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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	28614	Agenda Number	56.
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Meeting Date:	11/7/2013	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider the installation of parking meters on parkland at Butler Shores Ball Fields located at 1540 Toomey Road, Austin Texas, 78704 in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. (Suggested date and time, December 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 6, 2013 – Council approved Resolution # 20130606-048.
For More Information:	Ricardo Soliz 512-974-9452; April Shaw 512-974-6716.
Boards and Commission Action:	August 27, 2013 – Parks & Recreation Board Action failed on August 27, 2013 with a 3 to 3 vote, with one member of the board absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

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.

Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) staff will partner with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD) to install parking meters at the Butler Shore Softball Fields. ATD will order, install, operate, maintain and service the stations. They will also provide parking enforcement.

Recommended Program

After analyzing the user patterns of the parking lots the following program is being recommended:

- Install six pay stations throughout the Butler Shores parkland parking areas.

- The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- The proposed rate would be \$1 an hour. The estimated annual fees generated based on today's parking patterns will net approximately \$15,888. These funds will be utilized to enhance the parking facilities at Butler Shores.
- Installation of the Butler Shores Ball Field meters will be coordinated with the ATD's installation of the meters along Toomey Road
- Consistent enforcement of the overnight parking ban / 10pm park curfew

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 November 17, and 24, 2013, and December 1, 2013.