



CITY OF HARRISONBURG CITY MANAGER

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TO: Ande Banks, City Manager
FROM: Chris Brown, City Attorney
DATE: 02/27/24
RE: Gas Pipeline Easement Across Public Lands of the City of Harrisonburg

Summary: Consider granting a variable width gas pipeline easement across public lands of the City of Harrisonburg for the installation, maintenance and operation of a gas pipeline to Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., a Virginia corporation. The public property affected is the South Main Street Parking lot, located on South Main Street between West Water St. and West Bruce Street.

Background: Columbia Gas provides natural gas to the City. One of its customers, Sentara RMH Medical Center at 25 West Water Street, needs its gas service line replaced. Columbia conducted a filed investigation and found the service line splits and serves multiple gas meters in the general area. Columbia needs to correct this situation by installing a mainline. Due to space limitations between buildings in the area, the most viable location for the mainline is in the South Main Street Parking lot (located between Jimmy Madison's and Clemintine's).

Columbia will have to secure a public access permit from the Department of Public Works before installing the mainline. The conditions of the permit will limit the inconvenience to the adjoining business and the public. Columbia will perform the work at night so the parking lot can still be used during the day and will consider JMU's graduation schedule.

Key Issues: Granting of gas pipeline easement across the City's South Main Street parking lot.

Environmental Impact: None

Fiscal Impact: None



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Prior Actions: None

Alternatives: (a) Grant pipeline easement
(b); or decline to grant pipeline easement.
(c)

Community Engagement: A public hearing will be held at the February 27, 2024, Council meeting.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the deed of easement.

Attachments: Deed of Easement, Plat, Notice of Public Hearing

Review:

The initiating Department Director will place in Legistar, in sequence of transmittal, the names of each department that must initial their review in order for this item to be placed on the City Council agenda. The completion of review only addresses the readiness of the issue for Council consideration. This does not address the recommendation for approval or denial of the issue.

