

TO: City Council
FROM: Bill Lindauer, Engineering Services Manager
DATE: September 5, 2023
SUBJECT: Electrical Easement with Puget Sound Energy for Parcels 82700300300, 82700200000, and 82700100100

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends the City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an Electrical Easement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) for Parcels 82700300300, 82700200000 and 82700100100 and ratify actions taken prior to approval, which allow for utility undergrounding conversion for the Israel Road and Linderson Way Water Main project.

2) Background:

The Israel Road and Linderson Way Watermain project includes underground conversion of overhead utilities (power, telecommunications, etc.).

The proposed Easement outlines locations on City property to place electrical equipment in the following areas: southeast of Tumwater Timberland Library parking lot; northwest corner of Tumwater City Hall; northeast corner of Tumwater City Hall; and an area northwest of the Tumwater Parks & Maintenance Facilities. All equipment will be below ground, except for one vault at the Library and one transformer at the northwest corner of City Hall. This Easement is required by PSE to complete the work.

The utility work was separated into a standalone project due to project timeline and scope limitations with federal dollars.

3) Policy Support:

C. Create and Maintain a Transportation System Safe for All Modes of Travel - Complete roadway maintenance to enhance vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian safety.

4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Do not authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreements and allow overhead power and utilities to remain overhead within the project limits.
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5) Fiscal Notes:

None. The City is providing the Easement to PSE in order to underground existing overhead power along the Israel Road corridor.

6) Attachments:

A. PSE Electrical Easement