

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: SETTING DATE OF HEARING FOR THE GRANTING OF AN UTILITY EASEMENT TO IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ALONG SOUTH RIVERSIDE DRIVE

BACKGROUND:

Staff was contacted by Iowa State University Facilities Planning and Management requesting that the City grant a utility easement along South Riverside Drive on the City's Airport property. **The easement is needed to install communication infrastructure to the Research Park Phase III expansion (currently under construction) and the future Phase IV expansion.**

Iowa State was unable to negotiate the purchase of all the properties along the west side of South Riverside Drive with the current phase, and was also unable to obtain easements along the west side of the street for the newly needed communication infrastructure.

Staff worked with the Airport Administrator and found no issues with the granting of this easement for the purpose of installing and maintaining the necessary communication infrastructure.

A map of the general easement area is shown on Attachment A.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the proposal to grant a utility easement along South Riverside Drive to Iowa State University and set the date of public hearing for May 24, 2016.
2. Direct staff or the property owner to pursue other options.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This easement is needed to extend communication infrastructure to the next phases of the ISU Research Park expansion. The Airport Administrator has determined that this easement will not interfere with any current or future activities of the airport.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.

Attachment A



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Proposed Easement Area



Scale: 1 in = 417 ft
Date: 5/2/2016