



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1117, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

2/6/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Little Walnut Creek-Jamestown Tributary Erosion and Drainage Improvements project for the acquisition of approximately 0.032 of one acre (1,398 square feet) of land, more or less, out of and a part of the James P. Wallace Survey No. 57, Abstract No. 789 in Travis County, Texas, same being a portion of Lot 5, Block "E", Jamestown Section One recorded in Book 18, Page 92 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, conveyed to Charles M. Self, II and Jerry T. Harrison by Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien executed on June 12, 1998, filed for Record on June 16, 1998 and recorded in Volume 13205, Page 607 of the Real Property Records of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$10,090 for the public use of a storm drain infrastructure project to reduce erosion and flood risk. The owners of the needed property are Charles M. Self II, and Jerry T. Harrison. The property is located entirely within District 4, at 911 Fairfield Drive, Austin, Texas 78758. The general route of the project is along Jamestown Drive just west of Lamar Boulevard and south of Payton Gin Road.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$10,090 is available in the FY2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Watershed Protection Department.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Watershed Protection Department (WPD) has identified an area of increased erosion and flooding risk in the area of Jamestown Drive along Little Walnut Creek. The erosion risk is the second highest ranked area in the City and the localized flooding risk is ranked as the seventh highest in the City.

This project will protect yards, trees, buildings and infrastructure by restoring and stabilizing approximately 2,500 linear feet of Little Walnut Creek using native materials and plantings. It will also reduce the risk of localized flooding to properties along Jamestown Drive through the construction of 2,000 linear feet of storm drain. Additionally, the project will increase the culvert capacity of two flood-prone streets crossing the creek.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 911 Fairfield Drive. Negotiations have come to an impasse and the property owner has become unresponsive. The easement is needed to contain bank stabilization measures and the design cannot reasonably be modified to avoid the need for this easement without compromising project goals. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.