



TOWN OF HORIZON CITY MEMORANDUM

Date: July 3, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Teresa Quezada, CIP Manager *TQ*

SUBJECT: **Regarding a Resolution making findings required by Ordinance No. 00251 (EPEC Franchise) to require EPEC to relocate an underground electric line and other utility facilities at their expense to accommodate the N. Darrington Road Relocation Project.**

Background

During construction of N. Darrington Rd., the contractor identified an existing El Paso Electric conduit line that conflicts with the proposed storm drain near 19023 N. Darrington Rd.. Since portions of the storm sewer have been installed on both sides of the conflict, adjustments to the flow line are not feasible. Horizon City, through TXDOT, advised El Paso Electric Company, that per the franchise agreement, any utility relocations for City projects must be completed at El Paso Electric Company's cost.

Per Ordinance No 00251, which grants El Paso Electric a franchise agreement within Horizon City, the City can require utility relocations after the City Council finds, "by resolution, that such change is necessary in the closing, opening, or relocating of streets or alleys, or water or sewer lines, to the extent that they are a part of a city project" (Section 2, paragraph d) when these costs are not reimbursable by another entity.

In the attached letter from El Paso Electric, the utility requests Council's resolution to begin construction. The utility has completed the design to make the necessary adjustments.

Item Description

This resolution articulates the findings as required by the ordinance to require the utility's relocation of their facilities for the N. Darrington Rd. reconstruction project and will be used to support the City's request to El Paso Electric.

Requested Action

Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

Fiscal Impact

This resolution does not affect the City's cost for the project. However, absent the resolution, and the enforcement of the franchise agreement, the City could be required to pay the utility's costs for relocating their facilities.

Attachments: Resolution, Letter from El Paso Electric