



City Council Report

Date: March 23, 2015
To: City Council
Through: Kari Kent, Deputy City Manager
From: Beth Huning, City Engineer
Subject: Recommending a Wireless Antenna License for Verizon Wireless (Citywide)

Strategic Initiatives



Purpose and Recommendation

The City Council is requested to review and approve a wireless antenna license for Verizon Wireless for an initial five year term, one automatic five-year renewal, and two optional five-year renewals.

Background & Discussion

Verizon Wireless (Verizon) is requesting to install, operate, and maintain wireless communication facilities on City owned streetlights in the City's rights-of-way and public utility easements. Cabinets will also be needed to support the antennas. Verizon has agreed to provide landscaping, various painting options, and metal screening to blend with or enhance the aesthetics of each cabinet as directed by the City.

The City will issue a wireless antenna license for each site using the same agreement language and amending the enclosed exhibits. Currently, Verizon is requesting approval to install six wireless antennas and associated cabinets at individual sites. Refer to attached exhibit for site locations.

Verizon requests an initial five year term, one automatic five year renewal, and two optional five-year renewals. The proposed, non-exclusive agreement has a twenty-year combined term.

On September 25, 2014, this item was considered by the Sustainability and Transportation Committee, who approved it to be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

Alternatives

City Council could determine to approve and forward staff's recommendation to Council for consideration; consider different licensing terms, or deny the license.

Fiscal Impact

The City anticipates annual revenue of \$20,814 for the first six sites. This revenue estimate is derived from a standard rate structure to install wireless facilities on City assets. Tempe, Phoenix, Chandler and Scottsdale have similar rate structures. The rates are generally based on the volume (cubic feet) of equipment placed in City's rights-of-way and public utility easements and whether the facilities are concealed.

The City incurs no financial outlay as a result of authorizing this agreement, except for staff time required to negotiating the terms of the license.

Coordinated With

City Attorney's Office
Development and Sustainability Department
Engineering Department
Information Technology Department