

02-15-2023 Town Council Meeting
Responses to Council Questions

ITEM #3: Grant a Paved Walkway Easement and a Natural Gas Utility Easement on Town-owned Property at 130 E Rosemary St (Portion of Parking Lot 2) and Authorize the Town Manager to Execute the Easements

Council Question:

What is the rationale for only asking for a \$10 payment in return for a ca. 800 SF easement? Is the town receiving anything else of value?

Staff Response:

The primary value to the Town is that the walkway supports a project that is a key a part of the Town's Downtown development strategy to attract and retain businesses and workers in Chapel Hill. Additionally, the walkway is located adjacent to the 136/137 building in an area with recorded restrictive covenants and other existing utilities which limit use of the area.

Additionally, staff is working on updating the agenda materials to substitute a walkway easement and license for the walkway easement at the recommendation of the Town Attorney. A license is not a property interest and is revocable.