

Policy Briefing Summary

City Council



Regarding:	Public Hearing and Ordinance for Quitclaim Natural Gas Easement (Belvedere Subdivision 5B)
Staff Contact(s):	Lauren Hildebrand, Director of Utilities, Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director
Presenter:	Jason McIlwee, Deputy Director
Date of Proposed Action:	February 17, 2026

Issue

A Public Hearing is being held to quitclaim portions of a natural gas easement across right-of-way in Block 5B of the Belvedere Subdivision in Albemarle County, Virginia ("Albemarle").

Background / Rule

In 2023, the City of Charlottesville, Virginia ("City"), acquired a natural gas line easement from Greenwood Holdings, Inc. Portions of the easement are located within Miranda Crossing and Fowler Street in Block 5B of the Belvedere Subdivision in Albemarle. The roads are now public rights-of-way and the Virginia Department of Transportation ("VDOT") is prepared to accept these roads into the State Highway System.

Analysis

The attached Ordinance proposes to quitclaim portions of an existing natural gas easement for VDOT to accept these roads into the State Highway Maintenance System. The natural gas facilities will continue to be owned and maintained by the City, even after the easement is quitclaimed to the State. 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 Highway System, the gas line easement in that street will revert to the City.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact.

Recommendation

City Utilities Staff recommends City Council adopt the attached Ordinance authorizing the quitclaim of portions of an existing City natural gas easement to VDOT allowing it to accept said roads into the State Highway Maintenance System. City Utilities Staff also recommends City Council waive any required Second Reading.

Recommended Motion (if Applicable)

"I move to adopt the attached Ordinance authorizing the quitclaim of portions of an existing City natural gas easement to VDOT allowing it to accept said roads into the State Highway Maintenance System. I also move that City Council waive any required Second Reading."

Attachments

1. Ordinance - Belvedere Phase 5B-2
2. Deed Quitclaim Belvedere 5B ADA
3. Plat Belvedere 5B Quitclaim