



**CITY OF TYLER
CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

Agenda Number: O-1

Date: October 24, 2007

Subject: Request City Council consider approving an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Tyler Water Utilities annual budget and authorizing the City Manager to purchase 3.939 acres located at 3306 State Highway 155, Tyler Texas from the Texas Department of Transportation for \$495,000.

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Item Reference:

In 2004, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) vacated 3.939 acres of land, located at 3306 State Highway 155, Tyler, Texas, which had long served as their maintenance facility. That same year the City of Tyler Water Utilities expressed an interest in purchasing the property in order to move the water distribution and wastewater collection operations from 2300 NNW Loop 323 to a more centralized location.

Since 2004, the expansion of the City of Tyler Code Enforcement operation has created a need for additional space, with the most expedient solution being consolidating the street and drainage maintenance operations location with the water and wastewater maintenance operations at the former TxDOT maintenance location on State Highway 155. At this time, the appraised value of the property is \$495,000 and the property has received environmental clearance from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

One of the action items of the Tyler21 plan is to “make city facilities and operations a model of resource efficiency”. To that end, it is proposed that, upon authorization from the City Council, the City of Tyler will purchase the TxDOT property using water utility funds. Upon completion of the purchase the two existing buildings will be re-roofed and remodeled (estimated at \$110,000) to fit the needs of the Street and Drainage maintenance operations, which will relocate immediately. Then, as part of the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget, Tyler Water Utilities will budget money to construct new combined operation buildings (estimated at \$1.65 million).

In the case of both the Street and Drainage Maintenance and Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Maintenance operations, the advantage will be a more centralized location with direct access to major east/west and north/south corridors for improved access and emergency response.

Accompanying the communication is an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Tyler Water Utilities budget, by \$605,000 for the purchase of the property, re-roofing the buildings and re-modeling to meet the needs of Street and Drainage Maintenance.

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FUNDING: 503 Fund Balance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council approve an Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Tyler Water Utilities annual budget and authorizing the City Manager to purchase 3.939 acres located at 3306 State Highway 155, Tyler Texas from the Texas Department of Transportation for \$495,000.

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Drafted/Recommended By:
Department Leader

Greg Morgan

Edited/Submitted By:
City Manager

ORDINANCE NO. 0- 2007-125

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS AMENDING THE TYLER WATER UTILITIES BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008 AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3.939 ACRES OF LAND AND REPAIR TO EXISTING BUILDINGS ON SAID TRACT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007 the Tyler Water Utilities budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 was adopted; and

WHEREAS, after the submittal to and review of the Tyler Water Utilities budget by City Council, an opportunity availed itself to purchase the former Texas Department of Transportation maintenance facility, located at 3306 State Highway 155, Tyler, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the purchase of the aforementioned 3.939 acres will provide for the centralization of Street/Drainage Maintenance and Water Distribution/Wastewater Collection Maintenance in one location to enhance operations, emergency response and inter-departmental cooperation; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Tyler21 Comprehensive Plan, the citizens of Tyler recommended that city government “make City facilities and operations a model of resource efficiency”; and

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of the 3.939 acres tract was not incorporated in the Tyler Water Utilities Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the purchase of the 3.939 acres tract will require a budget amendment:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS;

PART 1: That the following line item account as approved in the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 shall be amended to read as follows:

DEPARTMENT NAME	ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGETED AMOUNT	REQUESTED INCREASE	REQUESTED DECREASE	BUDGET AS AMENDED
Water Admin	503 0741 741 2401	Misc. Construction	0	\$605,000		\$605,000
Utility Fund	503	Fund Balance	\$5,919,659	0	\$605,000	\$5,314,659

PART 2: That the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this budget amendment as required by state law.

PART 3: That the amendment of the fiscal year 2007-2008 Budget at this time in order to provide funding for the purchase of the aforementioned 3.939 acres tract creates an urgent public necessity to authorize the amendment to the budget herein contained.

PART 4: That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of October, 2007.

JOSEPH O. SEEBER, MAYOR
CITY OF TYLER, TEXAS

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CASSANDRA BRAGER, CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY