



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1994, **Agenda Item #:** 64.

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 31,800 square feet of permanent waterline, waste waterline and electric utilities and approximately 40,900 square feet for a temporary staging area to construct, use, maintain, repair, and install waterline and electric utilities through dedicated parkland known as Waller Beach at Town Lake Metro Park. (Suggested date: June 20, 2019 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department

Fiscal Note

There is no fiscal impact to this item.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

May 9, 2019 - Withdrawn from Council agenda by City staff

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 30 East Ave serves the community as a metropolitan park, and the proposed improvements are planned to be installed within the boundary of an existing park road.

Approximately 31,800 square feet of parkland will be used for permanent waterline, waste waterline, and electric utilities, and approximately 40,900 square of parkland will be used for a temporary 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 and Austin Energy Department will pay a mitigation fee to PARD that will cover all costs associated with the restoration of the parkland. It is anticipated that the survey and appraisal, which will provide more exact square footages of the permanent and temporary parkland takings, as well as the amount of the mitigation fee to be paid to PARD, will be completed prior to conducting the public hearing.

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* will be May 26, June 2, and June 9, 2019.