

AGENDA ITEM #: _____

DATE: September 14, 2020

CAR #: 2020-7059



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REPORT

SUBJECT: Issuance of an Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation within the existing 175th Avenue alignment as required for the abandonment of a portion of 175th Avenue.

STAFF PRESENTER(S): Linda Beals, Real Estate Coordinator

OTHER PRESENTER(S): None

Summary: Issuance of an Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation as required for the abandonment of a portion of 175th Avenue located between the Union Pacific Railroad and MC-85.

Recommendation:

Issue an Easement to Southwest Gas Corporation within the existing 175th Avenue Alignment as required for the abandonment of a portion of 175th Avenue.

Fiscal Impact: There will be no fiscal impact to the city in the fiscal year 2021 or future years related to the issuance of this easement.

Background and Previous Actions

In 1987 AMCOR Investments, a California corporation provided a Quit Claim Deed to the City of Goodyear for the portion of 175th Avenue alignment that is located between the Union Pacific Railroad and MC-85. This portion of 175th Avenue was never constructed and bisects a couple of parcels owned by BT Goodyear, LLC, an Arizona limited liability company (“BT Goodyear”).

BT Goodyear has filed an application with the city to abandon this portion of the 175th Avenue road alignment to allow the two parcels to be developed in a cohesive manner, without the separation created by a bisecting roadway. As part of their application they have provided all of the required utility clearances, with the exception of Southwest Gas Corporation (“SW Gas”).

SW Gas has a natural gas line that runs through this portion of the 175th Avenue alignment. To provide the necessary consent for the abandonment, SW Gas is requiring that the city provide them an easement for their existing pipeline. The city has coordinated with BT Goodyear and Southwest Gas on the required easement, a copy of which is attached to this Council action.

Once this easement has been approved and recorded, the abandonment for the 175th Avenue road will be presented in a separate Council action. If approved, the abandonment will be subject to the SW Gas easement.

Staff Analysis

City staff has reviewed the request for abandonment of the portion of the 175th Avenue road alignment between the Union Pacific Railroad and MC-85 and have confirmed that it is not part of the city's Master Transportation Plan included as part of the city's General Plan and there is no current or future need for this portion of the road alignment.

The issuance of the Easement to SW Gas will allow SW Gas to continue to own and operate their line and to provide consent to the abandonment to allow the abandonment to proceed.

Attachments

Southwest Gas Easement