



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Bob Scott, Interim Town Manager

Re: Revised Atmos Franchise Ordinance

Town Council Meeting – February 14, 2023

Agenda Item:

Consider and act upon an ordinance granting a non-exclusive gas franchise to Atmos Energy Corporation and repealing Ordinance No. 2023-02.

Description of Agenda Item:

At the January 24, 2023, Town Council meeting, the Atmos gas franchise was approved. Since that time, Atmos has contacted the Town with two minor suggested revisions. One of the suggested revisions is that in the event a request is made by the Town to Atmos to remove or relocate Atmos infrastructure solely for the benefit of private development, Atmos will not be responsible for such removal or relocation costs. The second revision is that in the event that the Town receives funds under federal, state, county or local programs for the removal or relocation of Atmos infrastructure, and the Town has been fully reimbursed for any costs it incurs, then Atmos shall be reimbursed any costs it may have incurred for such removal or relocation. There are no other revisions to the ordinance originally adopted on January 24.

Budget Impact:

The Town has budgeted \$255,000 for the current fiscal year for gas franchise fees.

Legal Obligations and Review:

The Town Attorney has prepared the revised gas franchise ordinance.

Attached Documents:

1. Ordinance.

Town Staff Recommendation:

Town staff recommends the Town Council approve the attached ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2023-02 and granting a non-exclusive gas franchise to Atmos Energy Corporation.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve an ordinance granting a non-exclusive gas franchise to Atmos Energy Corporation and repealing Ordinance No. 2023-02.