



Zorich Water Rights Purchase

Presenting: Austin Creswell, Water Resources Engineer

Strategic Plan



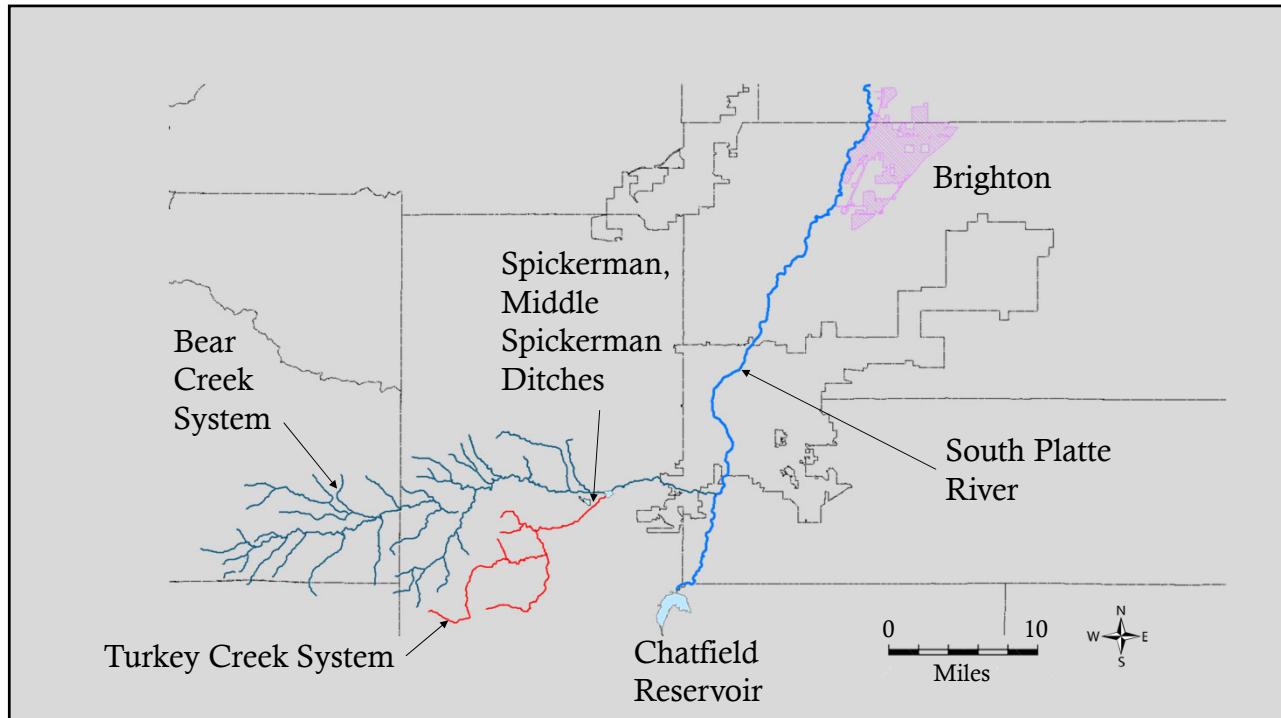
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Background

- ◊ Brighton has traditionally acquired water rights through shares in the nearby Fulton Ditch and FRICO systems. As these resources become more difficult and expensive to acquire, Brighton has had to expand water acquisition to other areas.
- ◊ In 2018, Brighton acquired water rights along Turkey Creek and Bear Creek in Jefferson County. This current proposed purchase is in the same area, and includes rights in the same ditch system as the 2018 purchase.

Background

- ◊ This purchase includes the following:
 - ◊ Spickerman Ditch – 2.3144 cfs, Turkey Creek
 - ◊ Average yield of 18.21 AF
 - ◊ Middle Spickerman Ditch – 2.907 cfs, Turkey Creek
 - ◊ Average yield of 9.45 AF
 - ◊ Total Average Yield of 27.66 AF
- ◊ Negotiated Price: \$68,880.00



Staff Recommendation

Staff believes these water rights are appropriate for the City to purchase, and that the price is fair market value. Staff recommends approval of the resolution and execution of the contract to purchase the water rights.

Options for Council

Options for Council consideration include:

- ❖ Approve the resolution as presented
- ❖ Deny the resolution as presented
- ❖ Postpone consideration of the resolution with suggested changes

Questions?