



City Council Report

Date: June 1, 2020
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a Public Utilities and Facilities Easement located at the Southwest corner of South Pomeroy and East Main Street
Council District No. 4

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a Public Utilities and Facilities Easement (PUFE) located at the SWC of South Pomeroy and East Main Street.

Background

Public utilities and facilities easements (PUFE) are granted to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities on private property. When an easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish easements to provide owners with the ability to fully utilize their property. To remove an easement from a property's title, City Council may approve a Resolution to extinguish the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code.

Discussion

This PUFE was dedicated in document no. 2012-0629801, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, on July 18, 2012. The PUFE is located along the east side of APN 138-65-006H located at the SWC of South Pomeroy and East Main Street. The abandonment is staff-initiated for this City-owned property which is being leased to the developer of the GRID project. A waterline and non-City utilities located in the PUFE have been relocated by the developer. Extinguishing this PUFE will allow the developer to construct a proposed building on the site.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the developer not being able to develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

This request is staff-initiated and the City is a partner in this development, therefore, there is no fee for this extinguishment request.

Coordinated With

Water and Energy Resources, Engineering, Planning and Development Services along with outside utility companies concur with this request.