



TO: Gahanna City Council
Clerk of Council

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Mayor Laurie A. Jadwin

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DATE: September 4, 2024

SUBJECT: Operations - Request for Council Action (September 9, 2024 COTW Meeting)

UPDATE ITEMS

825 Tech Center Drive – Construction Update

ACTION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM #1: ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT ACCESS EASEMENT AT 825 TECH CENTER DRIVE

The property located at 825 Tech Center Drive was identified as an ideal property and building to address the operational needs for Police Headquarters, City Hall and the Senior Center. Construction on this facility began in May 2024 and is making steady progress. Columbus Southern Power owns the property immediately to the west of 825 Tech Center Dr. (parcel ID 025-011387). To avoid an additional point of egress onto Tech Center Dr., the City desires to purchase an access easement from Columbus Southern Power. This easement would allow public safety vehicles only to access the secure parking area for Police Headquarters from the Columbus Southern property.

The cost of the easement is Thirteen Thousand and No/100 U.S. Dollars (\$13,000) and is described in the attached documents. This easement runs in perpetuity with the land and grants future considerations for the maintenance of the easement area.

The Administration respectfully requests an Ordinance accepting the easement to Columbus Southern Power's property. Upon acceptance, the easement will be recorded with the Franklin County Recorder. In order to align with construction schedules, an **Emergency** is being requested for this Ordinance.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

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| Legislation Needed: | Ordinance |
| Emergency/Waiver: | Emergency |
| Vendor Name: | TBD |
| Vendor Address: | TBD |
| Already Appropriated: | Yes |
| Supplemental/Transfer: | N/A |

Attachments:

DOS-ATT - 22-0002-1262 Access Easement Agreement

ACTION ITEM #2: TO GRANT FRANCHISE TO AEP OHIO, AKA COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER, TO CONSTRUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE LINES AND APPURTENANCES AND APPLIANCES FOR CONDUCTING ELECTRICITY IN, OVER, UNDER AND THROUGH THE STREETS, AVENUES, ALLEYS, AND PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY OF GAHANNA

AEP Ohio, also known as Columbus Southern Power, provides electrical power to properties within the State of Ohio and the City of Gahanna. Communities in which they serve hold 25-year franchise agreements to construct, maintain and operate lines and appurtenances and appliances for conducting electricity in, over, under and through the streets, avenues, alleys, and public places of the City of Gahanna. The City's franchise agreement expires in October of this year.

The Administration respectfully requests an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a 25-year franchise agreement with Columbus Southern Power.

Requested Legislation and Funding:

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| Legislation Needed: | Ordinance |
| Emergency/Waiver: | Emergency or Waiver |
| Vendor Name: | TBD |
| Vendor Address: | TBD |
| Already Appropriated: | N/A |
| Supplemental/Transfer: | N/A |

Attachments:

DOS-ATT – Columbus Souther Power 25-year Franchise Agreement