



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX. AU
8/15/2023

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Craig Freeman, City Manager

Right of Way Agreement with Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, Project MZ-0060, NE 50th Street and OKC Zoo Drive. Ward 7.

Location:

In the vicinity of NE 50th Street and OKC Zoo Drive, on the grounds of the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden.

Purpose:

To provide natural gas service to buildings and facilities under construction as part of Project MZ-0060, Zoo Orientation Plaza and Africa-themed Savannah Exhibits, at the Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden.

Background:

This property is owned by The City of Oklahoma City and leased to the Oklahoma City Zoological Trust.

On April 26, 2022 (Item No. IX. AH.), the City Council granted two permanent easements to Oklahoma Natural Gas (ONG) for natural gas service to the Zoo Orientation Plaza and Africa-themed Savannah Exhibits project. Due to construction conflicts, the as-built natural gas line deviates slightly from the easement area established by one of the easements. Therefore, ONG seeks the City's grant of an updated easement. ONG will release the original easement upon the City Council's approval of the updated easement.

On July 26, 2023, the Oklahoma City Zoological Trust recommended approval of the updated easement.

Construction for Project MZ-0060 began in Spring 2021 and is anticipated to be completed in Fall 2023.

Review:

Public Works Department

Recommendation: Agreement be approved.