



City of Denton

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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Denton Municipal Electric

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Todd Hileman, City Manager

DATE: June 6, 2017

SUBJECT

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton (“City”) finding that a public use and necessity exists to acquire fee simple title to a 0.119 acre tract of land situated in the Eugene Puchalski Survey, Abstract No. 996, in the City of Denton, Denton County, Texas (“Property Interests”), for the public use of expansion, construction, maintenance, and operation of an electrical transmission line, ancillary facilities, and structures; authorizing the City Manager, or his Designee, to acquire the Property Interests by agreement including making all offers required by law; authorizing the use of power of eminent domain to condemn the Property Interests if an agreement cannot be reached; and authorizing the City Attorney, or his Designee, to file eminent domain proceedings if necessary; authorizing the expenditure of funds; making findings; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date.

BACKGROUND

The Denton Municipal Electric (DME) Capital Improvement Plan includes a project to reconstruct Hickory Substation. The existing station capacity is inadequate for expected future load.

DME held an open house on September 30, 2014 to inform the community regarding the siting of the proposed substation sites and received feedback

A public hearing was held by the Public Utilities Board on November 10, 2014 where input from members of the public was heard. The Board directed DME at that meeting to move forward with the selected option.

Another public hearing was held by the City Council on December 2, 2014 where input from the members of the public were heard. The Council directed DME to move forward with the selected option.

An aesthetics committee was formed to assist in the determination of the construction of the Hickory Substation. The Public Utilities Board and Council agreed that a Gas Insulated Substation (GIS) and wall would be the best option for the area in which the substation will be constructed.

In order to construct the GIS Substation, the subject property above will need to be acquired for transmission line in to and out of the substation.

OPTIONS

1. Approve adoption of an ordinance to acquire the above subject property.
2. Do not approve adoption of the ordinance and provide staff with further direction.
3. Table the matter for future action.

RECOMMENDATION

DME staff recommends approving adoption of the ordinance to acquire the subject property for the City of Denton.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

- 9/30/14 – Public Open House
- 11/10/14 – PUB Public Hearing in which the site was selected
- 12/2/14 – City Council Public Hearing in which the site was approved
- 6/13/16 – PUB closed session in which GIS and wall was recommended
- 6/21/16 – City Council closed session in which GIS and wall was approved

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Public Infrastructure

Related Goal: 2.3 Promote superior utility services and facilities

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Ordinance
3. Map
4. Motion
5. Appraisal
6. Presentation

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