

Recommendation for Council Action

Item ID 29083 133. Austin City Council Agenda Number

12/12/2013 Parks and Recreation Meeting Date: Department:

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution regarding the installation of parking meters on parkland at Butler Shores Ball Fields located at 1540 Toomey Road, Austin Texas, in accordance with Sec. 26.001 et seq. of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. Related to Item #32.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council	
Action:	
For More	Ricardo Soliz, 512-974-9452
Information:	Nicardo Soliz, 312-974-7432
Boards and	
Commission	August 27, 2013 – Consideration by Parks & Recreation Board resulted in a 3 to 3 vote.
Action:	
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 Ball Fields. ATD will acquire, 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.
- Installation of the Butler Shores Ball Field meters will be coordinated with the ATD's installation of the

- meters along Toomey Road
- The hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, from 8:00AM to 4:00PM
- The proposed rate would be \$1 an hour. The estimated annual fees generated based on today's parking patterns will net approximately \$16,000. These funds will be utilized to enhance the parking facilities at Butler Shores.
- Enforcement of the overnight parking ban. Park curfew is between the hours of 10:00PM-5:00AM

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. The public hearing shall be conducted on December 12, 2013 at 4:00PM, Austin City Council Chambers, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.