

BILL/ RESOLUTION REQUEST

- 1. Title:** Approves the transfer of 20 acres of city owned property at 52nd & Emerson to the Wastewater Management Division for a Pilot Regional Water Quality Project for \$2,135,105.
- 2. Requesting Agency:** Public Works
- 3. Contact Person *with actual knowledge of proposed ordinance***
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- 5. Describe the proposed ordinance, including what the proposed ordinance is intended to accomplish, who's involved**
 - a. Scope of Work**

An Ordinance approving the transfer of city owned property to the Wastewater Management Division for a Pilot Regional Water Quality Project. The subject property is 20 acres of the site at 52nd & Emerson to be used for a pilot project to demonstrate best management practices in storm water quality. The funds benefit the Denver Justice Center project.

Background. In 2005 the City and County of Denver purchased land for the construction of the Denver Justice Center. The land purchase included several extra parcels adjacent to the construction site. In 2006 Department of Finance approved the sale of these extra parcels of land in order to fund the completion of the Denver Justice Center project. The value was estimated to be \$3,000,000. After discussions with City Council, the Mayor's office and other city officials, Department of Finance agreed that it was in the City's best interest to retain these parcels to support future westward expansion of the civic center corridor toward Speer Blvd. To allow funding of the Justice Center project to remain whole, the Department of Finance worked with City Council and City staff to identify alternate parcels to be sold. Wastewater then requested to purchase these parcels for a pilot regional water quality project.

Parcel Description. Parcels A and B of the site at 52nd and Emerson. Parcel A is 9.32 Acres and Parcel B is 10.28 acres. Discussions between Real Estate and Public Works subject matter experts set the purchase price at \$2.50 per square foot.
 - b. Duration**

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c. Location

52nd Avenue and Emerson Street

d. Affected Council District

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e. Benefits

The proposed ordinance will transfer land to be used by Wastewater Management for a regional water quality pilot project. The pilot project will promote best management practices in storm water quality, helping to improve upon the health, safety, comfort, convenience, and welfare of all the people of the City, region and State. The funds will help complete the Denver Justice Center project.

f. Costs

\$2,135,105. Transfer Cash from WMD Storm Capital Improvement fund (72700) to Justice Center Grant fund (38196): .

6. Is there any controversy surrounding this ordinance, groups or individuals who may have concerns about it? Please explain.

No

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