



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2015
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish Temporary Drainage Easements and an 8-foot Public Utility Easement on Lots 3 and 4 of “Mesa Automotive Center Amended Plat.”
Council District 3

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff’s recommendation to extinguish Temporary Drainage Easements and an 8-foot Public Utility Easement on Lots 3 and 4 of “Mesa Automotive Center Amended Plat”, located east of Mesa Drive and south of the US 60 Freeway.

Background

Public easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities and other purposes on private property. When a public easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish the easements to provide owners the ability to maximize the use of their property. To remove an easement from a property’s title, City Council may approve a Resolution to extinguish the easements

Discussion

The Temporary Drainage Easements and 8-foot Public Utility Easement were dedicated on the final plat of “Mesa Automotive Center Amended Plat”, recorded on November 3, 1987 in Book 317 of Maps, Page 5.

The site was originally intended to develop as part of an auto mall and the easements as recorded on the plat accommodated that development concept. A new developer

has proposed a new concept for this site that will consist of four multi-tenant office/industrial buildings and the existing easements will conflict with new development. Staff has notified the Engineering, Development Services, Energy Resources and Water Resources Departments as well as Century Link, Cox Communications, SRP and AT&T of this extinguishment request. All parties have verified there are no facilities located within the easement areas and have voiced no objection to the request.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not extinguish the easements. Choosing this alternative will result in the existing easements conflicting with the proposed development.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$750.00 processing fee paid by the applicant.

Coordinated With

The Engineering, Development Services, Energy Resources and Water Resources Departments, along with the respective utility companies, concur with this request.