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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grosse Pointe Woods City Council

FROM: Lisa A. Anderson, City Attorney

DATE: October 13, 2021

RE: AT&T Cell Tower License Renewal Update

Immediately following Council's last meeting, I contacted the City's Telecom Counsel, Attorney Mike Watza, for further update on the status of negotiations concerning AT&T's license renewal for the City Hall Cell Tower. Following discussions with City Administrator Smith, Acting Administrator Schulte, and me, Attorney Watza sent AT&T a notice of expiration and termination of the license agreement. Among other things, a central purpose of the notice was to draw AT&T's attention to the then fast approaching license termination deadline and bring AT&T back to the negotiation table.

I am pleased to report that the notice had the intended effect and within hours of receipt AT&T had contacted Attorney Watza expressing its continued interest in a license renewal. Attorney Watza is working with AT&T on an amendment to the license agreement. The amendment is subject to review and approval by Council and will be scheduled on a future agenda for Council's consideration. In the meantime, effective October 1, 2021, the City will receive an increase in monthly rent to \$4456 for AT&T's use of the tower. Additionally, by October 22, 2021, AT&T will pay the City a sizable signing bonus in the amount previously discussed and requested by Council.

I will be available at the October 18th Council and Committee of the Whole meetings to answer any questions that may arise.

cc: Bruce Smith, City Administrator
Frank Schulte, Acting City Administrator
Lisa Hathaway, City Clerk