



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-1479, **Agenda Item #:** 52.

4/13/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Williamson Creek - Richmond Tributary Rehabilitation Project, for the public use of stream bank stabilization, drainage culvert construction, and wastewater line protection, requiring the acquisition of a temporary working space easement consisting of approximately 487 square feet (0.0112 of an acre), being out of and a portion of Lot 16, Block B, Forest Oaks, a subdivision of record in Volume 6, Page 3, Plat Records, Travis County, Texas, in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas currently appraised at \$8,194 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioners' award. The owner of the needed property is William C. Ball. The property is located at 4500 Richmond Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78745. The general route of the project is along the Richmond Tributary to Williamson Creek, behind homes on Richmond Avenue and Gillis Street, from Redd Street south to Green Forest Drive.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Watershed Protection Department.

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Additional Backup Information:

The Richmond Tributary of Williamson Creek is a public drainage way that conveys water behind homes on Richmond Avenue and Gillis Street from Redd Street south to Green Forest Drive. This property acquisition is needed for the Williamson Creek - Richmond Tributary Rehabilitation Project for the stabilization of the eroding drainage channel that currently threatens public wastewater facilities and private property. This purpose of this project will be to reduce flood risk and remove 1,000 feet of wastewater lines from the creek.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 4500 Richmond Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78745. The City and property owner 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, and to authorize the City to pay for the property interest in an amount determined by the appraisal, updated appraisal (s), or a Special Commissioners' award.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety, Government that Works for All.