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## COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office

### GENERAL INFORMATION

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### SUBJECT—

Approving the conversion of electric distribution system from overhead to underground on Water Street between Court Avenue and Elm Street with MidAmerican Energy Company, for a cost of \$176,000.00.

### SYNOPSIS—

MidAmerican Energy has prepared plans to convert electric distribution system from overhead to underground on Water Street from Court Avenue to Elm Street. The City is responsible for \$176,000 of the project cost.

### FISCAL IMPACT—

Funding for this work is available in the Capital Improvements Program, Riverwalk, Fund CP040, Organization PKS990000, Project PKS162.

### RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

**BACKGROUND—**

MidAmerican is proposing to convert the existing overhead distribution facilities to underground. This proposal was prepared in response to Principal Riverwalk improvements in the area. Placing these lines underground will improve the aesthetics of the Principal Riverwalk, south of Court Avenue. The City is responsible for the cost for converting to a comparable underground system. This cost is \$176,000. The total project cost is \$345,000. As part of this conversion, MidAmerican will be installing facilities to increase their flexibility to meet future maintenance requirements, system modifications, and changes to customer loads. MidAmerican will be responsible for the remaining \$169,000.

Existing poles and lights will remain until Principal Riverwalk provides replacement lighting and the other overhead utilities are able to relocate.