

Council Meeting: June 11, 2026	Prepared By: Jessica Christensen Buck, Parks and Recreation Manager
Topic: Heritage Park - Wright Hennepin Easement/Connection	Action Required: Approval

Summary

Over the past several months, staff has worked closely with Wright-Hennepin to identify a feasible electrical service connection to support the new Heritage Park building and associated park infrastructure.

The proposed route starts on the east side of the park, near County Road 10. From there, the electrical service travels south and west along the eastern and southern boundaries of the park before extending north along the main drive aisle to the new park building. The project includes installation of a three-phase electrical service, transformer, and switch equipment necessary to serve the building and future park operations.

As part of the overall project, Wright-Hennepin will install and fund the primary three-phase electrical distribution line extending from the new pole near County Road 10 to the switch location near the park entrance. The City's responsibility is to provide the necessary utility easements for this portion of the installation. Once power reaches the switch, the City-funded improvements include the electrical extensions within Heritage Park, along with the transformer and associated infrastructure located near the building that will serve the new facility and support future park expansion.

Throughout the review process, multiple routing alternatives were evaluated. Staff worked to minimize impacts to existing and future park improvements while also considering utility requirements and installation costs. Additionally, this option helps preserve flexibility for future turn lane improvements anticipated with future phases of Heritage Park updates. The proposed alignment represents the most viable solution identified through collaboration between staff and Wright-Hennepin.

Wright-Hennepin has indicated an anticipated lead time of approximately four to five weeks following the authorization to proceed.

Staff is seeking Council approval of both the Line Construction Charge Agreement and the general easement location. Final easement language will be prepared following installation of the electrical facilities, at which time the final easement area can be surveyed and accurately described. Staff will return with the final easement documentation for execution when available.

Financial/Budget

The cost estimate presented in the agreement reflects the City's portion of the electrical infrastructure improvements. Wright-Hennepin is responsible for funding and installing the primary three-phase electrical distribution line from the new pole to the switch location near the park entrance. The City is responsible for the electrical distribution extensions within Heritage Park, including the transformer installation near the building and infrastructure necessary to provide service to the park facility and accommodate future park expansion.

The estimated cost of the electrical service installation is \$53,191.80, which includes installation, surveying, and materials.

Funding is anticipated to come from the Park Dedication Fund. Staff anticipates upon completion of phase 1 of Heritage Park, that \$1.5 million will be available for use in the Park Dedication Fund.

Options

Approval of the Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association line construction charge agreement and authorization to proceed with the proposed electrical service route and associated easement location for the Heritage Park Building.

Provide staff with alternative direction.

Recommendation

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Attachments

1. [Estimate and Map - WH](#)