

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	August 19, 2024
Action Required:	Approval of a resolution, as a Consent Agenda item, expanding the existing easement granted to Dominion Power in 2013.
Presenter:	Mike Goddard, Deputy Director of Public Works- Facilities and Project Management, City of Charlottesville
Staff Contacts:	Scott Hendrix, Sr. Project Manager, City of Charlottesville
Title:	Extension of Dominion Energy Electric Easement To Accommodate Providing of Power to the New Fire Station (under construction)

Background:

In 2013, the City of Charlottesville granted Dominion Power a utility easement (80-12-0061, attached) in McIntire Park for the purpose of providing underground electrical service to the existing Bypass Fire Station. With the replacement Bypass Fire Station now under construction, Dominion is requesting minor additions to the existing easement via a new easement so that they may be able to provide electrical power service to the new fire station. These additions are defined in a new easement instrument (81-24-0033, attached).

Discussion:

Staff has worked with Dominion to verify the location, effectiveness, and practicality of the additions being proposed and has concluded that the modification represented in 81-24-0033 are legitimate and necessary additions to the easement in order for Dominion to be able provide electrical service to the new fire station.

Alignment with Council Vision Areas and Strategic Plan:

The project supports City Council’s “Green City” vision as the new facility will be LEED certified and will include on-site solar generation. The new facility will support the goals of the Strategic Plan: Goal 2 (A Healthy and Safe City); Goal 3 (A Beautiful and Sustainable Natural and Built Environment); and Goal 5 (A Well-managed and Responsive Organization).

Community Engagement:

There has been a great deal of citizen engagement throughout this project:

- Public Meeting – Special Use Permit; 08-08-2022
- Public Meeting – Planning Commission; 01-10-23
- Public Meeting – City Council Granting of Special Use Permit; 02-06-2023
- Public Meeting – City Council Granting Critical Slope Waiver; 02-06-2023

- Public Meeting – Site Plan Review for Adjacent Property Owners; 08-16-2023
- Public Meeting – Planning Commission Final Approval Meeting; 01-09-2024

Budgetary Impact:

This has no impact on the General Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the requested easement.

Alternatives:

If approval for the new easement areas is not given, the new fire station will not have electrical service.

Attachments:

For Reference: Plat 80-12-0061_ with highlighted existing easement

For Action: Plat 81-24-0033_ Proposed additions to existing easement; for execution