

CITY OF HARRISONBURG



July 8, 2025 City Council Meeting

Title

Ordinance Granting a Lease of Certain Real Property of the City of Harrisonburg—Wesley Russ, Deputy City Attorney

Summary

Consider adopting an ordinance granting a lease of real property, consisting of 11,000 square feet, more or less, located at 2230 Ramblewood Road, Harrisonburg, Virginia, to be used for the operation for a battery energy storage system for the sale of electricity to the Virginia Municipal Electric Association No. 1., for a term of approximately 15 years.

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

The Harrisonburg Electric Commission (HEC) desires to participate in a battery energy storage system project (the “BESS Project”), where a BESS system would be installed and interconnected with HEC’s electric facilities. The BESS Project will reduce the peak load of Virginia Municipal Electric Association No. 1 (“VMEA”), which will enable significant cost savings. Those savings will be apportioned to VMEA members, including HEC.

Section 8-1-11 of the City Code of the City of Harrisonburg, Virginia requires City Council approve any HEC contracts or agreements that exceed 10 years in duration.

Options

1. Adopt the ordinance as requested by HEC

Attachments

1. Proposed ordinance