



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

11a

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading
 Ordinance/Second & Final Reading
 Resolution/First & Final Reading
 Information Only

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: January 13, 2020

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE \$3,300,831 IN THE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING FUND FOR THE UNITY PARK PHASE 1A UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

This Ordinance appropriates funds to proceed with the burial of overhead power lines and other communication lines around Hudson Street, Nassau Street, Gibbs Street and Welborn Street near the Unity Park site. The construction estimate for the project is \$3,300,831, including contingency funds. Duke Energy will share \$1,283,826 of that cost. The City's share of the cost includes the portion for Charter, AT&T, Level3 and other communications that Duke does not participate in. The cost also includes the cost of the project design, which is split between the City and Duke.

The City's Utility Undergrounding Fund has an estimated available fund balance of \$5.4 million, including both the City and Duke's accounts. Approximately \$2.1 million will be available for other undergrounding projects after this appropriation.

IMPACT IF DENIED:

If denied, the project will not move forward to construction.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action will reduce the City's available Utility Undergrounding fund balance by approximately \$3.3 million. There is sufficient available fund balance for this appropriation.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director *Mike Murphy*
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OMB Director *Kai Nelson*
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City Attorney *Michael Pitts*
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AN ORDINANCE

TO APPROPRIATE \$3,300,831 IN THE UTILITY UNDERGROUNDING FUND FOR THE UNITY PARK PHASE 1A UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville seeks to relocate utility lines to improve reliability and appearance on its commercial corridors and its Central Business District; and

WHEREAS, the City dedicated one percent (1%) of its Duke Power franchise fee for undergrounding; and

WHEREAS, the burial of overhead power and communication utilities in the area of Unity Park, specifically the area around Hudson Street, Nassau Street, Gibbs Street, and Welborn Street, is necessary and important for the construction of Unity Park; and

WHEREAS, the City's share of the Unity Park Phase 1A undergrounding project is approximately \$2,017,000 which includes the undergrounding of Charter, AT&T, Level 3 and other overhead facilities; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy of the Carolinas, LLC will share approximately \$1,283,800 of the total project cost; and

WHEREAS, the combined City and Duke utility undergrounding funds have an available balance for commercial undergrounding projects of approximately \$5.4 million; and

WHEREAS, City Council now desires to appropriate funds for the undergrounding of utility lines in and around Unity Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, the amount of \$3,300,831 is appropriated from the Utility Undergrounding Fund Balance for the construction of the Unity Park Phase 1A Undergrounding Project as reflected in the attached Exhibit. This Ordinance shall go into effect upon second and final reading.

DONE, RATIFIED AND PASSED THIS THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2020.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

REVIEWED:

CITY MANAGER

