

**CIP
EXPENSE DETAIL**

DATE OF COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:
CONTACT DEPARTMENT(S):

March 26, 2015
Austin Water Utility

SUBJECT: Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Springdale/290 Improvements Project for approximately 1,676 square feet of land for a permanent waterline easement and approximately 3,089 square feet of land for a temporary working space easement, all being out of Lot 1, Chimneyhill P.U.D. Fourth Installment, a subdivision of record in Book 70, Page 7 of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, conveyed to Wayne Allen Barbee by Warranty Deed recorded in Document No. 2001170817 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, in the total amount of \$449. The owner of the needed property interests is Wayne Allen Barbee. The property is a vacant lot located entirely in District 1, off US 290 East, between Springdale Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. The general route covered by this project includes the Chimney Hill Subdivision and the Walnut Trace Subdivision on either side of Springdale Road, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

CURRENT YEAR IMPACT:

Department:	Austin Water Utility
Project Name:	Springdale/290 Improvements
Fund/Department/Unit:	3960-2207-7249
Funding Source:	Commercial Paper
Current Appropriation:	815,529.00
Unencumbered Balance:	21,031.28
Amount of This Action:	<u>(449.00)</u>
Remaining Balance:	<u>20,582.28</u>

Total Amount of this Action funded by CIP 449.00

ANALYSIS / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The Springdale/290 Improvements Project requires the acquisition of approximately 1,676 square feet (0.039-acre) of land for a permanent waterline easement and approximately 3,089 square feet (0.071-acre) of land for a temporary working space easement across a portion of vacant property located entirely in District 1, off US 290 East, between Springdale Road and Chimney Hill Boulevard, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas.

This project was designed to reduce very high water pressures in the area along and adjacent to US 290 and in the Springdale Road area. This includes the Chimney Hill Subdivision and the Walnut Trace Subdivision on either side of Springdale Road. In addition, the project will improve waterline reliability and replace undersized and aged facilities in the neighborhood. The project will construct two system pressure reducing valve stations to serve the entire area. Construction will entail 8,000 linear feet of 8-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipe, 300 linear feet of 12-inch PVC pipe, 7,000 linear feet of 16-inch PVC pipe for a total of approximately 15,300 linear feet of new water pipe. This will include all appurtenances.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed easements. The City and the property owner were unable to agree on the value of the needed acquisition. The Law Department is requesting authorization to file an action in eminent domain on behalf of the City of Austin.