



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2800, **Agenda Item #:** 101.

9/1/2022

Posting Language:

Conduct a public hearing in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Code Chapter 26 and consider a resolution authorizing a change in use of dedicated parkland, known as Jimmy Clay Golf Course, Roy Kizer Golf Course, Onion Creek Soccer Complex, and Onion Creek Metropolitan Park (north and south entrances), for Austin Water to construct, operate, maintain, and repair approximately 17,000 linear feet of reclaimed water main. Austin Water will require permanent use of approximately 175,136 square feet of parkland and approximately 662,128 square feet of temporary use area for construction.

Lead Department:

Parks and Recreation Department, Office of Real Estate Services.

Prior Council Action:

July 28, 2022 - Council set the public hearing for September 1, 2022.

For More Information:

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Lead Department - Office of Real Estate Services, Michael Gates, Real Estate Services Officer, (512) 974-5639.

Sponsoring Department - Austin Water, Brent Crawford, Reclaimed Water Manager, (512) 974-3542.

Managing Department - Public Works Department, John Wepryk, Project Manager, (512) 974-7010.

Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on June 27, 2022.

Additional Backup Information:

Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code provides that the use of parkland for non-park purposes may be approved upon findings that there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the parkland and that all reasonable planning has been undertaken to minimize harm to such land.

Austin Water proposes to construct approximately 3.5 miles of reclaimed water main in southeast Austin, from Jimmy Clay Drive to Nuckols Crossing Road, and requires permanent and temporary easements in the five parks the line will traverse. The water main will provide irrigation to the parks and will also serve public schools and the Goodnight Ranch development on Nuckols Crossing Road. Horizontal directional drilling will be used to cross Williamson and Onion Creeks and construction is planned for September 2022 through July 2024.

Upon approval of this item, the Parks and Recreation Department will collect \$818,542 as mitigation for the permanent and temporary uses of the parks.

The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed the project at its June 27, 2022, meeting and recommended that Council approve it. This item is brought forward because there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of the dedicated parkland and all reasonable planning has been and will be taken to minimize harm to such

lands. The dates of public notification in the Austin American-Statesman were August 7, 14 and 21, 2022.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment, Government that Works for All.