

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 2/4/2008		Item Number: <u>C-2</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Approval of a Letter of Agreement with DirecTV (El Segundo, CA) to Abandon the City's Microwave Link Within the 18.3 - 18.8 GHz band.			
Contact Person/Dept.: John Richo		Phone Number: 310-253-5950	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☐ No ☒		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: E-Mail Master Notification List on 1/23/08, DirecTV representatives on 1/23/08.			
Department Approval: John Richo (01/23/2008)		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (01/23/08)	
Fiscal Impact Review: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (01/23/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (01/30/2008)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council approve a letter of agreement with DirecTV (El Segundo, CA) to abandon the utilization of the 18.3 – 18.8 GHz band. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The City utilizes a microwave transmitter operating within the 18 GHz band for voice telecommunications to Fire Stations 2 and 3. In June 2002, the Federal Communication Commission issued a Report and Order (Attachment 1) which in essence required the City to abandon use of our microwave operating within the 18 GHz band by June 8, 2010. In December 2007, DirecTV representatives approached the City asking us to consider abandoning use of the 18GHz band “as soon as possible” indicating our use interferes with the reception of some of DirecTV’s customers. As compensation for our abandonment, DirecTV proposes to pay the City the sum of \$75,000 (Attachment 2). Both Fire and IT have been aware of the impending abandonment and have been proceeding with a plan to resolve the issue. Several options have been identified (Attachment 3) and staff is confident that the selected option will be in place by May 1, 2008. The funds provided by DirecTV will cover the cost of whatever option is selected. It is anticipated that the selected option will be brought to the City Council for approval at the February 11, 2008 Council meeting.			

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FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Funds received from DirecTV (\$75,000) are to be deposited into Network Redesign Infrastructure Enhancement CIP (Account # 42000701).

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Federal Communication Commission Report and Order
2. DirecTV Letter of Agreement
3. Options for Microwave Removal for Fire Stations 2 & 3

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a letter of agreement between DirecTV and the City to abandon the utilization of the 18.3 – 18.8 GHz band.
2. Authorize the City Attorney to review/prepare any necessary documents and authorize the City Manager to execute such documents on behalf of the City.