

**NOVEMBER 17, 2010**

A Public Hearing of the City Council was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street. Present: Mayor Ward; Council Members Fuller, Matthews, McCauley and Mills. Absent: Council Members Block and Cockayne.

The call of the Public Hearing was presented:

“PUBLIC HEARING  
BRISTOL CELLULAR FACILITY”

*In accordance with the State Statutes the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 North Main Street, Bristol, Connecticut. Interested parties are invited to speak in favor of or against License Agreements between the City of Bristol and Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the use of property at 80 Princeton Drive for a cellular communication facility.*

*Copies of each of these License Agreements are on file in the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall.*

*Dated at Bristol, CT this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2010.*

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Town Clerk”*

**1. DISCUSSION REGARDING LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BRISTOL AND CELLCO PARTNERSHIP DBA VERIZON WIRELESS AND NEW CINGULAR WIRELESS PCS, LLC FOR USE OF PROPERTY AT 80 PRINCETON DRIVE FOR A CELLULAR COMMUNICATION FACILITY.**

Atty. Kenneth Baldwin, Robinson & Cole, 280 Trumbull Street, Hartford, Connecticut, representing Verizon Wireless stated it was better to go forward with antenna on existing structures rather than build a new tower.

Atty. Daniel Laub, Cuddy & Feder, 445 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, New York, representing New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC otherwise known as AT&T noted that this was an existing site and structure and will provide the necessary coverage and service that AT&T is looking to provide their customers.

Council Member McCauley stated that one of his constituents, Pat Manchester indicated this agreement for a communication facility was in the best interest of the City.

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Robert Longo, Supt. Water Dept. stated this proposal will be a source of revenue for his department and tax dollars for the City. It would fill a void in cell service since there was a dead zone in this area.

Dharmesh Chakshi, 223 Chapel Street expressed concern regarding whether cell towers would impact property values and have health implications. He questioned if the towers were being placed in the appropriate neighborhoods and whether any alternatives were explored.

Atty. Baldwin responded that the communication facility was not a cell tower. He commented that he had seen studies that indicate there is no impact on real estate values and that the RF levels emitted by Verizon's installations were below standards established by the FCC.

Supt. Longo confirmed that the FCC regulates health effects from cell towers. He stated that the antenna was painted the same color as the tank.

Council Members Matthews questioned whether the antenna added height to the tank.

Supt. Longo explained that the height of the antenna is below the crest of the tank and blends in with it.

**2. APPROVAL TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING.**

At 5:15 p.m., on motion of Council Member Matthews and seconded, it was unanimously voted: To close the Public Hearing.

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dawn M. LaBella**  
**Asst. Town & City Clerk**