

**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

**COMMITTEE ACTION: May 19, 2010
FOR COUNCIL ACTION: June 7, 2010**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Authorization to permit Verizon Wireless to move forward with application for a special use permit - for construction of a monopole (cell tower) at St. Andrews Golf Course.

The committee unanimously recommends that staff be authorized to allow Verizon Wireless to move forward with the application process to construct a monopole (cell tower) at St. Andrews Golf Course. This process involves the signature of a City representative on the Ownership Affidavit as well as initiation of negotiations of a lease with Verizon Wireless which would contemplate the terms of the City's standard lease agreement as well as the following: 1) the construction by Verizon Wireless of a cell tower at the St. Andrews Golf Course; 2) the transfer of ownership of the cell tower from Verizon Wireless to the City on completion of construction; 3) abatement of the rent in a reasonable amount not to exceed \$108,000; and 4) lease of pole and ground space to Verizon Wireless all contingent upon the City's review and approval of this proposal through the planning process.

As the landowner, if the Governing Body deems it in the City's best interest to explore the cell tower construction, the signature by a City representative on the Ownership Affidavit is the first step in the process. Additional steps include making an application to and conducting a hearing before the Planning Commission, as well as a hearing before the City Council, who will have final approval of the Special Use Permit authorizing placement of a cell tower at this location. Concurrent with this planning process, staff will negotiate a lease with Verizon within the parameters outlined above. In the event that the construction of the monopole is ultimately approved, the lease will outline the terms for the construction and ownership of the tower. This lease will be brought back to the Governing Body for approval. This authorization in no way commits the Governing Body to any action relating to final approval of placement of the tower at St. Andrews Golf Course.