



**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Lee R. Feldman, ICMA-CM, City Manager

**DATE:** December 3, 2013

**TITLE:** Motion to schedule a Public Hearing on December 17, 2013 to review applications for the installation of above-grade communications facilities in District 1.

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**Recommendation**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt a motion finding that the criteria needed under a City Commission Request for Review have been met and scheduling a Public Hearing on December 17, 2013 to discuss applications submitted by AT&T for the installation of above-grade communications cabinets in District 1.

**Background**

The AT&T cabinets and the supporting underground cable networks are privately owned infrastructure in public rights-of-way that provides broadband services to residential communities in the City of Fort Lauderdale. These communications service facilities placement with the public rights of way are regulated by City Code Sec. 25-100.1 and 25-100.2 (**Exhibit 3**). The service is needed for the daily quality of life of our neighbors and can provide critical communications during/after hurricanes or other emergency events.

An informational memorandum was provided on October 23, 2013 to advise the Commission of AT&T's pending applications to install above-grade U-Verse cabinets at seven locations throughout the City. Vice Mayor Roberts has requested that in accordance with Section 25-100.2 of the City Code, two of those proposed locations (in District 1) be reviewed by the Commission at a de novo Public Hearing.

The proposed cabinets are at the following locations:

- 1) 1601 NE 56 Street
- 2) 1707 East Commercial Boulevard

A copy of each application submittal package (including pictures of each site) is attached as Exhibit 1 and 2.

This procedure is known as a City Commission Request for Review (“CRR”). The criteria and procedures for weighing the CRR are set forth in **Exhibit 4**. Should the Commission find that the criteria for the CRR have been met, it should adopt a motion, scheduling a Public Hearing for December 17, 2013 to review the applications.

**Resource Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Strategic Connections**

This item is a Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018 initiative, included in the **Neighborhood Enhancement Cylinder of Excellence**, specifically advancing

- **Goal 5:** Be a community of strong, beautiful, and healthy neighborhoods.
- **Objective 2:** Enhance the beauty, aesthetics, and environmental quality of neighborhoods.

*This item advances the Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale Vision Plan 2035: **We are Community.***

Attachments:

Exhibit 1 – 1601 NE 56 Street ATT Application

Exhibit 2 – 1707 East Commercial Blvd ATT Application

Exhibit 3 – City Code Sec. 25-100.1 and 25-100.2

Exhibit 4 – Summary of standards for City Commission Request for Review

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