



Engineering Services Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: November 25, 2025

Augusta, GA Right-of-Way Use

Jefferson Energy Cooperative Franchise Agreement

Department:	Engineering & Environmental Services
Presenter:	Dr. Hameed Malik, Director
Caption:	Approve Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC) Franchise Agreement to place and use their facilities in Augusta, Georgia Right-of-Way. Also authorized Augusta, GA Mayor to process and execute all associated documents with consultation of Augusta Legal Counsel. /AE
Background:	Augusta, Georgia (City) right-of-way (ROW) usage is managed by Augusta Engineering (AE) by ROW encroachment permit and franchise agreement. Private and Public utilities, and telecommunication entities are significant user of ROW. On March 19, 1996 the Augusta, GA adopted Ordinance granting permission and consent to Jefferson Electric Membership Corporation, its successors, lessees and assigns, to occupy the streets and public, places of the City in constructing, maintaining, operating and extending poles, lines, cables, equipment, and other apparatus for transmitting and distributing electricity, and for other purposes.
Analysis:	The City and the Company now wish to amend the Franchise to address certain issues that may arise under the 1996 Franchise Agreement and for other purposes. Franchise Agreement provides the City a needed mechanism for managing use of City ROW in a controlled way while staying in compliance with applicable state rules and regulations.
Financial Impact:	Amended Franchise Agreement minimizes the City funding obligation for relocation of JEC facilities located within the City right of way.
Alternatives:	1). Do not approve and face possibility of covering JEC facilities located in the City right of way relocation 100% cost.
Recommendation:	Approve Jefferson Energy Cooperative (JEC) Franchise Agreement to place and use their facilities in Augusta, Georgia Right-of-Way. Also authorized Augusta, GA Mayor to process and execute all associated documents with consultation of Augusta Legal Counsel. /AE.
Funds are available in the following accounts:	N/A
<u>REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY:</u>	HR/sr

