Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2697, **Agenda Item #:** 31. 8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a community facilities and cost reimbursement agreement with Pressler RRI, L.P. for the construction of pedestrian and bicycle trail at Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park and a trail head around the intersection of 5th Street and Pressler Street, for a contract amount not to exceed $255,909.50.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Capital Budget.

Prior Council Action:

December 8, 2016 - Council approved the Lamar Beach Master Plan on a 10-0 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Tovo absent.

November 14, 2019 - Council conducted a public hearing and unanimously approved Resolution No. 20191114-070, which authorized a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Lamar Beach at Town Lake Metro Park, for Austin Water and Austin Energy to construct, install, use, maintain, and repair approximately 13,431 square feet of permanent water line and electric utilities, as well as approximately 10,745 square feet of temporary work area.

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Additional Backup Information:

Pressler RRI, L.P., desires to enter into a community facilities and cost reimbursement agreement with the City of Austin as part of a trail construction project that will connect Lamar Beach Park with the Old West Austin Neighborhood area. The proposed pedestrian and bicycle connection is a priority project identified in the Lamar Beach Master Plan and will create a safe pathway to bring pedestrians and cyclists from 5th Street's higher elevation to Lamar Beach Park, Cesar Chavez Street and Lady Bird Lake, making these parks and Cesar Chavez Street easier to access. The connection that will be created under this agreement will tie into the Lance Armstrong Bikeway and will, as a result, also serve as a mobility alternative for those wanting to travel from the rapidly-developing area in the vicinity of west 5th and 6th Streets to both east and west of downtown. The estimated total contract price for the park improvements is $1,600,000.

Parkland Dedication Funds (PLD) in the amount of $255,909.50 will be used to leverage over $900,000 in private dollars to construct these public improvements on parkland. The PLD funds consist of $210,948 paid by Pressler RRI, L.P. as a code requirement for 300 and 315 Pressler Street (Site Plan Nos. SP-2016-0413C and SP-2016-0414C) and $44,961.50 paid by other PLD fee required developments near 5th and Pressler Streets.

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Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 212.071, *et seq.*, the City may enter into a contract with a developer to construct public improvements, not including a building, related to the development, provided the City's participation does not exceed 30 percent of the total contract price of the improvements.

The City has determined that it will derive a benefit from the construction of the proposed improvements in accordance with the terms of a Parkland Improvement/Donation Agreement in accordance with the requirements of Texas Local Government Code Chapter 212, subchapter C (Developer Participation in Contract for Public Improvements).

Strategic Outcome(s):

Mobility; Health & Environment and Government that Works for All.

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