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**CITY OF TEMPE  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Council Meeting Date: 05/12/2016  
Agenda Item: 6C1**

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**ACTION:** Hold the second and final public hearing to adopt an ordinance authorizing the granting of a power distribution easement to Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District over certain City-owned land near Desert Cross Lutheran Church, 8600 South McClintock Drive, and authorizing the Mayor or his designee to execute an easement agreement and related documents. (Ordinance No. O2016.23)

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No impact on City funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Ordinance No. O2016.23.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The City's 2012 Water Resources Master Plan includes a goal of increasing total groundwater well capacity to approximately 51.9 MGD (million gallons a day), equal to the City's average daily water demand at build-out. This goal is based on a long-range plan to ensure operational and water supply redundancy during times of emergency or drought. Building community resiliency specifically in our most critical life safety infrastructure systems is a "best practice" program for reliability. The City's current firm well capacity is 33.8 MGD, creating a shortfall of around 18.1 MGD. The strategy is designed as a long-term capital program adding one additional well every two years to steadily increase groundwater well capacity to meet average daily demands by build-out in 2040. This well is the next step towards achieving this goal.

Well No.16 is located at 8690 South McClintock Drive, which is near the northwest corner of McClintock Drive and Warner Road. Construction of this well is part of an ongoing effort by the Water Utilities Division to add new groundwater production and recovery well capacity to the Tempe municipal water distribution system for back-up water production, supplemental drought supply, water quality blending, and emergency preparedness. The first phase of construction was completed in 2015 and included boring, geophysical logging, well drilling, well development, underground pipe casing of the well column, and pump-to-waste piping.

This easement will be used by SRP to provide electrical power service for the new City of Tempe Well Site No. 16. The City of Tempe currently holds title to this land area and SRP has asked the City to grant the easement. A copy of this request is on file in the Public Works Engineering Division records.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Ordinance, Power Distribution Easement, and Exhibit A.

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