TO:     HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:   CITY MANAGER       DEPARTMENT: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

DATE:   MARCH 24, 2008       CMR: 175:08

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION SUMMARILY VACATING A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT AT 1401 PARKINSON DRIVE

RECOMMENDATION
Staff recommends that Council approve the attached Resolution summarily vacating a public service utilities easement (PUE) located at 1401 Parkinson Drive.

DISCUSSION
The owner of the property at 1401 Parkinson Drive plans to remove the existing building and redevelop the property. The new building will encroach on the City’s existing PUE. As a condition of approval for the project, the Utilities Department required the owner to grant the City a new PUE to replace the existing PUE and to pay for the relocation of a portion of the utilities located within the PUE to be vacated. Staff has notified AT&T (formerly SBC) Communications as well as the City Utilities, Public Works and the Planning Department of the proposal to vacate the PUE, and all concur with the vacation. This PUE is not necessary for any present or future use and it may be summarily vacated in accordance with Section 8333 of the California Streets and Highways Code.

RESOURCE IMPACT
The easement vacation processing fee of $1,200, as set forth in the Municipal Fee Schedule, has been paid.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS
The recommendation does not represent any change to City policies. The Planning Department has determined that the vacation of the PUE is in conformity with the Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
The proposed summary vacation of the PUE is categorically exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15305 as a minor alteration in land use limitations.
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ATTACHMENTS  
Attachment A:  Summary Vacation Resolution  
Attachment B:  Location Map

cc:  Property Owners