



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3253, Agenda Item #: 82.

11/30/2023

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 increasing the capacity of a wastewater tunnel to accommodate future growth in the Williamson Creek basin, requiring the acquisition of one access easement consisting of an approximately 0.08 acre (3,348 square feet) tract of land, out of the Santiago Del Valle Grant, Abstract No. 24, situated in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and being a portion of Lot 2 of Williamson Centre Subdivision, a Subdivision of record in Volume 87, Page 12A of the Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, said Lot 2 identified as one of the tracts listed as Tract 2, being a portion of those tracts described in a general warranty deed granted to Stassney Crossing, LLC, found recorded as Document No. 2016057417 of the Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, currently appraised at \$87,503 subject to an increase in value based on updated appraisals or a Special Commissioner's award. The owner of the needed property is Stassney Crossing, LLC. The property is located at 1801 East Stassney Lane, Austin, Texas 78744. The general route of the project is along Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road, with numerous tie-in cutovers throughout to connect local wastewater flows to the new tunnel.

Lead Department

Financial Services Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding is available in the Capital Budget of Austin Water.

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Additional Backup Information:

This access easement acquisition is needed to support Austin Water's need to install a new gravity wastewater interceptor along and near Williamson Creek, from South 1st Street to South Pleasant Valley Road. 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. This project is proposed to be funded in part by the Texas Water Development Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Council should expect to see a future Recommendation for Council Action to award the construction contract for this project.

The City has attempted to purchase the needed property at 1801 East Stassney Lane, 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.