



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 19-00056

City Council

2/14/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

VERIZON WIRELESS - FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the First Amendment to the Agreement between Verizon Wireless Personal Communications (Verizon Wireless) and the City of Pensacola for the Telecommunication Tower located at 1518 Woodchuck Avenue, Pensacola, Florida 32521, also known as the "Scenic Heights Tower." Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to execute the amended agreement.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

In April 1997, the City of Pensacola entered into an agreement with PrimeCo Personal Communications, L.P. ("PrimeCo") for the construction of a communication tower. The agreement called for PrimeCo to build a 250-foot communication tower and upon completion, transfer ownership of the tower to the City of Pensacola. Further, the agreement allowed PrimeCo to locate their telecommunication equipment on the tower at no cost. The benefit to the City was the ability to put its own communication equipment on the tower without paying lease fees. The initial term of the agreement was for a period of twenty-five (25) years, ending in the year 2022.

Verizon Wireless is the successor to PrimeCo. As allowed under the agreement, Verizon is requesting an amendment to the agreement to install new communication equipment on the tower.

The proposed equipment changes have been reviewed by the City's telecommunication consultant, Omnicom Consulting Group of Tallahassee. The consultant has found the proposed changes to be in conformance with the agreement terms, current safety standards, and will have no negative impact on the City's communication equipment currently located on the tower.

PRIOR ACTION:

January 16, 1997 - City Council approved an agreement with PrimeCo for the construction of a communications tower.

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

1/28/2019

STAFF CONTACT:

Christopher L. Holley, City Administrator
Richard Barker, Jr., Chief Financial Officer
Brenda Kahalley, Technology Resources Manager

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Original Bill of Sale and Lease Agreement
- 2) First Amendment to Agreement (Scenic Heights)
- 3) Scenic Heights Structural Analysis (Pass)

PRESENTATION: No