

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Public Hearing and action on Resolution authorizing the execution of documents necessary to release an existing water line easement located at 1050 160th Avenue SE (Tillicum Middle School), which has been declared surplus to the City's needs and is no longer required for providing continued public utility service; the granting and recording of such release being deemed in the best interest of the public.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit input on the proposed release of a water line easement located at 1050 160th Avenue SE (Tillicum Middle School). If approved, the Resolution would authorize execution of the release document.

RECOMMENDATION

Move to adopt Resolution No. 9585.

If approved, effective date: 04/15/2019

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On March 4, the City Council approved Resolution 9560 declaring the water line easement surplus to the City's needs and that it is no longer required for providing continued public utility service. The next step in this process is for the Council to hold a public hearing. This hearing is a public comment opportunity regarding the proposed release. Following the hearing, staff requests Council action on the proposed Resolution authorizing the release of the subject easement.

The original water line easement was granted to the City of Bellevue on July 22, 1996 and filed under King County Recording Number 9612311733. This water easement was amended on April 26, 2002 and the amendment was recorded under King County Recording Number 20020619001503. The property is owned by the Bellevue School District and is known as Tillicum Middle School. The school district recently redeveloped this property with a new school building and the water line was relocated to a new location on the property.

Utilities Department staff have reviewed the release request and confirmed that the existing water line easement is no longer needed as the facilities have been relocated within the property. Therefore, staff recommends authorizing the full release of the water line easement bearing King County Recording Number 9612311733, as amended by the amendment to water easement bearing King County Recording Number 20020619001503.

This public hearing was advertised in the newspaper of record and notices were sent to property owners within a 500-foot radius of the property with the subject easement.

POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS

Policy Impact

Bellevue City Code/State Law

Under BCC 4.32.070 and RCW 35.94.040, the City can dispose of Utilities-owned real property interests, including release of permanent easements, determining by resolution that the property in question is surplus to the City's needs and is not required for providing continued public utility service. Under the same provisions, at a separate City Council meeting, the Council can approve the release following a public hearing.

City Procedure

The City has a procedure in place for releasing or modifying easements. An easement may be released, upon approval by the Council, if the easement is no longer needed, there is no foreseeable future need for the easement and, if applicable, the City has obtained any needed replacement easements.

Fiscal Impact

Declaring these easements surplus has no fiscal impact to the City because these easements were provided to the City at no cost.

OPTIONS

1. Hold the Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution authorizing the execution of documents necessary to release an existing water line easement located at 1050 160th Avenue SE (Tillicum Middle School), which has been declared surplus to the City's needs and is no longer required for providing continued public utility service; the granting and recording of such release being deemed in the best interest of the public.
2. Hold the Public Hearing, do not adopt the Resolution and provide alternative direction to staff.

ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS

- A. Easement Exhibit Map
 - B. Vicinity Map
- Proposed Resolution No. 9585

AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY

Copy of proposed release of easement document
Copy of proposed new water line easement