated by March, 2016.