



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 23-R-11 A Resolution of The City Council Authorizing the BUILDS Department to Purchase Easements to Facilitate Construction of Wastewater Capital Projects.

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### **Issue Statement**

The BUILDS Department would like to Purchase Easements to Facilitate Construction of Wastewater Capital Projects.

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

In accordance with our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) the BUILDS department is preparing to begin easement acquisition for CIPs 3, 6, and 7. The majority of these easements will be along the new CIP 6 sewer alignment. Because the existing gravity sewer must remain in place while construction of the upsized sewer main is installed, new easements will be required. Once CIP 6 is completed, the City will redirect flow to the newly installed main. Once this happens, the now out of service main will be “abandoned in place” meaning manholes will be removed, but the old pipe will stay in the ground. The easements for this old main are planned to be relinquished back to the owners.

CIP 6 Requires easements across 32 separate parcels, most but not all have existing sewer easements across their property. CIP 3 requires easements across 3 new properties. CIP 7 Requires easements from 2 property owners, both having easements already.

City Staff has estimated these easement costs and are requesting authorization to spend up to \$170,000 for acquisition of them. This requested authorization does include contingency.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.