



City of Hudson, Ohio

Staff Report

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH CROWN CASTLE FIBER, LLC FOR DATA BANDWIDTH AND INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICES.

Brief Description: Velocity broadband's current internet provider contract with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC (formerly Lighttower Fiber Networks) established initial bandwidth service pricing and is set to expire on Oct. 9th, 2019. This contract is eligible for renewal at a reduced rate and the broadband staff now seeks to execute the renewal without change in service level.

Legislative History

Res. No. 15-96, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC, for Internet services required to implement the City's Velocity Broadband Services project, passed June 23, 2015.

Res. No. 15-153, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the contract with Lighttower Fiber Networks (F.K.A. Fiber Technologies Networks) to increase bandwidth capability, passed October 6, 2015.

Res. No. 17-122, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an amendment to the contract with Lighttower to increase bandwidth capability, passed August 1, 2017.

Purpose & Explanation

The purpose of this contract is to renew an existing services contract and continue un-interrupted delivery of data services to Velocity Broadband customers. Crown Castle is the primary bandwidth provider to Velocity Broadband, and services also include the direct assignment of 254 IP addresses. The total value of this three-year contract is \$103,680, which includes a \$320 per month rate reduction over the current rate while still maintaining the 2Gig bandwidth level. The new monthly rate of \$2,880 is below the state term vendor pricing for such service as listed on Ohio DAS MSA0004.

Timing Considerations

Upon authorization to proceed by the City Council, the administration will renew the existing contract with Crown Castle Fiber Networks, LLC.

Fiscal Impact

- Currently Budgeted
 Supplemental Appropriation Required
 Appropriation Not Required.

Suggested Action

Staff recommends that City Council approve this Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a renewal contract with Crown Castle Fiber Networks, LLC.

Submitted by,

Jane Howington, City Manager
Jeff Knoblauch, Asst. City Manager
Will Ersing, Broadband Manager

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 15-96, passed on June 23, 2015, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into a contract with Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC, (A.K.A. Lightower Fiber Networks, LLC, and hereinafter "Lightower" and N.K.A. Crown Castle Fiber, LLC and hereinafter "Crown Castle"), for Internet services required to implement the City's Velocity Broadband Services project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution Nos. 15-153 and 17-122, passed on October 6, 2015, and August 1, 2017, respectively, City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into amendments to the contract with Lightower to increase bandwidth capability for the City's Velocity Broadband services; and

WHEREAS, said contract will expire on October 9, 2019, and Crown Castle has proposed renewal pricing at a rate of \$103,680.00 for a three-year term (\$2,880 per month for 2GIG of Internet services), which is less than the current monthly rate and below state term vendor pricing as listed on Ohio DAS MSA0004; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City to authorize the City Manager to renew the current contract for a three-year period to support the City's Velocity Broadband Services Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Hudson, Summit County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to enter into a contract renewal with Crown Castle Fiber, LLC, (F.K.A. Lightower) for the provision of Internet services for the City's Velocity Broadband Services Project in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$103,680.00) for a three (3) year term.

Section 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.


Section 3. This Resolution is shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: July 30, 2019




David A. Basil, Mayor
William D. Wooldredge, President of Council

ATTEST:



Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council

I certify that the foregoing Resolution No. 19-102 was duly passed by the Council of said Municipality on July 30, 2019.



Elizabeth Slagle, Clerk of Council