

Council Agenda Item 25-0821R



MEETING DATE: October 27, 2025

SUBJECT/TITLE: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH MINNESOTA POWER FOR USE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN CANAL PARK THROUGH 2035 FOR OPERATION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

SUBMITTED BY: Ted Blenkush, Construction Coordinator, Property & Facilities Management

RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: n/a

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: Authorization for the City to take ownership of the carport was received in 2016 via resolution 16-0718R.

BACKGROUND: This resolution authorizes a license agreement with Minnesota Power enabling the installation and operation of two dual-plug Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFC) within the City-owned carport in Canal Park. The agreement will allow for the substantial enhancement of electric vehicle charging services to the public, to be provided at no cost to the City. The DCFC units to be installed by Minnesota Power will allow for simultaneous charging of up to four vehicles, at a much faster rate than the existing Level 2 units. Minnesota Power will be responsible for all costs associated with construction and maintenance, will pay for the electricity disbursed, and will collect revenue at rates approved by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT: The addition of these DCFC units will not have a direct impact to City operational costs, as the parking lot will continue to be maintained in accordance with existing use. The costs of electricity disbursement and operation of the two DCFC units will be the responsibility of Minnesota Power.

OPTIONS: Approval of the resolution will authorize installation and operation of the charging units for a base term of 10 years.

NECESSARY ACTION: Approval of the resolution is necessary to authorize installation and operation.

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit 1 (license agreement)