

RESOLUTION NO. 20200123-060

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2019, the City Council expressed the City's concerns with and opposition to the Permian Highway Pipeline (PHP) in Resolution No. 20190619-183; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to have an interest in the protection of its natural resources including the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs, and an interest in how the PHP may affect its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Edwards Aquifer serves as a major source of drinking water for two million people, is a vital resource to the general economy and welfare of Central Texas, and forms the only known habitat for the endangered Barton Springs Salamander and the Austin Blind Salamander; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2019, the City's Environmental Officer released a memorandum summarizing the potential water quality impacts the PHP may have on the Trinity and Edwards aquifers; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2019, the City joined the Cities of San Marcos, Kyle, Buda; the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District; the Wimberly Valley Watershed Association; and the Texas Real Estate Advocacy and Defense Coalition (TREAD) in submitting a Notice of Intent to Sue under the Endangered Species Act relating to the threatened and endangered species found within the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

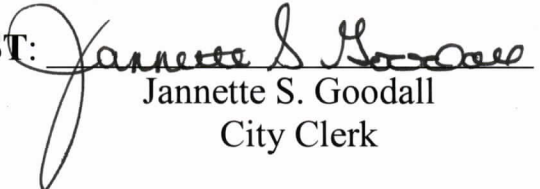
The City continues to oppose the Permian Highway Pipeline (PHP) because of the potential harm the PHP poses to threatened and endangered species found within the Edwards Aquifer and Barton Springs and City-owned Water Quality Protection Lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager to participate in civil litigation, as appropriate, and, if necessary, to negotiate and execute an agreement for legal services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

ADOPTED: January 23, 2020

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk