



# TOWN OF ELIZABETH

PATRICK G. DAVIDSON, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

TO: Honorable Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, and Members of the Board of Trustees  
FROM: Patrick Davidson, Town Administrator  
DATED: October 22, 2024  
SUBJECT: Relocation of CORE Electrical Lines, Undergrounding, Grant of Easements

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## BACKGROUND

CORE Electric Cooperative (“CORE”) provides electrical services to the Downtown through a series of overhead power lines on Main Street. Since 2021, the Town has discussed the possible relocation of these lines outside of the Town’s right-of-way and/or the undergrounding of the lines. Originally, it was determined that the build-out of the Main Street Station project would further these discussions. However, with the Streetscape Project proceeding in advance of Main Street Station, it is important to address the future of the power lines now during construction of the Main Street Streetscape Project and The Depot Parking.

With the Town’s acquisition of 444 S. Main Street, the Town is now in a position to grant easements to CORE, which would assist CORE in both the movement and the undergrounding of the lines in question. It is the intention of the Town to have the power lines undergrounded from the Town’s southern boundary of Main Street, through an existing utility easement, across the Main Street Station Property, and through the 444 S. Main Street property. Underground electrical service can then be provided to the Carriage Shoppes, The Antelope Alpacas Fiber Arts Center, and to Jeff Struthers Photography.

## ANALYSIS

The relocation and undergrounding of electrical lines is expensive and can be challenging based on the current and future location of the lines. In addition, future demands and developments must also be considered in the process because those may alter the electrical demand and supply. Through several months of negotiations, the Town and CORE have reached an agreement for the relocation and undergrounding, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

The basics of the Agreement are as follows: (1) CORE will relocate and underground the lines discussed above, for the total sum of one-hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) payable by the Town of Elizabeth (this is consistent with the 2021 discussions); (2) the Town will grant all required easements to CORE for the location of the powerline and any above-ground accessories required for safe operation of the lines; (3) should the lines be required to be relocated in the future, all costs associated with the relocation of the lines will be borne solely by the Town of Elizabeth; (4) the Town will provide the necessary easements for recording in the Elbert County land records.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the agreement with CORE for the reasons set forth above, and in furtherance of both Main Street Streetscape and The Depot Parking.



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## **BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

The payment of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) will be made from the funds allocated and approved in the 2024 Budget for the Main Street Streetscape Project and the 444 S. Main/Spruce Street improvements.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor Of Elizabeth To Execute A Utility Relocation Agreement With Core Electrical Cooperative; Authorizing The Payment Of Funds Under The Agreement; And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute Easements And Other Documents Necessary To Effectuate The Agreement.

## **RESOLUTION 24R44**

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF ELIZABETH TO EXECUTE A UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH CORE ELECTRICAL COOPERATIVE; AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FUNDS UNDER THE AGREEMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE EASEMENTS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees for the Town of Elizabeth find it advisable to enter into an Agreement with CORE Electrical Cooperative for purposes of relocation and underground of electrical lines in the Downtown; and

WHEREAS the Agreement requires the Town of Elizabeth to tender the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to CORE Electrical Cooperative to assist in offsetting the costs associated with the relocation and undergrounding of the electrical lines; and

WHEREAS the Town of Elizabeth is required to grant certain easements on 444 S. Main Street, Elizabeth to CORE Electrical Cooperative to effectuate the transaction contemplated in the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF ELIZABETH, COLORADO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Town of Elizabeth to enter into an agreement to allow for the relocation and undergrounding of electrical lines, and further authorizes the expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to be paid to CORE Electrical Cooperative in furtherance of the undergrounding project.

Section 2. The Board of Trustees further authorizes the Mayor to execute Utility Underground Access Easements with CORE in furtherance of the project.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees further authorizes the Mayor to execute any additional documents to implement the undergrounding project hereunder.

Section 4. Such agreements authorized hereunder shall be subject to the final approval of the Town Attorney as to legal form, and in no event shall the authorization hereunder exceed the amount of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to be paid by the Town to CORE.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 22nd day of October 2024, by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Elizabeth, Colorado, on first and final reading, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_ against.

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Tammy Payne, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle M. Oeser, Town Clerk