



## Recommendation for Action

**File #:** 19-1746, **Agenda Item #:** 31.

5/23/2019

### **Posting Language**

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 approximately 13,431 square feet of permanent waterline and electric utilities and approximately 10,745 square feet of temporary work area, to construct, use, maintain, repair, and install the waterline and electric utilities through dedicated parkland, known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park. (Suggested date: June 20th, 2019 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

### **Lead Department**

Parks and Recreation Department

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 28, 2019 - to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board.

### **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 and that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to such land.

The park property located at 1200 W. Cesar Chavez serves the community as a metropolitan park and the proposed improvements should not interfere with the operation of the existing park amenities.

Approximately 10,745 square feet of parkland will be temporarily used (for 120 days) for work and construction materials and approximately 13,431 square feet of parkland will be used for the waterline and electric utilities installation.

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 and Austin Energy

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Department will pay all costs associated with the restoration and pay the Parks and Recreation Department mitigation in the amount of \$326,300 (or \$163,150 each) as part of this project.

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 May 26, June 2, and June 9, 2019.