MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017
6:00P.M.

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember Hope Love (Absent), Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter (Absent), Councilmember Gloria Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Council President Yeargin

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. LaTara Harris, Regional Director of External & Legislative Affairs for AT&T Services.

- The laws are written to treat telecommunications as a big bill. The small cells legislation should not have to go through zoning to be enacted. They have a model legislation and it requires access to your roadways. She provided two sheets that provides the list of states that have enacted the legislation. Councilmember Jones stated that the small cells can go on various types of infrastructures. However, she wanted to know if the city needs micro cells for the city? The challenges in the local jurisdictions is providing access to the right of way. The poles are thirty feet, the fees and placing the tower/pole on an existing tower. The fees are based on the older infrastructure. Mr. Ayu stated that the city has 186 towers. Ms. Harris stated that she does not have any fees for the city, but the fees and the process is the biggest concern. Mr. Graham stated that they look at it as a new technology that will require an open mind. They need to determine if it's going to be cost effective for them to build the infrastructure in the city. Mayor Grant stated that they wanted to see the revenue opportunity for the city. Mr. Hotz stated that they will need to run more fiber in the city to put the infrastructure in place. Ms. Harris stated that not many industries has decided to invest and upgrade in the infrastructure. The next step for the city is for the

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city to support the State and County on the bills. The carriers will have a different approach. Councilmember Maxwell wanted to know if the city will be a test bed for the infrastructure. They stated it will depend on the passage of the legislation from the state and the county. Mayor Grant asked them to put in the word that they city is willing to be the test bed. The existing towers will require a partnership for the small cells to be installed.

2.2. Lawrence Graham, Director of State Government Affairs for Verizon

- Mr. Graham stated that we want to show the City why the concern needs to be about infrastructure. The wireless network is like a highway and when you need to expand the lane, you build. We are building smaller towers to allow the connections. Mr. Graham stated that wireless subscription has gone from 10 trillion megabytes in 2015 to double that in 2017. The growth will be seven times greater by 2019. We want you to be proactive versus reactive to this increase. The FCC has concerns with health on the radio frequency in 1996 and they requested another study in 2013 that has not been completed. They are not aware of any health concerns. The small cell infrastructure does not cause any more health concerns than your current cellular device. The type of infrastructure does not provide a more imminent danger. They currently working with Montgomery County and Prince George's County who are considering small cells communications. They are gathering data, but no decision has been made on the matter. Mayor Grant stated that he is aware of Smart Cities and the Council is embracive of the Smart Cities concept. Mayor Grant stated that he is asking questions because he wants the city to be the first to come out of the gate. We will do our due diligence.

2.3. Greg Hotz, Director of Solutions Architecture and Development for Verizon

- Mr. Hotz showed the Council the Evolution of Technology, which is testing 5G technology. The number of connected devices increase the amount of data that is being used. The cellphone network depends on the towers. The number of frequency the tower can handle is limited. The frequency need to be reused with micro cells to prevent the busy network signals. The small cells will provide indoor and outdoor ODA, which is done through fiber optics. The small cells require the fiber optic.

3. MEETING TOPICS:

3.1. None

4. LEGISLATION

4.1. Ordinance O-18-01 Amendment of Chapter 150-Vehicles and Traffic.

Ordinance O-18-01 was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, September 11, 2017. The second reading was held on Monday, September 18, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Sistrunk and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve Ordinance O-18-01. The motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
5.1. None

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Regular Work Session, Monday, November 6, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.

6.1.2. Public Session on Monday, November 13, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers from 7:00p.m.

6.1.3. National League of Cities City Summit Conference, Charlotte, NC, November 15-18, 2017

6.1.4. Ward II and Ward V Monthly Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 9:30am

6.1.5. Ward I & II Monthly Meeting, Monday, November 20, 2017, Seat Pleasant Activity Center, 5720 Addison Rd., Seat Pleasant, MD at 6:00p.m.

ADJOURN-

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham

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City Clerk

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