

Valdosta City Council 216 East Central Ave Valdosta, GA 31601

SCHEDULED

AGENDA ITEM NO. (ID # 3929)

Meeting: 04/10/25 05:30 PM Department: Engineering Category: Agreement Prepared By: Chelsea Nevels Initiator: Chelsea Nevels

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Consideration of a request to approve a Relocation Agreement for payment to Georgia Power for the Jerry Jones Drive and Eager Road Street Widening Project.

**HISTORY:** Georgia Power Company placed power poles along Eager Road around 1929 and on Jerry Jones Road before 1970. While some facilities are covered by specific easements, many poles were placed under a Franchise Agreement with the City of Valdosta which creates a compensable property interest for the utility.

**FACTS AND ISSUES:** The <u>estimated</u> cost for relocating the distribution facilities associated with the Jerry Jones Drive/Eager Road Widening Project from Baytree Road to Oak Street (PI # 0014134, CR 784) will be \$2,660,431. According to the Franchise Agreement and any amendments between Georgia Power Company and the City of Valdosta, the City is responsible for 47.85% payment amount. The estimated cost is \$1,272,897 for the relocation of distribution facilities not located within the City's streets, alleys, and/or public places. The final cost depends upon the actual relocation cost but will not exceed \$1,272,897. The work will be anticipated to be completed within 120 days, and therefore, payment within Fiscal Year 2026.

**OPTIONS:** (1) Approve the Georgia Power Relocation Agreement and associated payment, (2) Reject the Georgia Power Relocation Agreement and associated payment

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Staff recommends approval of Option (1).