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|  | January 16, 2020  (5:00 p.m.)  **Minutes**  **CM Becton Noticed Meeting Re: 2019-757 Waiver Small Wireless Poles & 2019-770 Amend Code Communication Facilities** |  |
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**Date:** Monday, November 25, 2019

**Scheduled Time:** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lynwood Roberts Room, City Hall, 117 West Duval Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

**Topic:** The meeting was held to discuss bills 2019-757 Waiver of Small Wireless Utility Poles & 2019-770 Amending Code Communication Facilities

**Attendees**: Council Member Danny Becton, Council Member LeAnna Cumber, Council Member Ron Salem, Council Member Michael Boylan, Council Member Terrance Freeman, Council Member Aaron Bowman, Council Member Randy White**,** Council Member Randy DeFoor, Jason Teal - Office of General Counsel, Tiziana Onstead – ECA, District 11. All other attendees are listed on the attendance sign-in sheet.

**Meeting Convened:** 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Danny Becton opened the meeting. He welcomed everyone for attending this noticed meeting and asked Council Members to introduce themselves. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss bills 2019-757 and 2019-770, and summarized the agenda of the noticed meeting.

CM Becton was advised by OGC and asked the Council Members not to opine on 2019-757 due to it being a Quasi-Judicial bill, unless it’s a policy question. He said the bill is very similar to 2019-770, and questions about 2019-770 may also have the same explanation for 2019-757.

CM Becton explained the handouts provided at the meeting. One Handout was from Teal, which was a list of the current modifications to bill 2019-770, and COJ Code. CM Becton provided the second handout incorporated of pictures of small cells currently installed in District 11. Teal began his presentation for the meeting. He gave a brief explanation of the two bills, then reviewed the history of the bills, the previous legislation, 2017-863, introduced years before and the work of 2015-2019 City Councils in regards to small cell technology.

Teal also explained the recent changes to Florida Statues Senate Bill 1000, which were listed in his handout, and if they are required in the legislation, or not. Teal simplified the purpose and differences between bills 2019-757 and 2019-770. He said 2019-757 is an application for waiver to allow the application to waive any requirement and 2019-770 is a request to change the requirements in the Florida statue so applicants no longer have to apply for future waivers. Teal went through the changes in the same order as it is written in the legislation and gave a suggestion for the change, depending on if the change is required or not required. The list of required changed and non-required changes in reference to the Florida Statue are listed on the handouts.

The applicant for 2019-757 and 2019-770, Paul Harden, presented after Teal and spoke on the requested modifications and explained why the changes are beneficial for the provider. Following Harden’s presentation, Scott Kennelly, a Jacksonville resident with knowledge on small cell technology and the bills, spoke on behalf of a majority of the concerned citizens who were at the meeting. He said he has several suggested amendments for 2019-757 and 2019-770 that he will email Council Members. He said his modifications can help keep some of the language in the current legislation but still align with the carriers’ request.

CM Becton opened the floor to public comment before concluding the meeting. After public comment, CM Becton said 2019-757 is required to move forward, but he said he will schedule a notice meeting to further discuss 2019-770, review each modification and come to an agreement with the applicant, council members and the public. He said they will also discuss best practices which Council Members would like the carriers to consider.

Council Member Becton thanked everyone for attending and closed meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:00pm

**Minutes:** Minutes completed by Tiziana Onstead, ECA District 11, on Thursday, January 16, 2020

***The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed. For verbatim comments for this meeting, please listen to audio recording.***

The following items have been submitted for public record. Please contact legislative services for these items:

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Audio Recording

Meeting Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Hand Outs

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