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Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director, gave a brief preface on the details of the request for conditional use for the abovementioned cases. Mr. Delgadillo stated that these cases are not under the purview of the City's Zoning Ordinance, but nevertheless must be heard by the Planning Commission for review before the applicant can proceed with their request.

A request of AT&T Mobility to construct and operate an unmanned "small cell" wireless telecommunications facility within the public right of way which consists of replacing existing SCE street light poles with new, taller concrete street light poles that have the wireless antennas and equipment concealed into the light pole and install two, at-grade pull boxes for each site, all located within the public right-of-way (i.e. sidewalk or parkway) located adjacent to the above-listed twelve sites (also known as nodes).

Troy Gunter, Assistant Planner, addressed the Planning Commission and public audience and presented a power-point presentation. Mr. Gunter presented a map which showed where the proposed cell sites would be located in the city. Mr. Gunter stated that the Applicant is requesting to install twelve unmanned wireless communication stations in the public right-of-way on Southern California Edison light poles. Mr. Gunter stated that each proposed site will house wireless cell equipment within a concealed box at the top of the light poles. Mr. Gunter continued the power-point presentation demonstrating the existing light poles and the proposed wireless cell sites. Mr. Gunter stated that the twelve cell sites are categorically exempt in accordance with CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) standards. Mr. Gunter stated that the newly proposed poles with cell site equipment will blend seamlessly with the existing poles in the area. Mr. Gunter stated that staff recommends approval of these twelve (12) conditional use permit applications subject to the findings and conditions of approval outlined in the staff report. Finally, Mr. Gunter stated that although the applicant has submitted this request through the Planning Department, they may proceed without approval from the Planning Commission and apply directly to the Public Works Department for an Encroachment Permit.

Commissioner Atkinson asked staff for clarity on the existing poles and the proposed poles for the cell site nodes in relation to the upgrade. Mr. Gunter responded that the existing poles do not have any wireless equipment attached to them at this time and the proposal is to add the wireless equipment at the top of the poles with wireless antenna.

Commissioner Gardner asked if there was a service problem at the pole who would be responsible for the repair of equipment. Mr. Gunter responded that Southern California Edison would be responsible for repairs.

Commissioner Green-Wright stated that she visited some of the proposed cell site locations and noted that the proposed poles would be much taller than the existing poles in the area and wanted to know how this would meet with design standards. Commissioner Green-Wright stated she would save this question for the Applicant.

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Commissioner Gardner asked for clarity on staff Condition of Approval #14. Commissioner Gardner asked if the cell site equipment was to become obsolete, would the company remove the equipment and the pole. Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director, stated that the cell site pole and light pole are two different things; the light pole is Southern California Edison and the added wireless equipment is ATT (American Telegraph and Telephone), so the pole would remain for lighting purposes. Mr. Delgadillo stated that there will be a regulation Southern California Edison pole with the addition of wireless cell equipment on the top of the pole.

Corey Autry, ATT Consultant, addressed the Planning Commission and stated that he and his team had a power-point presentation explaining their proposal for the twelve (12) cell sites. Mr. Autry introduced his team to the Commission and public audience. Mr. Autry stated that the new cell site equipment will provide enhanced voice and data. Mr. Autry stated that ATT is now proposing small cell sites using existing infrastructure in the public right-of-ways for most of their new projects. Mr. Autry stated that all the proposed cell sites meet with the safety emission standards. Mr. Autry stated that data traffic has increased over 250 thousand percent since the development of the "smart" phones. Mr. Autry stated that the ATT network needs to evolve and make sure the company meets the need and standards of their clientele. Mr. Autry stated that all projects are of the same design and utilize existing Southern California Edison poles with the wireless equipment on top. Mr. Autry showed pictures to the Commission and public audience of what the new poles would look like. Mr. Autry concluded that ATT believes it chose the most feasible and the least intrusive approach to increase cell/data coverage. Mr. Autry stated that ATT respectfully requests approval from the Planning Commission for this project.

Commissioner Gardner asked the Applicant if they would require a generator for back-up purposes. Mr. Autry answered negatively.

Herbert Arceneaux, Resident, stated that he was against the approval of the proposed project. Mr. Arceneaux stated why the project was being placed in the city of Compton instead of the surrounding cities. Mr. Arceneaux stated that the Planning Commission needs to know what it is they are approving.

Barbara Calhoun, Resident, stated that she does not like ATT because of their poor service. Ms. Calhoun stated that nothing they are proposing will increase the service in her area. Ms. Calhoun wants to know if the Applicant will place the numbers back on the poles, so when residents see a light out they can call and report the pole number. Ms. Calhoun wanted to know when if the poles are to be replaced will the Applicant remove the existing poles and replace with the new poles the same day to prevent lighting outages. Ms. Calhoun stated that she reviewed the cell site locations and stated that none are proposed on the west side of Compton and she is concerned how their service will be affected.

ATT Representative, (did not state name), stated that there are other small cell sites that ATT will be proposing in the future. ATT Representative (did not state name) stated that when the existing poles are removed they will make sure the pole numbers will be added to the new poles. ATT Representative stated that the quality and service of lights will be the responsibility of Southern California Edison.

Commissioner Green-Wright asked if ATT was planning to add small cell sites to the west side of Compton. ATT Representative stated that there is one small cell site that is planned in the west side area, node 21. ATT Representative stated that ATT is proposing eight (8) additional small cell site requests in the city of Compton in the future.

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Commissioner Green-Wright addressed the ATT Representative and asked why is it that they could have gone through the Public Works Department for the requests and bypass the Planning Commission. Merle Green, City Attorney's Office, stated that federal limits local agency authority on wireless facilities. Mr. Greene stated that as long as the company is in compliance with state and federal regulations they are able to proceed with the small cell sites.

Commissioner Atkinson addressed the ATT Representative and asked how many miles will the small cell site cover. The ATT Representative responded that the small cell sites cover approximately 1000 to 1500 feet.

Grace Bugsby, Resident, stated that the representative have an excellent point as it seems as though the body is talking amongst themselves not to the public audience. Ms. Bugsby asked to read a letter she received regarding this request and stated it says "This proposed project may not affect your individual property but may affect surrounding property owners". Ms. Bugsby asked how the installation of these small cell sites will affect the community. Commissioner Green-Wright responded that the Planning Commission will give her the information she is seeking. Commissioner Green-Wright stated that letters were mailed to resident in a 500 square foot radius of the project. Ms. Bugsby stepped away from the microphone; her conversation with the Planning Commission was not heard. Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director, addressed Ms. Bugsby and stated that the staff did recommend approval of this project, there was no reason to deny the project. Ms. Bugsby asked that further information be mailed to her regarding this project. ATT Representative stated that he had extra copies of the power-point presentation given earlier and would be glad to give Ms. Bugsby a copy of the presentation.

Commissioner Gardner addressed the Applicant and asked if the newly proposed equipment designed to intensify the existing network and bring technology closer to the clientele. The ATT Representative stated that the small cell nodes are the wave of the future. Commissioner Green-Wright addressed the Applicant and asked if the new small cell nodes implemented would the larger networks be removed. The ATT Representative answered negatively.

Commissioner Gardner addressed the Applicant and asked if the macro towers will continue to receive upgrades in addition to the implementation of the small cell nodes. The ATT Representative stated that they would continue to upgrade the macro towers as needed.

Herbert Arceneaux, Resident, addressed the Commission and stated he did not realize the request was for twelve CUP's (Conditional Use Permit). Mr. Arceneaux stated that he hopes the Commission has a good understanding of what it is they are approving and the impact on the community. Commissioner Gardner stated that the Planning Commission does have a good understanding of the proposed project.

Merle Greene, City Attorney's Office addressed the audience and stated that the Applicant completed a tier three (3) application which by city ordinance require it to be heard by the Planning Commission. Mr. Greene stated that it is not in the Commission's discretionary authorization to actually approve this project because it is regulated by the State of California not the local agency.

Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director, stated that the city staff has a very good understanding of this project and it will benefit the community by receiving better cell/date coverage.

Commissioner Atkinson advised Mr. Arceneaux to refer to page 5 in the ATT presentation and it further explain the benefit of the small cell site nodes.

Barbara Calhoun, Resident, stated that ATT is being a good neighbor allowing the community to hear its proposal and give comment. Ms. Calhoun stated that the company could have bypassed the Planning Commission and gone directly to the Public Works Department.

On a motion by Commissioner Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Gardner the Planning Commission closed Public Hearing Cases:

Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17-000005 at 642 W. School St. (Node 25)
Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17-000006 at 437 W. Plum St. (Node 27)
Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17-000007 at 901 S. Central Ave. (Node 16)
Conditional Use Permit Case No. 17-000008 at 436 S. Tajauta Ave. (Node 17)
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AYES: Commissioner Juanita Green-Wright
Commissioner Atkinson
Commissioner Gardner

ABSENT: Commissioner Horton-Pope
Commissioner Darden

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Commissioner Juanita Green-Wright

5) NEW BUSINESS

Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director, stated that there was a new Planning Commissioner added to the board. Mr. Delgadillo stated that he did not remember her name at this time but would email the new Commissioner's information to the Planning Commissioners tomorrow.

6) OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Green-Wright stated that the city needs to contact the owners of the following properties and have them maintain the property or fine them:

- (1) Alondra Blvd. and Santa Fe Avenue (former proposed 7-11 store)
- (2) Dwight Street and Compton Blvd. (Initially the developers were working on this property, now it is surrounded by green tarp and the property is in disarray)
- (3) Baron Street and Compton Blvd. (contact owner to maintain property)

Commissioner Green-Wright asked Robert Delgadillo if he could invite city management to the next scheduled Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Gardner asked the status of the Transitional Height ordinance. Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director stated that it is still a work in progress.

Commissioner Gardner asked if the new Community Development Director also be invited to meet the Planning Commission at the next scheduled meeting. Robert Delgadillo, Interim Planning Director stated that Mr. Sztorch was hired as temporary to complete the City's Master Fee Schedule and will be leaving in October, 2017.

7) DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8) COMMISSION COMMENTS

9) AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

On a motion by Commissioner Atkinson, seconded by Commissioner Gardner the Planning Commission adjourned the meeting of July 12, 2017 at 8:15 p.m. by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Juanita Green-Wright
Commissioner Atkinson
Commissioner Gardner

ABSENT:

Commissioner Horton-Pope
Commissioner Darden

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