

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	May 19, 2025
Action Required:	Public Hearing and Resolutions Adoptions
Presenter:	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities
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Title:	Public Hearing and four (4) Resolutions for VDOT Subordination of Rights Agreements (Belvedere and Brookhill Subdivisions)

Background

The City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), has acquired multiple public utility easements to serve natural gas to new homes in the Belvedere and Brookhill subdivisions in Albemarle County, Virginia. In the sequence of construction, the gas line must be installed prior to the pavement of the road. Once the road section of the development is complete, the developer seeks VDOT acceptance for their public roads into the Virginia Department of Transportation's ("VDOT") secondary highway system.

Discussion

The attached Agreements propose to subordinate the City's easement rights within the rights-of-way to VDOT's roadway maintenance. The natural gas facilities will continue to be owned and maintained by the City, even after the easement is subordinated to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The City's natural gas facilities are required to remain in their present locations, and if any of the streets cease to be part of VDOT's secondary highway system, the gas line easement in that street will revert to the City.

This item supports City Council's vision and contributes to the Strategic Outcome Area of Organizational Excellence.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan

This item has no budgetary impact.

Community Engagement

Following conducting the Public Hearing as legally required by Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), City Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Resolutions subordinating the City's easement rights within the rights-of-way to VDOT's roadway maintenance.

Budgetary Impact

"I move adoption of the attached Resolutions subordinating the City's easement rights within the rights-of-way to VDOT's roadway maintenance in the Belvedere and Brookhill subdivisions."

Recommendation

Staff recommends the approval of the attached resolutions and agreements.

Alternatives

If the resolutions are not approved, the Virginia Department of Transportation will not accept the roadways into its secondary highway system.

Attachments

1. Resolution - Belvedere 2A
2. Subordination_of_Rights_Agreement_Belvedere 2A
3. Resolution - Belvedere 2B
4. Subordination_of_Rights_Agreement_Belvedere 2B
5. Resolution - Belvedere 5A
6. Subordination_of_Rights_Agreement_Belvedere 5A
7. Resolution - Brookhill
8. Subordination_of_Rights_Agreement_Brookhill 9-11