

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 8, 2022

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Robert Prestwood, City Engineer

Council Action Requested:

Resolution to Terminate an Easement located in the 2000 Block of Silas Creek Parkway –
Petition of the North Carolina Army National Guard. (Southwest Ward)

Strategic Focus Area: Healthy Environment

Strategic Objective: No

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

In 1973, the State of North Carolina granted the City of Winston-Salem an easement for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a gas barrier system. This easement was recorded in Deed Book 1115 Pg 1459 of the Forsyth County Register of Deeds Office. This system included a mechanical pumping device, gas monitoring devices, vacuum tubes, etc.

This system, an underground methane gas monitoring system, was installed in 1974 and was operated until the early 2000's. This site has moved from an active recovery phase to a monitoring phase only. In 2012, the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) installed a series of gas monitoring wells and the old system was abandoned. The National Guard has taken over responsibility for the site and the monitoring wells will be abandoned in the next 6-9 months. The National Guard is planning to build a storage building that will encroach into the recorded 30' easement and wished to have the easement abandoned to facilitate their new building.

Staff has spoken with DEQ and they are aware of the construction plans of the National Guard and will be working to remove the monitoring well. Approval of this request is recommended.

Committee Action:

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| Committee | <u>Public Works 11/8/2022</u> | Action | <u>Approval</u> |
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