



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3351, **Agenda Item #:** 20.

10/31/2019

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire the fee simple title to approximately 1.426 acres of land (62,117sq.ft.) being Lot 1, Block A, Oak Hill Technology Park Subdivision, a subdivision in Travis County Texas, recorded in Document No. 200000208 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas at 5408 US Highway 290 West, Austin, Texas 78735 from AAW Oak Hill LTD., in an amount not to exceed \$2,545,000 including closing costs.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$2,545,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Capital Budget of the Austin Fire Department.

Prior Council Action:

May 24, 2018, Council approved a resolution directing the Manager to construct, build, or establish interim fire stations; to include funds to staff the interim fire stations in the recommended 2018-2019 budget; and, to develop a plan to fund, construct, and staff permanent fire stations was approved, as amended, with a 10-0 Vote, Council Member Troxclair was absent..

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Additional Backup Information:

City Council passed Resolution 20180524-035 with a unanimous vote, directing City staff to construct and staff five new permanent Fire/EMS stations in the areas of greatest need as identified in the updated 2017 Austin Fire Department/Austin Fire Association Fire Station Risk and Service Delivery Analysis Report.

The Travis Country Fire/EMS station has been designated as one of the two highest priority stations. After taking into account such factors as the decrease of emergency response time into the Travis Country neighborhood, the potential of a site to accommodate the required building footprint without the need to add additional impervious cover in the environmentally sensitive Barton Springs Zone protected under the Save Our Springs Ordinance, and the feedback received from the Travis Country Homeowners' Association with respect to preferred locations for the new station, the site located at 5408 U.S. Highway 290 West was identified as the ideal location for the new Travis Country Fire/EMS station.

An independent, third party appraisal was conducted on the proposed easements. The owner has agreed to accept compensation in the amount of \$2,525,000 for the necessary fee simple title acquisition needed for this project.