RESOLUTION NO. 100775

PASSED April 7, 2011

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, providing for a request to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands, for a Utility Easement along the 6th Street Rail Trail and a portion of the Downtown Connector for the placement of a fiber optic line; and providing an immediate effective date.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund of the State of Florida ("Trustee") owns the property, commonly known as the 6th Street Rail Trail and the Downtown Connector, with the northern terminus at the south right of way line of Northwest 16th Avenue, running south and southeasterly to the western right of way line of State Road 331 (Williston Road), Gainesville, in Alachua County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Trustee's responsibilities and obligations are exercised by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands.

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is desirous to install a fiber optic cable to accommodate the traffic signal management system in the segment of rail trail corridor running from South Main Street to Williston Road; and

WHEREAS, the fiber optic cable will also accommodate new technology, that once approved by the Florida Department of Transportation, would use a camera for pedestrian and bike detection to automate flashing beacons, eliminating the need for the existing push button activation, also allowing confirmation of its functionality and alarming its malfunction; and

WHEREAS, said use is in the best interest of the City of Gainesville; and

WHEREAS the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands requires a formal resolution be adopted by the City Commission requesting the proposed utility easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this resolution be adopted approving and authorizing the application for a Utility Easement for a fiber optic cable in the 6th Street Rail Trail and the Downtown Connector, which is more specifically located between south right of way line of Northwest 16th Avenue and west right of way line of State Road 331 (Williston Road).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands at Tallahassee, Florida.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day April 2011.

Craig Lowe, Mayor
City of Gainesville, Florida

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Marion J. Radson, City Attorney

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