



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 02/14/2023

REQUESTER: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney

PRESENTER: Kathryn Walker, City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF GRANTING, ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF EASEMENT E-2223-24: GRANTING AN EASEMENT TO OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICE TO THE NEW YOUNG FAMILY ATHLETIC CENTER LOCATED EAST OF 24TH AVENUE N.W. AND SOUTH OF ROCK CREEK ROAD.

BACKGROUND:

In October of 2015, Norman citizens passed the Norman Forward Initiative, funding various projects through a ½% sales tax increase over 15 years. Included in the Norman Forward Initiative were projects to construct a new Multi-Sport Complex and Indoor Aquatic Facility.

The Multi-Sport Complex and Indoor Aquatic Facility were initially proposed as two separate projects. After extensive public input and consideration by the City Council, acting as Trustees of the Norman Municipal Authority (NMA), these projects were combined into one more extensive project in 2018, located at the corner of 24th Avenue NW and Rock Creek Road. This new sports and aquatic complex will include eight full-sized basketball or 12 volleyball courts; a 25-meter, eight-lane lap pool; a 25-yard, four-lane warm-up pool; concession stands; retail space; administration offices; and, through a partnership with Norman Regional Health System (NRHS), a health and wellness clinic to be placed between the multi-sports and aquatic complexes.

Oklahoma City firm Frankfurt, Short, Bruza (FSB) was selected as the architectural and engineering (A/E) consultant for this project in March 2018. FSB has completed the schematic design and design development documents phase of the project and is proceeding with construction documents and assisting with construction administration through the project completion. The building and the project were named the Young Family Athletic Center (YFAC) in July of 2021 (Contract K-2122-27) after the Trae Young Family Foundation (TYFF) agreed to donate \$4,000,000 to the construction of the building.

DISCUSSION:

In order to provide electrical service to the new facility, Oklahoma Gas and Electric requires an easement to allow for sufficient working areas to operate, maintain, repair or replace their facilities. The proposed easement is 10 feet in width and will provide sufficient working area without impacting the site. The Architect of Record, FSB, has reviewed the easement documents and they have deemed the requested easement to be reasonable and acceptable.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends granting of Easement E-2223-24 to Oklahoma Gas and Electric in order to provide necessary electrical service to the new Young Family Athletic Center east of 24th Ave NW and south of Rock Creek Road.