



Discuss and Approve an Option and Land Lease Agreement for the Construction of a New Wireless Communications Tower

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Summary

This item requests City Council consideration to approve an Option and Land Lease Agreement (“Agreement”) for a wireless communications facilities site lease with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T (“AT&T”), for the development and construction of a wireless communication tower (“Tower”) on City-owned property near Christopher Way, and non-exclusive use of the Tower and ground space by AT&T.

If approved, the proposed Tower will be able to increase and improve wireless and cellular mobile communications capacities, not only for businesses and residents within the area but also for essential emergency response, community safety, commerce, recreation, and tourists/commuters/travelers that rely on consistent and reliable wireless communication along the Interstate 5 corridor.

Background

The proposed agreement would allow AT&T to build a monopole tower, dedicate the tower to the City, and retain its rights to use a portion of the tower at a rental rate of \$2255 per month plus annual escalation of 2.5%. Once the Tower is constructed, the City will be able to enter into lease agreements with other wireless communications providers to provide more efficient wireless communications services to the Lathrop community.

AT&T use of the Tower will also be for hosting the FirstNet Network, a First Responder Network Authority organization established by Congress after the September 11, 2001 tragedy. FirstNet is contracted with AT&T to deliver the first nationwide public safety broadband network across the country (the “Network”). This Network prioritizes the wireless broadband connection of vital communication to first responders quickly and efficiently, allowing the public safety community to continue to protect our families and save lives.

Recommendation

Consider approval of the Option and Land Lease Agreement for the Construction of a new wireless communications tower.