## **Recommendation for Council Action**

## **AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL**

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018 Item Number: 056

## Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)

Set a public hearing to be conducted in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Section 26.001, et seq., to consider a resolution authorizing a change in use of dedicated parkland for an approximately 49,184 square feet permanent wastewater line and approximately 22,024 square feet temporary staging area, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and replace a wastewater line for construction of a portion of the Southland Oaks Waste Water Improvements Project through dedicated parkland known as Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek Greenbelt. (Suggested date and time: March 22, 2018 at 4:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX).

District(s) Affected: District 5

Lead Department	Office of Real Estate Services.
Fiscal Note	All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration will be paid by requester. This item has no fiscal impact.
For More Information	Lauraine Rizer, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-7078; Megan Herron, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-5649; Alex Gale, Office of Real Estate Services, (512) 974-1416; Clay Harris, Public Works Department, (512) 974-7895; Gregory Montes, Parks & Recreation Department, (512) 974-9458; Yvonne Gil, Austin Water Utility, (512) 972- 2048.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action	January 23, 2018-Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 9-0 with Board Member Lewis off dais and Board Member Farasat absent.

## **Additional Backup Information:**

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 Austin Water Utility Department is proposing to upgrade the existing 18 inch waste water line to a proposed 30 inch waste water line to handle growth in the area. This line will need to be relocated across Bauerle Ranch at Slaughter Creek Greenbelt which will require approximately 49,184 sq. ft. for a permanent wastewater line use and the approximately 22,024 square feet for staging area.

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 February 25, March 4, and 11, 2018.

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