

SUBMITTED BY: H. Elise Moore, Public Works

MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW: Ana Urquijo, City Manager

FOCUS AREA: Strengthen Trade and Commerce

ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS: Extend Infrastructure to the New Commercial POE

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION NO. 24-1642**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **RATIFYING** and **GRANTING** a **UTILITY EASEMENT** with a **REVISED LEGAL DESCRIPTION** to **ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE** company for installation and maintenance of electric lines, together with appurtenant facilities and fixtures over part of city owned parcel number 408-34-008b, to service a temporary well site and the new commercial port of entry and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

As part of the city obligation to deliver temporary power to the 80-acre parcel for the construction of the new commercial port of entry, APS will be extending service lines and poles from Kings Highway, south to International Road and west to James Ranch Road along the southern, and western edge of the City of Douglas 5-acre parcel (40834008B) which lies adjacent to the dedicated 80-acre parcel for the Port.

BACKGROUND:

As part of the donation acceptance agreement, the City of Douglas is assisting with the extension of power, broadband, water and sewer infrastructure to the new Commercial Port of Entry. APS will be extending service lines and poles along this corridor at their cost. The proposed alignment will run along the southern edge of the city parcel, and turn north at the western edge. The lines will be offset slightly to allow for potential future utility and road alignments.

APS will need to obtain another easement from U.S. Fish and Wildlife and from Cochise County to run the power lines to the POE site. The city is working with both agencies to provide easements to APS. APS has indicated if easements are received, they would begin scheduling the work and finish within 1-3 months. The city would use the APS power to also power its well to provide temporary water to GSA for the construction of the new commercial POE.

Update:

The city adopted a Resolution on the August 14, 2024 meeting for the easement to allow APS to install the power poles and lines. Following this meeting, APS needed to slightly revise the easement to allow sufficient distance from the CBP light poles already placed along the border and sent the city revised dedication documents on September 30, 2024. This revised dedication of an easement will allow the electrical lines to be placed, and needs to be once again adopted by the city council

DISCUSSION:

Staff recommends the authorization for the City Manager to review, sign, process, and record the **revised dedication** of a non-exclusive utility easement, to APS, for the extension of electrical lines to the new Commercial POE.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The **revised dedication** of the easement will not have a financial impact, except to the property values of the parcel. The overall project for the extension infrastructure is budgeted.

Fiscal Year: 2024/2025

Amount Requested:

Budgeted: Y / N

Account (s):

“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 24-1642.”