City of Hampton

Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Deed of Easement Granting Virginia Natural Gas an Easement Consisting of 2,484+/- Square Feet for a Gas Regulator Station And A 20' Wide Ingress/Egress Easement Over Property Located at 2972 N. Armistead Avenue (LRSN 6000822 and LRSN 6000824) in Order to Construct a Gas Regulator Station

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The City of Hampton is the owner of two (2) parcels of land consisting of approximately 23.77+/- acres located at 2972 N. Armistead Avenue designated as LRSNs 6000824 and 6000822 (the "Property") shown on Exhibit A.

The City acquired the Property in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia and Joint Base Langley Eustis in order to prevent encroachment of incompatible uses, activities, and development in proximity to the Installation.

In order to facilitate the relocation of an existing Virginia Natural Gas ("VNG") regulator station that is currently operational on a parcel of property that is within Installation's "Clear Zone" near the end of the runway to a new location on the Property, which is in an improved location for flight operations, VNG has requested easements to allow for ingress and egress to the Property and to allow for the construction and operation of a new VNG regulatory station upon the Property.

Approval of this resolution would allow the City to grant easements to VNG over the property.

Recommendation:
Conduct a public hearing and approve the Resolution.

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton is the owner of two (2) parcels of land consisting of approximately 23.77+/- acres located at 2972 N. Armistead Avenue in Hampton, Virginia and which are designated as LRSNs 6000824 and 6000822 (collectively, the "Property"), as shown on that certain plat entitled "PLAT FOR EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT & INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT CITY OF HAMPTON," dated 08-29-2019, prepared by Coastal Consultants, P.C. (the "Plat") attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the City acquired the Property in partnership with the Commonwealth of Virginia and Joint Base Langley Eustis (the "Installation"), in order to prevent encroachment of incompatible uses, activities, and development in proximity to the Installation;

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the relocation of an existing Virginia Natural Gas ("VNG") regulator station that is currently operational on a parcel of property that is within Installation's "Clear

Zone" near the end of the runway to a new location on the Property, which is in an improved location for flight operations, VNG has requested easements to allow for ingress and egress to the Property and to allow for the construction and operation of a new VNG regulatory station upon the Property;

WHEREAS, the proposed new location was reviewed and approved by the Hampton Planning Commission in February 2020 as being substantially in accord with the Community Plan;

WHEREAS, the Deed of Easement attached as Exhibit B would grant VNG two easements, including: (1) a 2,484+/- square foot "Regulator Station Exclusive Easement" upon the portion of the Property designated as LRSN 6000824 as shown on the Plat, and (2) a 20' wide, 647+/- square foot ingress/egress easement upon the portion of the property designated as LRSN 6000822 as shown on the Plat;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 15.2-1800 of the Code of Virginia, the City Council has held a duly advertised public hearing on the proposed easements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that granting the easements is in the best interest of the City of Hampton and its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Hampton, Virginia, as follows:

1.   That the granting of the easements described in Exhibits A and B is hereby approved; and

2.   That it authorizes and directs the City Manager to execute and deliver the Deed of Easement as described above in substantially the same form and content as Exhibit B and to execute any other documents as may be needed or desirable for the purposes identified herein.