

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Ordinance Regarding an Easement to Dominion Energy for Undergrounding of Electrical Equipment at Pen Park and Quarry Road (2nd reading)
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Date of Proposed Action:	July 21, 2025

Issue

Dominion Energy is working to underground a section of overhead power lines around Pen Park. The current overhead line comes across Meadow Creek from Holmes Avenue and is regularly out of service, partly due to age and inaccessibility for repairs. The new line will come from the Pen Park Lane area and provide a more reliable service. This will also allow Dominion to remove the overhead line along and across Meadow Creek along the developing trail system, allowing for better views and possibly planting more trees near the creek.

Dominion is also planning to underground an existing section of overhead line that passes through Quarry Park. The line is currently over the backstop for the baseball field, so removing it will also improve safety and the Park-user experience.

Background / Rule

Rule: Per Virginia Code Section 15.2-1800(B), a Public Hearing is legally required before City Council grants any easements on City-owned property.

Analysis

Both of these proposals will be beneficial to all users that connect to these grids and also Park and trail users.

Financial Impact

None. All costs will be covered by Dominion Energy.

Recommendation

Following conducting the legally required Public Hearing, City Staff recommends City Council approve the attached Ordinance granting easements to Dominion Energy at Pen and Quarry Parks.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I make a Motion to approve the attached Ordinance granting easements to Dominion Energy at Pen and Quarry Parks."

Attachments

1. ORD_Dominion Easement Pen-Quarry
2. Dominion - ROWs and Plats - Pen Park & Quarry Rd