

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Mayor and Council Members

FROM:

Kordllo Rondella Hawkins, Officer, Telecommunications and

Regulatory Affairs

DATE:

November 16, 2017

SUBJECT:

Withdrawal Request - Third Reading of Oncor Franchise

Staff is requesting withdrawal of the following item from the December 7, 2017, City Council meeting agenda:

"Approve the third reading of an ordinance granting a franchise agreement to Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for use of the City's rights of way for placing facilities or equipment to provide electric utility services within Oncor's certificated area."

Staff requests withdrawal of this item because of the ongoing disagreement with Oncor on key areas of the franchise draft regarding its applicability to "City property" in addition to rights-of-way, and the terms that define responsibility for payment of relocation expenses by Oncor.

Oncor will continue to remit franchise fees for use of right-of-way to the City in accordance with State regulations and will adhere to all City permitting requirements despite not having a current franchise with the City while staff works to resolve these disagreements.

cc:

Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager

Mark Washington, Assistant City Manager