



AGENDA ITEM 5C
DATE 2-17-09

City Council Report

Date: February 17, 2009

To: City Council

Through: Jack Friedline, Deputy City Manager

From: Beth Huning, City Engineer
Craig Crocker, Property Acquisition Supervisor

Subject: Grant aerial and ground easements to Salt River Project across City-owned property located in the 1800 to 2200 block of East University Drive. Council District #2.

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to consider staff's recommendation to grant aerial and ground easements to Salt River Project (SRP) across City-owned property located in the 1800 to 2200 block of East University Drive.

Background

The City will begin widening the Gilbert Road and University Drive intersection in March of this year. The approved project plans call for the relocation of existing SRP electrical facilities. SRP has provided documentation showing prior rights and, therefore, the City must provide easements for the relocated facilities in exchange for the current site. Real Estate Services has obtained the ground easements in the name of SRP for the areas on private property.

Discussion

Salt River Project is now ready to relocate their facilities and is requesting that the City grant ground easements in University Drive right-of-way and aerial easements for the electrical lines over the City's right-of-way.

The new easement alignments are in accordance with approved project plans. The Engineering Department has reviewed and approved the alignment of the new easements.

Alternatives

The alternative is to not authorize the granting of these easements to Salt River Project. If the easements are not authorized, Salt River Project will not relocate their facilities and the intersection improvement project cannot proceed.

Fiscal Impact

There is no fiscal impact, as the City does not charge Salt River Project for easements on City owned property where they have prior rights in that location.

Concurrence

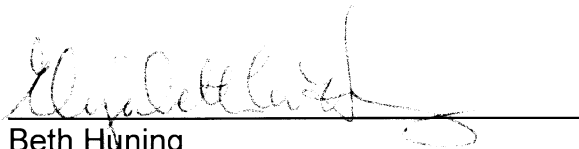
The City of Mesa Engineering Department concurs with this request.



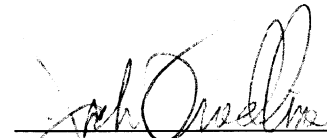
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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, GRANTING AERIAL AND
GROUND EASEMENTS TO SALT RIVER PROJECT AND
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID EASEMENT
DOCUMENTS.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESA,
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA AS FOLLOWS:

Whereas the City Council has determined it is appropriate to grant aerial and ground easements to Salt River Project in the 1800 to 2200 block of East University Drive.

Section 1: That the City Manager, Christopher J. Brady, or his designated representative, is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the City of Mesa, to execute the necessary documents to grant aerial and ground easements to Salt River Project, and that the City Clerk is authorized and directed to attest to the signature of the City Manager or his designated representative thereon.

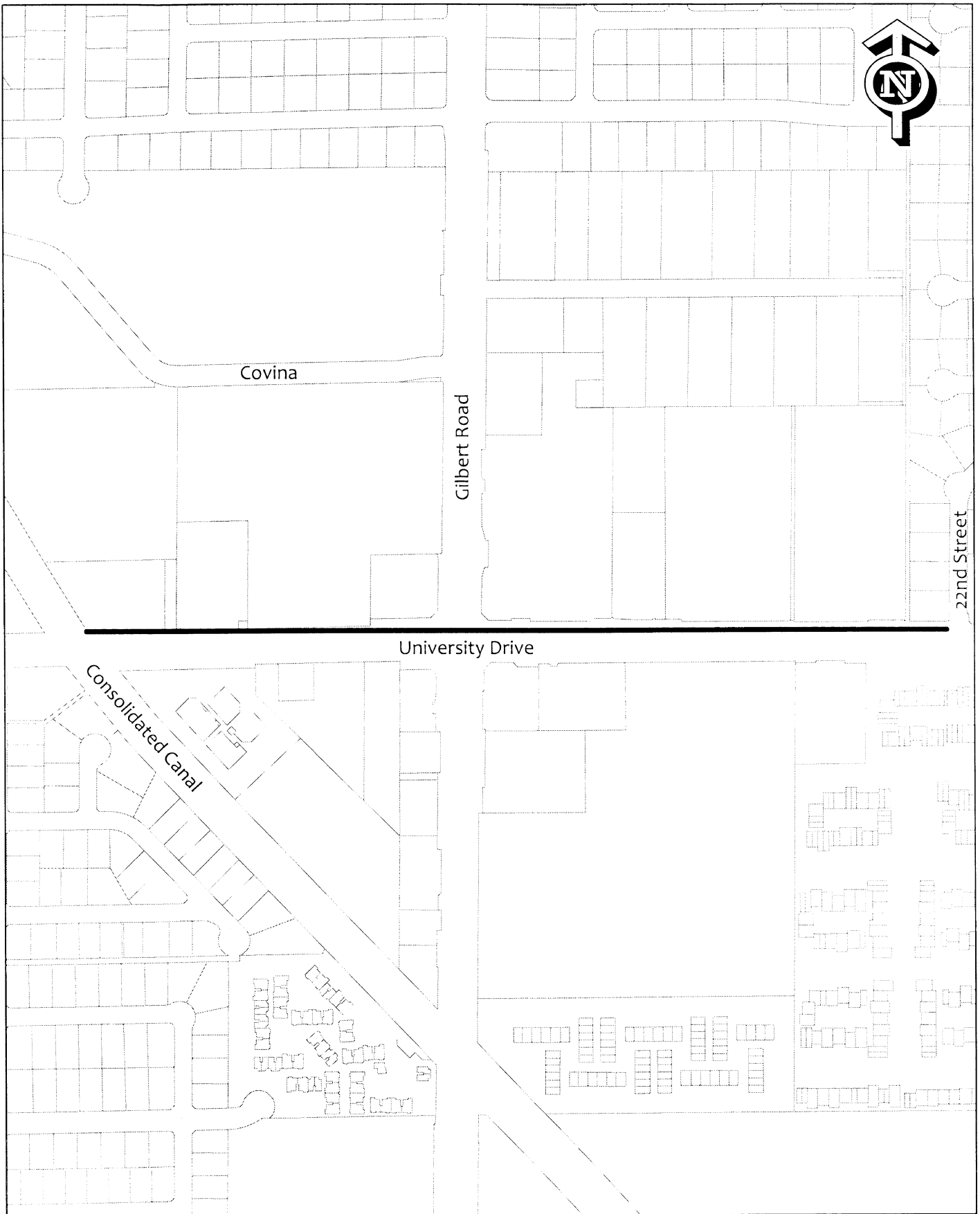
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, this _____ day of _____ 2009.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk



*Map not to scale

Aerial and Ground Easements to be granted to Salt River Project across City right-of-way