
**CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 05/12/2016
Agenda Item: 6B3**

ACTION: Introduce and hold the first public hearing to adopt an ordinance authorizing the granting of a Utility Easement to Arizona Public Service Company on certain City-owned land known as Tempe (Hayden) Butte. The second and final public hearing is scheduled for May 26, 2016. (Ordinance No. O2016.28)

FISCAL IMPACT: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Ordinance No. O2016.28.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Electrical transmission lines have been in place at the base of Tempe (Hayden) Butte since at least 1908, at which time the United States Bureau of Reclamation installed poles and associated equipment in preparation for distributing the power to be generated by Roosevelt Dam upon its completion in 1911. Six power poles, five wooden and one metal, currently run along the southwestern base of the Butte. Overhead transmission wires carried by these poles extend across Mill Avenue to a wooden pole located at the southeastern corner of the One Hundred South Mill (Monti's) project site. A submission made by the One Hundred South Mill development team proposed removing the pole from the development site, running the overhead line through a duct bank currently in place under Mill Avenue, and transitioning the subsurface line above ground to a temporary pole slated for installation at the Hayden Flour Mill site. In place of the initial power pole relocation proposal, an undergrounding plan that embraces a more holistic, long-term approach to addressing the visual blight of power lines along the base of Tempe (Hayden) Butte has been designed. This comprehensive plan entails removing seven power poles and undergrounding the overhead power lines currently carried by the aforementioned infrastructure.

Adoption of this Ordinance will enable this process to move forward.

ATTACHMENTS: Ordinance, Easement with Exhibits

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