

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Power Easement Request from Georgia Power
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into a Power Easement to be in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” pedestrian bridge crossing Victory Drive for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground.
INITIATED BY:	Planning Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into a Power Easement to be in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” pedestrian bridge crossing Victory Drive for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground.

Background: Georgia Power has requested a Power Easement that will call for slight intrusion on City property along the “Follow Me Trail” @ Victory Drive Pedestrian Bridge. Since they are removing the overhead distribution line, this will require them to put the lines underground. The easement that they are requesting will be for the new pole that the new underground line will attach to. They are removing every other transmission pole/structure on said line.

Analysis: The City of Columbus, Georgia owns the property in said area, therefore Georgia Power request the City to execute the Power Easement to accommodate their request. It does not touch the Trail but will disturb some Landscaping. They agree to make it presentable after work is complete. Utility lines will run underground toward Victory Drive.

Financial Considerations: There are no financial obligations.

Legal Considerations: Council must approve the action by Resolution.

Recommendation/Action: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Power Easement to be in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” pedestrian bridge crossing Victory Drive for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground and execute any necessary related documentation.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A POWER EASEMENT TO BE IN THE VICINITY OF THE “FOLLOW ME TRAIL” PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CROSSING VICTORY DRIVE FOR GEORGIA POWER TO REPLACE A POWER POLE ON CITY PROPERTY AND RE-ROUTE UNDERGROUND SERVICE IN SAID AREA IN PREPARATION TO CROSS VICTORY DRIVE, UNDERGROUND.

WHEREAS, upon execution of the Power Easement, Georgia Power will run Distribution Lines underground toward Victory Drive to tie into lines along Victory Drive as depicted on Exhibit “A”; and,

WHEREAS, and Exhibit “B” attached is the Legal Description of said property for the Power Easement; and,

WHEREAS, Affidavit of Title will be signed and filed in Superior Court,

WHEREAS, improvement does not touch the Trail, but will disturb some Landscaping. They agree to make it presentable after work is complete.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

The City Manager is authorized to enter into and execute a Power Easement in the vicinity of the “Follow Me Trail” pedestrian bridge crossing Victory Drive and any necessary related documents for Georgia Power to replace a power pole on city property and re-route underground service in said area in preparation to cross Victory Drive, underground and execute any necessary related documentation.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the _____ day of January 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

- Councilor Allen voting _____.
- Councilor Barnes voting _____.
- Councilor Cogle voting _____.
- Councilor Crabb voting _____.
- Councilor Davis voting _____.
- Councilor Garrett voting _____.
- Councilor House voting _____.
- Councilor Huff voting _____.
- Councilor Thomas voting _____.
- Councilor Tucker voting _____.

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson, Mayor