



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3655, **Agenda Item #:** 58.

12/10/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the Rock Harbour Lift Station Improvements Project for a Public Utility Easement acquisition of approximately 0.055 acres (approximately 2,400 square feet) of land situated in Lot 1 Block A, Canyon Creek III at Rock Harbour, a subdivision in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, of Record in document number 200000026, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, Said Lot 1, Block A, being described in a Warranty Deed to Cantebrea Crossing Texas, LLC., a Texas Limited Partnership of Record in Document number 2016008640, Official Public Records, Travis County Texas, in the amount of \$677, for the public use for providing electric supply to the adjacent City of Austin water lift station necessary to the operation of the lift station. The owner of the needed property is Cantebrea Crossing Texas, LLC., a Delaware limited liability company. The property is located entirely within District 6, at 8021 N Ranch Road 620, Austin, Texas 78726. The general route of the Rock Harbour Lift Station Improvements Project is in Northwest Austin, near the Four Points region at FM 620 and RR 2222, in Austin, Travis County, Texas.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$677 is available in the FY2019-2020 Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

The existing Rock Harbour Lift Station was built in 1997 and is nearing the end of its original useful life. Due to high velocities in the upstream sewer system, the lift station is experiencing maintenance problems, including problems with ragging (large debris clogging the equipment) and significant odor issues. In addition, due to increasing growth in the area, the Rock Harbour Lift Station is expected to receive increased flows, which will continue to exacerbate the existing maintenance and sewer odor issues. Improvements to the lift station must be made to address the increased sewage demands due to growth in the community and to minimize the O&M challenges. These improvements include: 1) replacement of the existing wet well with an appropriately sized wet well, 2) upsizing the pumps to handle increased sewage demands, and 3) upsizing the electrical system to support long-term reliability of the lift station.

Delays to the project schedule will hinder Austin Water's ability to accommodate the increased sewage flows in the area and will exacerbate already difficult operations and maintenance issues including heavy ragging, which can lead to pump failure and sanitary sewer overflows, as well as increased hydrogen sulfide gasses which cause corrosion and odor issues.

The City of Austin has attempted to purchase the needed property at 8021 N Ranch Road 620. The City and the property owners have been 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..

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment.