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PRESENTER: Jeff Lueders, MCO
SUBJECT: T-Mobile / Sprint Telecommunications Franchise Agreement
DATE: May 2, 2023

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Request for Ordinance

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this memo is to Request an Ordinance for another 10 year Telecommunications Franchise Agreement between the City of Tacoma and Sprint (T-Mobile). This is the second such ordinance as the first 10-year agreement (Ord. # 28033) has now expired. We have reviewed their request, negotiated terms, and reached a tentative agreement pending City Council consideration and approval. Based on Sprint's (T-Mobile) Financial and Technical abilities, and having a 10-year History of being a quality provider and vendor in the Public Right of Way in our community, we are recommending passage of this Request for Ordinance to the full City Council for consideration and approval.

BACKGROUND:

Sprint (T-Mobile) was granted a 10-year Telecommunications Franchise Agreement (Ord. # 28033) by the Tacoma City Council on December 6 of 2011.

ISSUE:

In order to legally operate in the City of Tacoma Public Right of Way Sprint (T-Mobile) needs to have a Telecommunications Franchise Agreement pursuant to Title 16B of the Tacoma Municipal Code.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

We are recommending passage of this Request for Ordinance to the full City Council for consideration and approval. This recommendation will allow a telecommunications provider in our community to continue to do business providing services desired by residents, governmental agencies, and businesses.