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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31814	Agenda Number	77.
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Meeting Date:	4/17/2014	Department:	Office of Real Estate Services
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider a resolution regarding the approval of the permanent use of approximately 1,406 square feet of land and temporary working space use of approximately 1,269 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a mounted transformer pad and electric facilities for the Barton Springs Solar Project, through dedicated parkland known as Auditorium Shores at Town Lake Metro Park in accordance with Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code.

Amount and Source of Funding

All costs associated with construction, as well as any parkland restoration, will be paid by requester.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	February 25, 2014 - Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a 5-0 vote with Board Members Abell and Osgood absent.
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Related Items:	
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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.

The City of Austin and Austin Energy have proposed the installation of a pad mounted transformer, fed by rooftop solar cells, which supplies electricity back into the power grid.

Approval of the use of parkland is made on the condition that all restoration is completed in accordance with the Standard Specifications and Construction Standards of the City of Austin and the Parks and Recreation Department's "Construction in Parks Specifications." Austin Energy is required to pay all costs associated with the restoration and tree mitigation as part of the site restoration process.

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 March 23 and 30, 2014, and April 6, 2014.