

TOWN COUNCIL

STAFF REPORT

Projects and Watershed Resilience Department



MEETING DATE:	December 10, 2024
PROJECT:	Consideration of a Proposed Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy for the Oscar Frazier Park Splash Pad Project (Fiscal Impact – \$7,070.40 over a 10-year term)
PROJECT MANAGER:	Pat Rooney, Capital Improvement Program Manager

REQUEST: Town Staff requests that Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute a Lighting Agreement (Attachment 1) with Dominion Energy to install and maintain a streetlight at the Oscar Frazier Splash Pad. The fiscal impact is comprised of two parts. A monthly Basic Energy/Facility and Distributed Energy Resource Program Charge of \$18.01/month and a Facility Charge of \$40.91/month. Both are within the approved budget limit for Fiscal Year FY 2025, illustrated on the attached Project Data Sheet (Attachment 2). The term of the Lighting Agreement is ten (10) years with a total fiscal impact of \$7,070.40. Due to the multi-year commitment, staff is bringing the agreement before Council for approval.

BACKGROUND: The Oscar Frazier Splash Pad was opened to the public in October 2024. While this facility is not open to the public past sunset, some minimal area lighting is needed for surveillance and security. The existing lighting at the pavilion provides some light coverage to the northern portion of the splash pad. The proposed new light will provide additional coverage for the southern portion of the project. Three safety cameras were installed with the splash pad and lighting is an important element to facilitate monitoring of the splash pad after hours. The proposed light is an LED, acorn style fixture that will match the existing streetlights used within Oscar Frazier Park.

NEXT STEPS:

1. Following Town Council approval of this Agreement, the Town Manager will execute a contract with Dominion Energy.
2. Staff will coordinate the installation of the necessary conduit.
3. Upon receipt of the fixture (six to eight weeks from execution of the Agreement), Dominion Energy will endeavor to schedule the installation of the light prior to January 31, 2025.

SUMMARY: This project originated from the Town of Bluffton's Comprehensive Plan and FY 2021-2024 Strategic Plans. It is supportive of the following guiding principles of the Town:

- Community Quality of Life Strategic Focus Area, Guiding Principle #5: Foster and support place-based initiatives and evaluate community policies, programs, gathering places, and events that promote healthy and quality lifestyles for our diverse citizenry.
- Infrastructure Strategic Focus Area, Guiding Principal #3: Establish long-term planning, prioritization and investment strategies for future infrastructure and facilities that improve the quality of life for citizens while being financially sustainable.

Consistent with the above Guiding Principles, Staff is requesting Town Council authorize the Town Manager to execute the Lighting Agreement with Dominion Energy to install and maintain site lighting at the Oscar Frazier Splash Pad.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Lighting Agreement
2. Project Data Sheet
3. Proposed Motion