



City Council Report

Date: January 13, 2025
To: City Council
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Subject: Extinguish a portion of two separate 20-foot Public Utilities Easements located at 460 East Auto Center Drive Council District 4

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to extinguish a portion of two separate 20-foot public utilities easements (PUE) located at 460 East Auto Center Drive.

Background

Public utilities easements are dedicated to the City of Mesa to allow for the installation of public 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 (abandon) the easement in accordance with provisions in the Mesa City Code, Title 9, Chapter 10.

Discussion

The portions of the two separately dedicated 20' public utilities easements requested for extinguishment were dedicated and recorded in document numbers 1988-0613188 and 2003-1554823 records of Maricopa County, Arizona. The developer has requested the City extinguish a portion of the two easements to accommodate a redevelopment of the existing auto dealership. The remaining PUE will accommodate the utilities to serve the new building. City staff has determined the portions of the two easements to be extinguished are no longer needed.

Alternatives

An alternative is to not extinguish the portions of the public utilities easements. 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 developer.

Coordinated With

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