



City of Fayetteville, Arkansas

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Legislation Text

File #: 2024-220

Approval of an easement for Black Hills Energy at Combs Park

A RESOLUTION TO CONVEY A 25 FOOT WIDE NATURAL GAS EASEMENT TO BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR THE EXTENSION OF A GAS LINE THROUGH COMBS PARK

WHEREAS, Black Hills Energy has requested a natural gas easement through Combs Park to serve a residential development west of the West Fork of the White River; and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement generally follows an existing water and sewer easement through the park; and

WHEREAS, staff has determined that the easement will not interfere with the future development of Combs Park because the easement language ensures that compatible recreational uses, including the construction of trails, will not be impaired by Black Hills Energy's use of the easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes Mayor Jordan to convey a 25 foot wide natural gas easement, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution, to Black Hills Energy for the extension of a gas line through Combs Park.



MEETING OF JULY 2, 2024

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU: Susan Norton, Chief of Staff
FROM: Alison Jumper, Director of Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs
SUBJECT: **Approval of an easement for Black Hills Energy at Combs Park**

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approving an easement with Black Hills Energy for the extension of a gas line through Combs Park.

BACKGROUND:

Black Hills Energy has been working with City staff to coordinate an easement through Combs Park to serve residential development west of the West Fork of the White River. After coordination with multiple departments and entities, we've come to an agreeable alignment and easement language.

DISCUSSION:

Black Hills Energy is in need of an easement across city owned property at Combs Park to extend natural gas infrastructure to the west side of the West Fork of the White River. Easement alignment has been coordinated with the Utilities Department and the Parks, Natural Resources and Cultural Affairs Department and the Watershed Conservation Resource Center who has designed a stream restoration project along this reach of the river.

Easement language has been negotiated to allow for trails on the easement and that the Grantee shall work to ensure that compatible recreational uses shall not be impaired by the easement. The Grantee agrees to bore the West Fork of the White River and install pipelines to avoid interfering with the river restoration project. Boring location and depth shall be approved by both the Watershed Conservation Resource Center and the City of Fayetteville prior to the work beginning.

The easement generally follows an existing water and sewer easement through the park and has been determined that it will not interfere with future development of the park.

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENTS: SRF (#3), Black Hills Natural Gas Easement (City of Fayetteville) (#4), Exhibit A Easement Map (#5)

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