



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2516, **Agenda Item #:** 46.

10/19/2023

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings and payment to acquire the property interests needed for the Williamson Creek Interceptor project for the public use of replacing a wastewater tunnel to increase capacity for future growth in the Williamson Creek basin, requiring the acquisition of one wastewater easement consisting of approximately 0.019 acre (845 square feet) of land and one temporary working space easement consisting of approximately 0.006 acre (248 square feet) of land, being out of and a portion of Lot 5, Block G, Wagon Crossing Section 3-A Amended, a subdivision in Travis County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Book 76, Page 267 of the Plat of Records of Travis County, Texas, having been conveyed to Megan, Frank and Suellen Symons by instrument of record in Document No. 2018142057 in the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$25,105 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Megan C. Symons, Frank Symons, and Suellen Symons. The property is located at 1912 Conestoga Trail, Austin, Texas 78744. The general route of the project is along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

This acquisition and temporary workspace easement is needed to support Austin Water's plan to install a new gravity wastewater interceptor near Williamson Creek. The existing wastewater pipeline in Williamson Creek is reaching the end of its useful life and is projected to be nearing its capacity as growth continues in the area. Council should expect to see a future Recommendation for Council Action to award the construction contract for this project. This project is proposed to be funded in part by Texas Water Development Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and by Capital Improvement plan dollars.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 1912 Conestoga Trail, Austin, Texas 78744. 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.