

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	37134	Agenda Number	119.
Meeting Date:	11/6/2014		Department:	Office of Real Estate Services	
Subject					
Conduct a public hearing to consider the permanent use of approximately 15,960 square feet of land and temporary working space use of approximately 7,658 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair, and replacement of a wastewater line for the Little Walnut Creek Wastewater Project, through dedicated parkland known as Little Walnut Creek District 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 the requester.					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:	October 28, 2014 – Approved by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 6-0 with Board Member Osgood 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 and the project includes all reasonable planning to minimize harm to the land resulting from the use.

Austin Water Utility is proposing to construct approximately ±230 linear feet of 8-inch wastewater line to tie into the existing wastewater system located in Little Walnut Creek District Park. The proposed wastewater line will be primarily contained within an existing public utility easement. Approximately 0.176 acres of parkland will be designated for a permanent use wastewater easement and approximately 0.366 acres will be used for temporary use for construction access and installation of the wastewater line. This project will improve the wastewater system in this area and provide service to the adjacent property.

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 Water Utility 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* were October 12, 19 and 26, 2014.