

Connecticut State University System



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RESOLUTION

concerning

TWO EASEMENTS
TO THE
REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY IN NEW HAVEN
ON THE
CAMPUS
OF
SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

August 22, 2003

- WHEREAS, Installation of a new water main is necessary to meet the needs of a new fire protection system in Chase, Hickerson, Neff, Wilkinson, Farnham as well as the new residence hall currently in construction at Southern Connecticut State University, and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Water Authority has agreed to install a new 8" water main to serve the domestic and fire protection needs of west campus in a timely manner, and
- WHEREAS, The Regional Water Authority has requested these easements in order to install the new water lines and provide maintenance and repair services, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System grant two easements, one along Wintergreen Avenue and the other along Farnham Avenue, to the Regional Water Authority for water service at the campus of Southern Connecticut State University.

A Certified True Copy:

William J. Cibes, Jr., Chancellor

ITEM

Two easements to the Regional Water Authority in New Haven on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University.

BACKGROUND

The University is in the process of installing a new fire protection system in five residence halls on campus. A multi-phased capital project was developed to provide enhanced electrical service and a new fire alarm and sprinkler system into each of the five existing residence halls on the east campus. A new electrical loop and water main system will be installed to support these existing residence halls as well as the new residence hall and parking garage currently under construction.

ANALYSIS

The Department of Public Works retained the services of an engineering firm to develop design and construction drawings to support the installation of a new electrical service, a new water main and fire sprinklers in the residential quadrant of west campus. Phase I of the project was released for bidding earlier this summer. Unfortunately, bids exceeded available funding. The university reevaluated the project and determined that portions of the work could be accomplished in a more cost-effective manner.

All of the existing water mains that serve campus facilities are owned by the Regional Water Authority. Their infrastructure system extends water piping to the meter or monitor check at each building point. Phase I of the project required the general contractor to install a new 8" water main to serve the fire protection needs of Chase, Hickerson, Neff, Wilkinson and Farnham as well as the new residence hall. The university determined that it would be more cost effective to have the Regional Water Authority install the new water main, as they will perform the work at cost with no contractor mark-up expenses for the university to incur. The Water Company has agreed to install the new water main in a time frame that will not adversely impact construction of the new residence hall and parking garage project.

The Regional Water Authority will be responsible for the maintenance and repair of the water line after its installation. However, in order to provide legal access for maintenance and repair to the new water system, it is necessary for the Board of Trustees to grant property easements to the water authority. The easements will be 30' wide, with the Wintergreen section at 933' long and the Farnham at 267" long.

CHANCELLOR'S RECOMMENDATION

Approve granting two permanent easements to the Regional Water Authority for water line installation along Wintergreen and Farnham Avenues on the campus of Southern Connecticut State University.