



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Right-of-Way Easements with Kingsport Power Company

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

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Strategic Focus Area: Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:

Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:

If approved the City will approve right-of-way easements with American Electric Power, d/b/a Kingsport Power Company to bring single-phase power to Riverwalk Park across city-owned properties located at Industry Drive and the Netherland Inn roundabout.

In early 2024, the City of Kingsport was awarded a \$7.8 million grant from the BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee Foundation to transform Riverwalk Park into the "BlueCross Healthy Place at Riverwalk Park," marking the city's second project under the Healthy Places initiative after the Miracle League Complex. Of this funding, \$6.5 million will go toward construction of the park, including inclusive play spaces, sports courts, river access, fitness areas, restrooms, and splash pad, while the remainder establishes a permanent maintenance fund. Construction officially broke ground in early 2025. The park's construction is planned for completion in 2026 and is intended to expand recreational opportunities for all residents.

The easements are required to bring single-phase power to the park site to power pickleball lights, picnic shelters, restroom facilities, and the new splash pad. Staff worked with AEP to deliver power to the site in the most cost effective manner.

The attached resolution approves the right-of-way easements and authorizes the mayor to execute the documents necessary to convey the right-of-way easements to Kingsport Power Company. While the easement is for American Electric Power, it is in the names of its subsidiary, Kingsport Power Company.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Easements
3. Location Map

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Baker	—	—	—
Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
George	—	—	—
Mayes	—	—	—
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