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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 50088 | Agenda Number | 76. |
| Meeting Date: | 9/17/2015 | | Department: | Watershed Protection |

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance granting a site specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514 and granting a variance to City Code Section 25-8-261 to allow redevelopment of St. Catherine of Siena Church. This action requires a site-specific amendment of the Save Our Springs Initiative and concerns property in the Barton Springs Zone (District 8). (Suggested date and time: October 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | December 11, 2014 - Council approved Resolution No. 20141211-107 initiating site specific variances and code amendments to address proposed redevelopment and expansion of St. Catherine of Siena Church, within the Barton Springs Zone.. |
| For More Information: | Chuck Lesniak, Environmental Officer, 512-974-2699 |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | August 19, 2015 - Recommended by the Environmental Commission with an 11-0 vote. September 22, 2015 - To be reviewed by the Planning Commission. |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

St. Catherine of Siena Church is located in the Williamson Creek watershed within the Barton Springs portion of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Redevelopment of the property is subject to current code. If this project were proceeding under the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception it would require, among other things, water quality treatment for the entire property and mitigation land or payment of money to acquire land based on the entire tract. Instead, the church wishes to redevelop only a portion of the property by demolishing an existing building and constructing a new structure within the same footprint without providing water quality for the entire property or providing mitigation for existing excess impervious cover.

The ordinance is being brought forward in response to a request by the City Council contained in Resolution No. 20141211-107, which initiated the amendment and variance, and directed the City Manager to work with the applicant to bring an ordinance to Council that:

1. Allows no increase in the existing impervious cover;
2. If feasible, decreases the amount of impervious cover on the site; and
3. Provides water quality treatment consistent with Chapter 25-8-26 (*Redevelopment Exception in the Barton Springs Zone*).