

CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – City Council



Meeting Date:	September 7, 2021	
Name of Agenda Item:	Set Public Hearing Date of September 20, 2021 to Hear Comments on Franchise Agreement with Sound Internet Services dba Pogozone for Transmission of Telecommunications	
Section of Agenda:	Public Hearing	
Department:	Public Works	
<u>Council Committee Review:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	<u>Legal Review:</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
Attachments:	Ordinance No. 1635	
Summary Statement:	<p>Sound Internet Services dba Pogozone would like to enter into a Franchise Agreement with the City to operate and maintain telecommunications (phone and high-speed internet) systems within City right-of-way. They are in the process of seeking franchise agreements from other local jurisdictions as they expand beyond Bellingham and into Whatcom County.</p> <p>Facilities will be placed on existing infrastructure where it makes sense, which could mean using existing telephone poles (hanging lines from Puget Sound Energy poles) and/or utilizing existing towers as well. However, there may be cases where new infrastructure is needed. In these cases, a permit will be required.</p> <p>The request for a franchise agreement was introduced at the Public Works Committee meeting on August 4, 2021 and will be discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting on September 8, 2021.</p>	
Recommended Action:	That City Council set a Public Hearing date of September 20, 2021 to hear comments on the Pogozone Franchise Agreement.	