



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3572, **Agenda Item #:** 70.

11/14/2019

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 and consider a resolution authorizing a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, for Austin Water and Austin Energy to construct, install, use, maintain, and repair approximately 13,431 square feet of permanent water line and electric utilities, as well as approximately 10,745 square feet of temporary work area.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department
Office of Real Estate Services

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Sponsoring Department - Austin Energy, Pamela England, Manager, (512) 322-6442

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

September 24, 2019 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 8-0, with Board Members Donovan, Taylor and Morgan 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 findings that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the parkland and that all reasonable planning has been done to minimize harm to such land.

Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park serves the community as a metropolitan park. The proposed utility 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) as a construction staging area and approximately 13,431 square feet of parkland will be used permanently for the water line and electric utilities.

Austin Water Utility and Austin Energy have determined that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of parkland for the water line and the electric utilities. Austin Water Utility and Austin Energy have undertaken all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the parkland and will complete restoration in accordance with PARD's Construction in Parks Specifications.

Upon approval of this item, the Office of Real Estate Services will collect the appraised value, as determined by a third-party appraiser, of the permanent utility area and the temporary construction staging area from the applicant for Site Plan no. SP-2016-0413C. In addition, the applicant will pay the City the cost of the appraisal and the cost of the notices of the public hearing.

The dates of notification of the public hearing in the Austin American- Statesman were October 20, October 27, and November 3, 2019.