

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-119

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND EASEMENT WITH SDG&E, AND APPROVING A PLOT PLAN FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS IN GRAPE DAY PARK/WOODWARD PARKING LOT

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido ("City") is the owner of certain real property located at 251 Woodward Avenue (APN 229-352-12-00); and

WHEREAS, San Diego Gas & Electric ("SDG&E") has adopted a new program to install electric vehicle ("EV") charging infrastructure at City parks; and

WHEREAS, there will be no cost to the City for the design, installation and operation of EV charging infrastructure for a period of eight years; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a Participation Agreement with SDG&E for an eight-year term; and

WHEREAS, the City will have an option to purchase the EV charging infrastructure at fair market value at the conclusion of the eight-year Participation Agreement, subject to regulatory approval; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to grant an easement to SDG&E for the purpose of constructing and maintenance of the EV charging infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, SDG&E ("Applicant") filed a land use development application (Planning Case No. PL 22-0323) ("Application"), consisting of a Plot Plan for the installation and operation of EV charging stations and infrastructure within the Woodland Parking Lot; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the request for the Plot Plan, set forth in Exhibit “A” to this resolution and incorporated by this reference, and has reviewed and considered the Categorical Exemption prepared for the Project, set forth in Exhibit “B” which is attached to this resolution and incorporated by this reference, and has determined the Project would not have any significant impacts to the environment; and

WHEREAS, this City Council desires at this time and deems it to be in the public interest to approve a Participation Agreement, Easement, and Plot Plan for the purpose of installing and operating EV charging infrastructure at Grape Day Park/Woodward Parking Lot, as reflected in the staff report(s), and on plans and documents on file in the offices of the City Clerk and Planning Division;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the Findings of Fact related to the Plot Plan application, attached as Exhibit “C” to this resolution and incorporated herein by this reference as though fully set forth herein, are hereby made by the City Council, and represent the City Council’s careful consideration of the record. The findings of the City Council contained in Exhibit “C” shall be the final and determinative Findings of Fact on this matter.
3. That upon consideration of the Findings, all material in the August 17, 2022, staff report (a copy of which is on file in the Office of the City Clerk), public testimony presented at the meeting, and all other oral and written evidence on this project, the City Council approves the Plot Plan as reflected on plans and documents on file in the offices of the City Clerk and Planning Division, and subject to Conditions of Approval set forth in Exhibit “D” to this resolution and incorporated by this reference.

4. That the Mayor is authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, the Participation Agreement and Easement with SDG&E for construction and maintenance of EV charging infrastructure at Grape Day Park/Woodward Parking Lot. Copies of the Participation Agreement and Easement are attached hereto as Exhibits "E" and "F," respectively, and are incorporated by this reference.

5. That the City Manager or designee is authorized to manage all related agreement and easement documentation.