RESOLUTION FOR ATMOS GAS LINE EASEMENTS
TO SERVE THE VIRGINIA TECH BASEBALL FACILITIES

Natural gas service is needed for the new baseball stadium and the Weaver Baseball Center as part of the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities Improvements Project.
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WHEREAS, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (“Virginia Tech”) has initiated a construction and rehabilitation project to expand and improve the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities, located at Duck Pond Drive and Southgate Drive on the main campus of Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, the improvements to the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities will necessitate natural gas service to the site; and

WHEREAS, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) has natural gas lines in that area of the Virginia Tech campus that could be extended without undue disruption to activities and with limited damage to flora in that area of campus; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Tech and Atmos are agreeable to extending the gas lines in the general areas and locations depicted on the attached drawings entitled “WEAVER BUILDING UTILITY PLAN C4-03” and “ATMOS GAS LINE SKETCH VT BASEBALL” to accommodate the improvements to the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administration, his successors and/or assigns, be authorized to execute an easement or easements as may be needed to extend Atmos gas lines to serve the planned improvements to the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities, in accordance with applicable Virginia Tech procedures for easements as permitted by the Higher Education Restructuring Act and Management Agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above resolution authorizing the Vice President for Administration, his successors and/or assigns, to execute an easement or easements as may be needed to extend Atmos gas lines to serve the planned improvements to the Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities be approved.

June 5, 2017
MEMORANDUM

TO: Sherwood G. Wilson
FROM: Heidi M. McCoy, Deputy Chief Facilities Officer
THROUGH: Christopher H. Kiwus, Associate Vice President and Chief Facilities Officer
DATE: March 10, 2017
SUBJECT: Atmos gas line extensions easement(s) for Virginia Tech Baseball Facilities improvements project

Attached for your review are copies of the items that will make up the review packet for the Board of Visitors' June 5, 2017 meeting agenda item for the above-referenced matter.

As you know, the purpose of granting the easement(s) is to provide natural gas service to the new baseball stadium and to the Weaver Baseball Center that will be undergoing improvements. It is unknown at this time if the two (2) gas line extensions can be incorporated into one easement, or if two easements will be required.

For BOV review, comment and approval Real Estate Management policy and procedures require we complete our due diligence by securing required information and documentation, and preliminary approval of this matter as a BOV agenda item from your office.

Real Estate Management is required to:
1. Secure a written request from the utility company for the easement. That is not applicable in this instance since this project is a University initiative. VT has requested Atmos install the gas lines.
2. Notify adjoining property owners. This is not applicable as the project is entirely on VT real property with no adverse effect on neighboring properties (that are all a good distance from the project site).
3. Secure VT Site and Infrastructure Development comments. Those comments are attached. We have also secured additional OUP comments and those comments are attached. The additional tree protections requested by OUP will be included in the easement when that document is prepared.
4. Determine and minimize the impact on the department or College controlling the land. This is not applicable as the Athletics Department has requested this project. Also, OUP and UDC have gone to great lengths to protect the adjoining Hahn Horticulture Garden from adverse impacts regarding the entire baseball facilities improvements project.
5. Secure the greatest benefit for VT. This is not applicable as VT is requesting the gas line extensions be installed. The greatest benefit will be the University’s use of natural gas at the new baseball facilities complex.
6. Draft a BOV resolution and secure approval from Facilities and the Office of University Legal Counsel. Those March 1, 2017 and March 2, 2017 approvals are attached on a single email print-out.
7. Secure Facilities approval of the BOV review package to be submitted to you. That approval is indicated by the initialing of the first page of this Memorandum by Facilities.

Please indicate your decision on proceeding with the requested utility easement(s) by completing the appropriate block below:

- [ ] APPROVED

- [ ] APPROVED WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS (See below for Comments)

- [ ] NOT APPROVED (See below for Comments)

Comments:

If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you!

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