

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: January 12, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of an Easement for an Underground Tunnel and Utility Lines Beneath Main Street and Church Street (East Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Quality Transportation

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

Forsyth County owns 201 N. Church Street, Tax PIN 6835-25-9573, the location of the Forsyth County Detention Center. Forsyth County will be constructing a new courthouse one block southeast of the Forsyth County Detention Center, on Tax PIN 6835-36-3241. The current method of transporting inmates between the detention center and the courthouse requires inmates to be loaded onto vans and shuttled between the buildings. The County has proposed a more efficient and secure method of transporting inmates between the buildings by the use of a tunnel. The tunnel will cross beneath Second Street and Chestnut Street, which are maintained by the City of Winston-Salem. Forsyth County has requested an easement for the tunnel and utility lines. The plans for the new building, including the tunnel, have been submitted to City staff for review.

Staff recommends granting the easement to Forsyth County.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>Public Works 1/12/2021</u>	Action	<u>Approval</u>
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