



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 19, 2018

Re: Authorizing an Easement in Cosmo Park for Ameren Missouri

Executive Summary

The Department of Parks and Recreation has prepared for Council consideration legislation granting an easement to Ameren Missouri (Ameren) for a permanent gas line in Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park) and appropriating the funds. Parks and Recreation staff has been working with Ameren on the route of the easement in order to minimize the impact on the park, sports fields, and recreation programs. The easement will parallel Schwabe Road on the east and I-70 Drive SW on the south side of the park. Ameren will pay \$200,000 to the City of Columbia for the easement, and these funds will be appropriated to the newly created Real Estate Fund. Park staff will work with Ameren representatives to minimize impact to park users during construction.

Discussion

The Parks and Recreation Department was contacted by Ameren in late 2015 regarding the construction of a gas line through Cosmo Park. This easement is needed to help Ameren meet the demand of the City's residents and businesses on the southwest side of Columbia. Park staff worked with Ameren staff on relocating the gas line from the interior of the park to the perimeter and discussed options such as directional boring instead of open trenching in or near areas such as athletic fields. Additionally, the timing of the construction is important to the City as work should not impact major events such as the Show Me State Games. Ameren was agreeable to these modifications and conducted the required survey and easement descriptions.

As part of the negotiation, Ameren agreed to pay the City \$200,000 for the easement. These funds will be used to create a new Real Estate Fund and will be appropriated through this requested legislation.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: One time \$200,000 revenue to be appropriated to the Real Estate Land Fund #44008850 604990 00710. The City will not have any cost to this project.

Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Ameren Missouri for a permanent gas line easement in Cosmo Park and appropriating the revenue to the Real Estate Land Fund (44008850 604990 00710).