


FROM	NAME & TITLE	THOMAS J. STOSUR, DIRECTOR	CITY of BALTIMORE MEMO	
	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 8 TH FLOOR, 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET		
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #15-0596 / FRANCHISE – MOBILITIE		

DATE: January 28, 2016

TO The Honorable President and
 Members of the City Council
 City Hall, Room 400
 100 North Holliday Street

At its regular meeting of January 21, 2016, the Planning Commission considered City Council Bill #15-0596, for the purpose of granting a franchise to Mobilitie, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company with business headquarters in California, to construct, install, maintain, repair, operate, relocate, replace, and remove certain facilities relating to the provision of a Distributed Antenna Systems services in and across certain streets and public ways, subject to certain terms and conditions; and providing for a special effective date

In its consideration of this Bill, the Planning Commission reviewed the attached staff report, which recommended approval of City Council Bill #15-0596 and adopted the following resolution; nine members being present (nine in favor).

RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission concurs with the recommendation of its departmental staff, and recommends that City Council Bill #15-0596 be passed by the City Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief, Land Use and Urban Design Division at 410-396-4488.

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Attachment

- cc: Ms. Kaliopé Parthemos, Chief of Staff
 Mr. Colin Tarbert, Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
 Mr. Leon Pinkett, Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Neighborhood Development
 Ms. Angela Gibson, Mayor's Office
 The Honorable Rochelle "Rikki" Spector, Council Rep. to Planning Commission
 Mr. David Tanner, BMZA
 Mr. Geoffrey Veale, Zoning Administration
 Ms. Sharon Daboin, DHCD
 Mr. Patrick Fleming, DOT
 Ms. Elena DiPietro, Law Dept.
 Ms. Natawna Austin, Council Services
 Ms. Melissa Krafchik, PABC



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake
Mayor

PLANNING COMMISSION

Wilbur E. "Bill" Cunningham, Chairman

STAFF REPORT



Thomas J. Stosur
Director

January 21, 2016

REQUEST: City Council Bill #15-0596/ Franchise – Mobilitie:

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RECOMMENDATION: Approval

STAFF: Eric Tiso

PETITIONER: The Administration, on behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOT)

HISTORY

- Ordinance #15-400, enacted July 27, 2015, approved a franchise for Extenet.
- Ordinance #15-428, enacted Nov 6, 2015, approved a franchise for Crown Castle NG Atlantic.

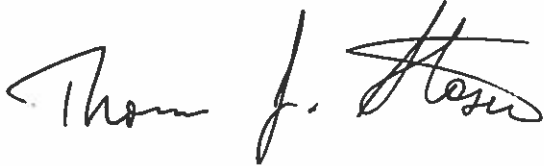
ANALYSIS

Proposal: Mobilitie, LLC provides services to third-party wireless carriers by providing the infrastructure that those carriers can use to provide additional wireless connectivity and capacity to their systems. This request for a franchise will allow Mobilitie to attach Distributed Antennas Systems (DAS) equipment to publically owned infrastructure, such as street light poles, that are connected to conduit that links several of these individual nodes to a service hub in a building that connects to the wireless carrier's system.

Staff understands that the Franchise will be for a ten year period, with three five-year renewals at \$100 per year. Each installation will require a separate attachment agreement, conduit lease agreement, and that all costs will be borne by Mobilitie (to include working directly with BGE for power). Additionally, an application fee of \$500 per attachment will be required, as well as a per-pole fee of \$2,400 for the first 25 poles, on a sliding scale down to \$1,200 per pole for 451+ poles. Lastly, two strands of dark fiber per pole for exclusive City Use OR an extra \$300 per pole per year will be required.

Design and Process: The DAS installations may vary over time, but will most typically include a series of small equipment boxes and relay antennas, each less than a cubic foot in size, connected to a 2" by 43" antenna at the top of the utility or light pole. DAS is helpful when towers or rooftop installations are not practical, and in areas where additional capacity is required, such as major venues with large crowds. Each individual installation will require a separate attachment agreement between Mobilitie and DOT, and individual review. Additionally, each individual installation will be posted for two weeks for public comment.

Community Notification: Notice of this meeting, and basic information on the proposal was distributed to 1,478 e-mail addresses through the GovDelivery Service.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Stosur". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "S".

Thomas J. Stosur
Director