



City Council Report

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To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish Fifteen (15) Public Utilities and Facilities Easements for temporary drainage basins located at 6935 South Crismon Road Council District 6

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish Public Utilities and Facilities Easements (PUFEs) for temporary drainage basins located at 6935 South Crismon Road.

Background

Public utilities and facilities easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation and maintenance of public utilities and/or public facilities, including drainage improvements for the conveyance or retention of storm water from public streets, 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 PUFEs being requested for extinguishment were dedicated for the purposes of temporary drainage basins located on Lots 1 through 5 of the Final Plat of the Cubes at Mesa Gateway, recorded in Book 1654 of Maps, Page 15, records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The owner is requesting the existing PUFEs for temporary drainage basins be extinguished to accommodate the commercial development of the properties. New drainage easements that cross an existing SRP Easement have been consented to by SRP and granted to the City. There are no existing utilities in the easements. Therefore, staff has determined the easements are no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the PUFEs. Choosing this alternative will result in the PUFEs conflicting with the commercial development 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 and Development Services Departments concur with this request.