



Memorandum

TO: CITY COUNCIL**FROM:** Councilmember Devora "Dev" Davis**SUBJECT: AGREEMENT WITH AT&T
DBA NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS,
LLC FOR PERMITTING SMALL CELLS****DATE:** April 30, 2018

Approved:

Date:

4/30/2018

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Accept staff's recommendations as well as the memo from Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Carrasco, Councilmember Arenas, and Councilmember Davis.
- 2) Direct the City Manager to include in negotiations with AT&T DBA New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC an agreement to replace the lamp fixtures on poles that currently use sodium lamps and are having a small cell installed as part of the small cell agreement (approximately 170 poles) with a LED lamp fixture.

BACKGROUND

As a City that is working to become more efficient with the resources that are available, it is important to identify areas where multiple projects can be completed at once rather than in separate instances. The Department of Transportation demonstrated this by including bikeway installations alongside street sealing and resurfacing efforts. There are likely other opportunities within City projects to address multiple actions at once, rather than utilizing different crews at different dates to conduct overlapping work.

Since the City is looking to enter into an agreement with AT&T for small cell installations on roughly 170 poles throughout San José, we should take the opportunity to replace the old sodium lamps with new LED fixtures while there are already crews onsite working on the poles. These LED streetlights are more effective than the old sodium fixtures and promote public safety. Doing so would save our crews from a separate trip to the same pole to replace the fixture at a later date and allow us to maximize the efficiency of time spent working on one pole. Within the agreement with AT&T, the City's Department of Transportation can provide the resources necessary for the fixture changeover, ensuring that the dispatched crew for small cell installation has the ability to make the switch.

Our residents and our city deserve consideration of practices that would allow for increases in efficiency and efficacy of our government functions. A challenging excerpt from Vice President Al Gore's work, *Common Sense Government*, contends that "sometimes the result of asking the basic question 'Should the government be doing this?' is: yes, but differently." The opportunity has been

presented for the question to be asked of us, should we be doing this, and it is imperative in our decision making that the call is answered with a resounding "yes and here's how."