



## City Council

### Public Hearing on Master Permit Transfer with Noel Communications

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#### Title

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#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

Hold a public hearing on Noel Communications request to transfer Master Permit to Wholesail Networks LLC. After close of testimony, if there are no concerns, move to approve the request to transfer.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to hold a public hearing on Noel Communication's request to transfer Master Permit granted December 17, 2019 to Wholesail Networks LLC and approve a resolution granting the transfer.

##### Staff Contact:

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##### Presenter(s):

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

#### Background and Analysis:

In October 2019, Noel Communications applied to renew their Master Permit. At that time, they informed the City that they were being purchased by Wholesail Networks LLC and intended to request a transfer of the permit to Wholesail Networks LLC. Noel's Master Permit had expired, so a simple renewal/transfer was not possible.

Ordinance 7226, approved December 17, 2019 granted Noel Communications a Master Permit. Section 9 of the Ordinance, *Transfer of Ownership* outlines the requirements, including demonstration that the recipient of the transfer has the

- technical ability
- financial ability

- any other legal or general qualifications reasonably determined by the City to be necessary to ensure the recipient can meet the terms and conditions of the Master Permit

Noel Communications provided the necessary information for consideration. Staff found it met the criteria.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

Service to affected customers of Noel Communications will not be interrupted.

**Options:**

1. Hold a public hearing on Noel Communications request to transfer Master Permit to Wholesail Networks LLC. After close of testimony, if there are no concerns, move to approve the request to transfer.
2. Hold a public hearing on Noel Communications request to transfer Master Permit to Wholesail Networks LLC. After close of testimony, if there are concerns, direct staff to follow up and return at a future date.
3. Hold a public hearing on Noel Communications request to transfer Master Permit to Wholesail Networks LLC. After close of testimony, if there are concerns that cannot be resolved, move to deny the request to transfer.

**Financial Impact:**

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

**Attachments:**

Resolution  
Request to Transfer  
Ordinance 7226  
Exhibit Map