



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: June 18, 2018

Re: License Agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the installation of fiber optic cable in Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area and appropriating funds

Executive Summary

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting a Council ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a license agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless granting Verizon Wireless permission to use a 10-foot wide utility right-of-way located in the northeast corner of Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area (Cosmo Park), located at 1615 Business Loop 70 West. The Department is also requesting Council approval to appropriate the one-time payment of \$15,000 for the license agreement to the Antimi Sports Complex Improvements capital project account. Verizon Wireless will work within the 10-foot wide utility right-of-way to add a new fiber optic line from a connection point at Parkside Drive to the cellular communications tower located in the northeast corner of Cosmo Park. Park staff will work with Verizon Wireless representatives to minimize impact to park users

Discussion

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless is requesting permission to utilize space within the 10-foot wide utility right-of-way located in the northeast corner of Columbia Cosmopolitan Recreation Area for the installation of fiber optic cable to connect from their terminus point at Parkside Drive to the existing cellular communications tower located in the park. The 10-foot wide utility right-of-way has been designated in the park for utility access to the cellular communications tower from Parkside Drive. The fiber optic cable will be installed using a combination of trenching and boring methods through the park, and Verizon Wireless contractors will be responsible for re-establishing all turf areas upon completion of the project.

If the City Council agrees to authorize the City Manager to enter into the license agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, they have agreed to pay the City a one-time payment of \$15,000 for access within the park property. Historically, cell tower related revenue has been used to improve youth facilities in the parks as previous funds have been used for playgrounds, soccer fields and football/lacrosse fields. Park staff requests that the funds be appropriated to the Antimi Sports Complex Improvements capital project account to fund ongoing renovations to the sports complex adjacent to the area of the utility right-of-way.

Park staff will work with Verizon Wireless representatives to minimize the impact to park users and to make sure the area is returned to satisfactory conditions for the park.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting the one-time payment of \$15,000 be appropriated to the Antimi Sports Complex capital project account.

Long-Term Impact: None

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Parks, Recreation & Greenways, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and appropriating the funds to the Antimi Sports Complex Improvements capital project account.