



City Council

Approval of an Ordinance to Grant a Master Permit to Noel Communications

Agenda Date: 12/17/2019
Agenda Item Number: 4.R
File Number: 19-1144

Type: ordinance **Version:** 2 **Status:** Passed

Title

Approval of an Ordinance to Grant a Master Permit to Noel Communications

Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the ordinance granting Noel Communications a Master Use Permit on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the ordinance granting Noel Communications a Master Use Permit.

Staff Contact:

Fran Eide, P.E., City Engineer, Public Works Engineering, 360.753.8422

Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

A Master Permit, as defined in the Olympia Municipal Code, is an agreement whereby the City may grant general permission to a service provider to enter, use, and occupy the right-of-way for the purpose of locating facilities.

Noel Communications has made a request to install fiber optic lines throughout the Olympia area (see attached map) to provide telecommunications, internet access, and private line services to potential customers. These lines would be in addition to the lines Noel Communications currently has in the City's right of way, installed under a previous permit.

Staff evaluated the routes proposed by the applicant and found there is sufficient capacity to

accommodate the new lines, both overhead and underground. The addition of these lines will not impact City utilities.

A hearing was held on November 26, 2019, to hear public comment regarding the request. There were no comments against the proposed renewal of the Master Permit. Council directed staff to draft a Master Permit Ordinance for Council approval.

The applicant has acquired all required licenses and approvals to place the new lines on existing power poles.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Service to affected customers will not be interrupted.

Options:

- Option 1: Move to approve first reading and forward to second reading an Ordinance to grant Noel Communications a Master Permit. This option allows Noel Communications to continue to serve existing customers and located current and future planned facilities in City of Olympia right of way.
- Option 2: Move to approve first reading and forward to second reading an Ordinance to grant Noel Communications a Master Permit to occupy City of Olympia right of way with additional conditions.
- Option 3: Do not approve an ordinance to allow Noel Communications to occupy City of Olympia right of way. This option will require Noel Communications to remove existing facilities and work with current customers to transfer to other providers of telecommunication services.

Financial Impact:

The applicant will be required to pay fees associated with permits to do work within the City right of way.

Attachments:

Ordinance
Map