

NEW BUSINESS: CODE AMENDMENT INITIATION REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: Consider initiation of amendments to Title 25 of the City Code related to the Barton Springs Zone.

Description: Site specific amendment to SOS (Save our Springs) Ordinance and related variances to 25-8 as minimally necessary for the Barton Springs Bath House capital improvements required for emergency response access, ADA access, and updating water and wastewater service to provide improved fire flow and replace aged wastewater service lines.

Anticipated community benefits:

- Safer public facilities
- Accessible public facilities
- Increased pedestrian mobility
- Enhanced park use

Proposed Language: TBD (draft ordinance language will be brought to PC for a recommendation before going to Council for final approval).

Background: The Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation is a major component identified in the Barton Springs Master Plan (completed in 2009) and further outlined in the Zilker Bathhouse Zone Feasibility Study (completed in 2016). Major elements of work will include accessibility and life safety improvements, replacement of the plumbing and HVAC systems, and structural repair and restoration of critical parts of the entry rotunda and the changing rooms. Improvements to the Aquatic facilities and the Sheffield Education Center are also a part of this project.

Site specific amendments to SOS (Save our Springs) Ordinance are necessary to implement required emergency response and ADA access, updating water and wastewater service to provide improved fire flow and replace aged wastewater service lines. A water quality feature control measure is required to provide water quality treatment for necessary for making these improvements.

Anticipated community benefits are a safer public facility, an improved ADA accessible public facility, increased pedestrian mobility, and enhanced park use.

Funding for this rehabilitation project is provided through 2012 and 2018 General Obligation Bond funds, the Historic Preservation Fund, and contributions from the Barton Springs Conservancy. Additional exhibit contributions are provided by the City's Watershed Protection Department and Austin Water Department.

Staff Recommendation: To be determined by WPD staff after initiation of the code amendment.

Board and Commission Actions:

Environmental Commission Hearing – to be reviewed on July 5, 2023

Planning Commission – to be reviewed on July 25, 2023

City Council Hearing – to be reviewed July 20, 2023

Council Action:

To be set for public hearing by City Council on July 20th, 2023

To be heard by City Council on August 31st, 2023

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