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<b>Committee:</b> Plan Commission	<b>Date:</b> 1/26/2021
<b>Item Number:</b> ID#22-3480	<b>Date:</b> 1/26/2021
<b>Submitted By:</b> Doug Koehler, Principal Planner	<b>City Administrator Approval:</b> Kevin Lahner, City Administrator
<b>Finance Department Review:</b> Bridget Souffrant, Finance Director	<b>City Attorney's Office Review:</b> Brian Running, City Attorney
<b>Subject:</b> <b>WE Energies Easement across City property – Fire Station 1 and Parking Lot 13</b>	

**Details:** As part of the reconstruction of North St. and St. Paul Ave. WE Energies will be burying several power lines which currently run on poles along St. Paul Ave. The buried lines will cross City owned properties in two locations, at Fire Station Number 1 and Parking Lot 13, so WE Energies has requested easements. State law requires that the Plan Commission and City Council review and approve new utility easements.

The easement on the Fire Station 1 property will run along the east lot line, through the parking lot and landscaping area. Parking Lot 13 is the municipal lot adjacent to the Mad Steintist bar at 200 Madison St. The easement will run near the north edge of the lot and then turn and run back to St. Paul Ave. along its east edge. Both easements prevent any future building in the 10-foot-wide area where they will be located, but there are no plans to build on either parking lot at any point in the foreseeable future.

At the request of Engineering Department staff, WE Energies added a commitment to restore any landscaping or parking spaces which are damaged during installation or maintenance of the power lines. We Energies will bore the lines under the ground rather than digging trenches, so they expect that damage from the installation will be minimal.

The city attorney's office has reviewed the easement documents and found no issues with them

**Options & Alternatives:**

**Financial Remarks:**

**Staff Recommendation:**  
Staff recommends approval of the proposed WE Energies utility easements on the Fire Station 1 and Parking Lot 13 properties with the following condition:

- WE Energies will restore any trees, bushes, or other landscaping that is damaged as part of installation and maintenance of the power lines.

