



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2549, **Agenda Item #:** 98.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance regarding a site-specific amendment to City Code Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative) to address development related to the proposed Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation Project (2012-0104D(R6)). This action concerns land located in the Barton Springs Zone.

Lead Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

This item will have no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

July 20, 2023 - Set for public hearing by City Council for September 14, 2023.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 21, 2023, Approved for initiation by the Codes and Ordinance Joint Committee 5-0-1 (Claire Hempel abstaining)

June 27, 2023, Initiated by Planning Commission 8-0-1 (Claire Hempel abstains)

July 19, 2023, Approved by Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee 6-0-1 (Claire Hempel abstains)

July 5, 2023, Recommended for Approval by Environmental Commission 10-0

July 25, 2023. Recommended approval by Planning Commission 10-0-1 (Claire Hempel abstains)

Additional Backup Information:

The Barton Springs Bathhouse Rehabilitation is a major component identified in the 2009 Council-approved Barton Springs Pool Master Plan and further outlined in the Zilker Park 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 the SOS (Save our Springs) Ordinance are necessary to implement emergency response and accessibility requirements, and to update water and wastewater service by providing improved fire flow and replacing aged wastewater service lines. A water quality feature is necessary for making these improvements.

Anticipated community benefits are a safer public facility, an improved Texas Accessibility Standards

accessible public facility meeting current compliance codes, 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.