

City Council Report

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To: City Council

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Subject: Extinguish a portion of a Water Line Easement located at 5341 South

Power Road. Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of a 20-foot water line easement located at 5341 South Power Road.

Background

Water line easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of water line utilities and related facilities 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 (abandon) the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code, Title 9, Chapter 10.

Discussion

The water line easement requested for extinguishment was recorded in document number 2021-1129886, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The owner requested the City extinguish the portion of the water line easement to allow for construction of a hotel. A new water line easement has been granted. Therefore, staff has determined the portion of the existing water line easement requested for extinguishment is no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the portion of the Water Line Easement. Choosing this alternative will result in the property owner not being able to develop the property as planned.

Fiscal Impact

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

Coordinated With

The Engineering, Development Services, and Water Resources Departments concur with this request.