

City of Hermosa Beach

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Staff Report

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Honorable Mayor and Members of the Hermosa Beach City Council Regular Meeting of September 25, 2018

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW AND REGULATE WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND UPDATE ON AT&T'S PROPOSAL FOR MULTIPLE INSTALLATIONS OF SMALLER WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO PROVIDE REPLACEMENT COVERAGE TO EXISTING SITES LOCATED AT 20TH AND 29TH COURT

(Community Development Director Ken Robertson)

Recommended Action:

Continue to October 23, 2018 the public hearing to consider an ordinance to allow and regulate wireless communication facilities in the public right-of-way, and, provide an update on AT&T's proposal for multiple installations of smaller wireless communication facilities to provide replacement coverage to existing sites located at 20th and 29th Court.

Background:

Staff, working closely with the City Attorney's office, prepared a draft ordinance to allow and regulate wireless communication facilities in the public right-of-way (ROW). The City Attorney has since advised that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a wireless infrastructure order which is scheduled for the Wednesday, September 26, 2018 open FCC meeting. The Commission will likely make changes to the Communications Act, affecting the regulations the City should include in its local ordinance.

Since November of 2017, AT&T has been working on preparing applications for 16 small cell sites within the City's ROW to provide replacement coverage for the removal and replacement of the existing 20th and 29th Court facilities. AT&T expects to submit its applications, however, it needs an ordinance to reference prior to submittal in order to ensure that its applications are complete.

Given the upcoming FCC order and necessary revisions to the City's draft ordinance, staff recommends that City Council continue the public hearing to its October 23, 2018 meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Chafin, Planning Manager

Concur: Glen Kau, Public Works Director

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