

# CITY OF LYNDEN

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – City Council



<b>Meeting Date:</b>	September 20, 2021	
<b>Name of Agenda Item:</b>	Ordinance No. 1635 Hear Comments on Franchise Agreement with Sound Internet Services dba Pogozone for Transmission of Telecommunications	
<b>Section of Agenda:</b>	Public Hearing	
<b>Department:</b>	Public Works	
<b><u>Council Committee Review:</u></b>	<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: _____
	<b><u>Legal Review:</u></b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required	
<b>Attachments:</b>	Ordinance No. 1635	
<b>Summary Statement:</b>	<p>Sound Internet Services dba Pogozone would like to enter into a non-exclusive Franchise Agreement with the City to operate and maintain telecommunications (phone and high-speed internet) systems within City right-of-way. They are also in the process of seeking franchise agreements from other local jurisdictions as they expand beyond Bellingham and into the rest of Whatcom County.</p> <p>Facilities will be placed on existing infrastructure where practical, which could mean using existing telephone poles (hanging lines from Puget Sound Energy poles) and/or using existing towers. However, there may be cases where new infrastructure is needed. In these cases, City permits will be required.</p> <p>The request for a franchise agreement was discussed at the Public Works Committee meeting on September 8, 2021, and the Committee concurred to recommend that City Council approve the Franchise Agreement.</p>	
<b>Recommended Action:</b>	That City Council, after hearing public comments, approve the Franchise Agreement with Sound Internet Services dba Pogozone and authorize the Mayor's signature on the Franchise Agreement.	