



Council Agenda Report

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Subject: Approval of a Resolution Authorizing an Easement and Payment to PG&E for the Installation of Streetlights at the City Parking Lot at 12th and Railroad

CEQA Determination: Staff recommends that the City Council find that this action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") under the Class 1 exemption, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301.

Date: March 5, 2024

Facts

1. The City's adopted budget includes a project to improve an existing municipal parking lot located at 12th and Railroad Street.
2. In addition to improving circulation, repairing the deteriorated surface, and restriping the parking spaces, the City has requested PG&E install eight (8) streetlights.
3. Because PG&E will be maintaining these streetlights, it also requires the City to grant an easement to access the poles.
4. The City's Purchasing Policy requires City Council concurrence with purchases in excess of \$100,000. PG&E is the sole entity that provides electrical power to the City, which includes the installation and providing for streetlights under the Public Utilities Commission's mandate. The City has included sole source findings within the resolution to reflect the justification described immediately above.

Options

1. Take no action;
2. Authorize the attached deed to grant PG&E an easement to maintain the poles and for other utility purposes in the municipal parking lot located at 12th and Railroad Street and authorize the purchase and installation of eight (8) streetlight poles, in the amount of \$248,243.66; or
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Analysis and Conclusions

Refurbishment of the City parking lot located at 12th and Railroad Street was identified as a priority during the February 2022 Goal Setting Workshop. The scope of work is as follows: improve circulation within the parking lot, maximize parking spaces, improve lighting for safety, improve ADA parking space availability, and install EV charging stations. The installation of streetlight enhances the project and meets one of the main concerns of employees who work in the downtown core.

Fiscal Impact

The total cost to purchase and install the streetlights is \$248,243.66. The current capital improvement budget includes the expenditure for these improvements and no other action is required.

CEQA

Staff recommends that the City Council find that this action is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 1 exemption, which applies to the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features where the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15301). The action falls within the Class 1 exemption because it entails a minor alteration to existing parking lot facilities.

Recommendation (Option 2)

Approve Resolution 24-XXX, authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached deed to grant PG&E an easement to maintain the poles in the parking lot located at 12th and Railroad Street, and authorize the City Manager to pay PG&E to purchase and install eight (8) streetlight poles, in the amount of \$248,243.66.

Attachments

1. Resolution 24-XXX Authorize Easement and payment to PG&E streetlights 12th & Railroad parking lot
 - a. Easement Deed
 - b. PG&E Invoice for Streetlights