

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Clarence Smith, Electric Utilities Director

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

Subject: Adoption of a New Electric Line Extension Policy

Date: March 3, 2015

City Staff is recommending the adoption of a new line extension policy; these revisions will make it easier for staff to negotiate delivery of services with potential developers while allowing the City to more effectively distribute costs for the extensions. It will also allow staff to continue to uniformly apply the policy throughout the city.

The proposed policy will also more clearly define the type of line extension, while allowing the City to better recover its costs for providing these services. The proposed policy is also closer to industry standards, allowing the City to continue to stay very competitive. Please note that City staff solicited assistance from Schneider Engineering in the development of the proposed policies. The scope of the work included but was not limited to coordinating with City staff to identify and determine desirable options from surrounding utilities line extension policies, identifying cost components, and assisting in the development of a comprehensive line extension policy.

Staff recommends approval and will be available to answer any questions.