

# Council Agenda Item 26-0577R



**MEETING DATE:** June 29, 2026

**SUBJECT/TITLE:** RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR UTILITY PURPOSES FROM THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OVER, UNDER, AND ACROSS CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN THE CHESTER PARK-UMD NEIGHBORHOOD, AT NO COST TO THE CITY.

**SUBMITTED BY:** Danielle Erjavec, Senior Property Services Specialist

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** N/A

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:** This resolution authorizes the acceptance of permanent utility easements from the Regents of the University of Minnesota (the "University") over, under, and across certain property in the Chester Park-UMD neighborhood, at no cost to the City. The easement areas accepted under this resolution are depicted as "Parcel B," "Parcel C" and "Parcel D" on Exhibit C attached to Exhibit 1. Parcel B is for gas purposes, while Parcels C and D are for stormwater and drainage purposes.

Later this year, the City will be reconstructing College Street between Junction Avenue and Woodland Avenue (the "Project"). The Project includes utility work, a new shared-use path, and sidewalk and stormwater improvements.

The City's real estate records were reviewed during the design phase of the Project, and it was discovered that there was an area within the University's property that contained part of a public gas main that the City did not have an easement for. There will be new culverts installed along College St. as part of the Project, with the intent of being added to the City's storm sewer system. The University is willing to grant easements for the utility infrastructure through the easement agreement attached as Exhibit 1.

The acceptance of this easement creates public rights in the easement areas so the City can operate, maintain and repair the utility infrastructure.

**BUDGET/FISCAL IMPACT:** None if accepted

**OPTIONS:** Accept the permanent easement so the City can complete the Project and have the necessary rights for the utility infrastructure or the City will be unable to complete the Project and there will be no public rights for an existing gas main.

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**NECESSARY ACTION:** Approve resolution

**ATTACHMENTS:** Exhibit 1, Easement Agreement