



City Council Report

Date: January 13, 2025
To: City Council
Through: Marc Heirshberg, Deputy City Manager
From: Elizabeth Huning, City Engineer
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Subject: Right of Way (ROW) Occupancy License for Bicentel, LLC.

Council Districts: all

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval for a Right of Way Occupancy License (License) for Bicentel, LLC for an initial five-year term, with five-year automatic renewals as long as the licensee is not in default.

Staff recommends that the Council authorize the City Manager to execute this License on behalf of the City.

Background & Discussion

Bicentel applied for a License to work within the City's rights-of-way and easements to install, operate, and maintain an underground dark fiber optic cable communications network to enhance connectivity for businesses and other critical locations.

Alternatives

City Council could consider different licensing language. However, this is not recommended as it may hinder business connectivity. Another option is for City Council to choose not to authorize this license.

Fiscal Impact

The City has received a \$4,000 license application fee, which covers the City's cost for processing the license. There will be an annual ROW Underground Conduit Fee of \$1.89 per lineal foot of the City's rights-of-way occupied by a dark fiber network, with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) escalator applied each year.