

ITEM#: 20  
DATE: 03-22-22

### COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: CYRIDE - ELECTRIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON STATE OF IOWA PROPERTY**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Electric Services needs to install a pad-mounted transformer at CyRide to provide service to the charging stations for the new electric buses scheduled to be delivered later this year. The transformer will be placed adjacent to the CyRide building.

CyRide is located on land leased from Iowa State University. An electric utility easement has been prepared that covers the new transformer location as well as the existing electric facilities owned by the City of Ames, located on State of Iowa property, that provide service to CyRide. An easement for the existing facilities has never been created until now. **ISU is willing to grant a 50-year easement.**

Staff from Iowa State University Facilities Planning & Management is supportive of the placement of the transformer on the CyRide site and recording of the easement. The Iowa Board of Regents is expected to approve the easement at the April 2022 Board meeting in exchange for \$1 in consideration. **The easement agreement does require the City to move its facilities if ISU requests so in the future, and ISU is not obligated to pay for the cost of relocation.**

#### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property that covers a new pad-mounted transformer and existing City-owned electric facilities not previously covered by an easement.
2. Do not approve the Electric Utility Easement on State of Iowa property and direct Electric Services' staff to find an alternative location for the transformer.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

An electric utility easement guarantees the City rights to own and maintain its facilities on private property. This easement will ensure that Electric Services can provide reliable service to CyRide.

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