



City Council Report

Date: August 24, 2020
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a Public Utilities and Facilities Easement and Electric Easement located at 405 East Main Street
Council District 4

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a public utilities and facilities easement (PUFE) and electric easement located at 405 East Main Street.

Background

Public Utilities and Facilities Easements (PUFE) and Electric Easements are granted to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of utilities on private property. When an easement is no longer needed, or conflicts with new development, the City Council may extinguish the easement 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 easements in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code Title 9, Chapter 10.

Discussion

The PUFE being requested for extinguishment was dedicated in document no. 2013-0325292, records of Maricopa County, Arizona, on April 10, 2013 and the Electric Easement was recorded in Docket 12096, Page 414, records of Maricopa County, Arizona on March 1, 1977. The property is currently under construction as a mixed-use development, to be known as The Grove on Main. The utilities located within the Electric Easement and PUFE were relocated and there are no existing utilities or infrastructure located in the easements to be extinguished. Staff has determined that the PUFE and Electric Easement are no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative would be to not extinguish the requested easements. Choosing this alternative would result in the existing easements conflicting with the owner's proposed development of a mixed-use development.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this request is the \$750.00 processing fee collected from the applicant.

Coordinated With

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