



September 22, 2026 City Council Meeting

Title

Ordinance Granting a Lease of Certain Real Property of the City—Chris Brown, City Attorney

Summary

On July 8, 2025 Council approved a lease and resolution associated with HEC's participation in a project involving a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) with Virginia Municipal Electric Association No. 1 (VEMA) and a third party. That project did not materialize as anticipated. A new BESS project has been developed by HEC and VEMA. The new project is essentially the same as previously approved by Council except the lease and contract term has increased from 15 to 20 years, the third party developer is now Lightshift Energy.

I have attached the relevant Agenda Memo from July 8, 2025 to the agenda item related to this matter.

Recommendation

Option 1. Adopt the ordinance as presented.

Fiscal Impact

The BESS Project will enable significant cost savings for VMEA members, including HEC.

Context & Analysis

See agenda memo from July 8, 2025.

Options

1. Adopt ordinance and resolution as requested by HEC
2. Decline to adopt ordinance and resolution

Attachments

1. 07/08/2026 Agenda memo
2. Proposed ordinance
3. HEC Resolution Approving BESS Agreements
4. Notice of Public Hearing
5. Leased Property description