



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing for Planning Commission Meeting of June 27, 2018

DATE: June 27th, 2018

TO: Planning Commission

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Public Hearing – City of Corpus Christi Small Cell Design Manual

CAPTION:

Proposed Adoption of the City of Corpus Christi Small Cell Design Manual

PURPOSE:

The intent of the City of Corpus Christi Small Cell Design Manual is to enable the City to provide guidance to wireless telecommunication providers for the timely, efficient, safe and aesthetically pleasing installation of technologically competitive equipment in the Public Rights-of-Way.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

In September 2017, Senate Bill No.1004, amending the Texas Local Government Code by adding Chapter 284. *Deployment of Network Nodes in Public Rights-of-Way*, required cities to allow Network providers to install wireless antennae (network nodes) in city right-of-way and delegated to each municipality the fiduciary duty, as a trustee, to manage the public right-of-way, giving cities some authority over the placement of network nodes.

Providing guidance to municipalities and Network Providers for the deployment of Network Nodes, Node Support Poles and related wireless facilities in the public right-of-way, Sec. 284.107, *Design Manual*, of the Texas Local Government Code states that “A municipality may adopt a design manual for the installation and construction of network nodes and node support poles in the public rights-of-way”.

Staff at the Texas Municipal League drafted a Small Cell Design Manual in June 2017 to prepare for the passage of Senate Bill 1004 and recommended that member cities adopt some or all the document. Planning Staff evaluated the draft Design Manual along with several other cities manuals and made some small modifications to fit the needs of

Corpus Christi. The Corpus Christi Small Cell Design Manual includes recommendations and guidelines that help guide the City, and Network Providers, with Small Cell installation in special districts, and also with preferred locations of installation, as well as undergrounding requirements, removal and relocation, electrical supply and other aesthetic requirements.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denial of the Small Cell Design Manual with suggestions to the Planning & ESI Department

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Not Applicable

CONFORMITY TO POLICY:

The Small Cell Design Manual conforms to City policy.

EMERGENCY /NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

☐ Operating ☐ Revenue ☐ Capital ☒ Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2016-2017	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s):

Comments: None

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Small Cell Design Manual

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

PowerPoint Presentation

Exhibit A – Small Cell Design Manual