

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes, absolutely. Not tonight, please. I beg you.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: All right. Okay. On Statements by the Mayor and the City Council.

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STATEMENT BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can I -- can I start?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: I -- I wanted to bring back -- I was on the prevailing side of our -- let me get the -- the name of it -- the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mary --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- what -- what's the correct name of the --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Telecommunications ordinance.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- the ordinance? Is it called the telecommunications ordinance?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, telecommunications.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Right. I would like to bring that back. I am on the prevailing side. And have it placed on the next agenda.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Did -- what -- what happened with that vote?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. Have -- we voted it down.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, right.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: On the last --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: But you all would have to vote on that.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Because --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Who -- who were the -- do -- who -- do you remember who -
- what the vote was?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: And who voted how?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes. The -- it was -- it was four-one with Mr. Guyton being the only one on the opposite side.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: So in order -- so he --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I voted in favor.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. Mr. Thomas --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- this was an ordinance on second reading --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- regarding aboveground antennas. And Mr. Thomas voted against it because there were certain matters that were not placed in the ordinance that he wanted in the ordinance. Since then, Mr. Thomas has met with staff for a very short -- not short -- amount of time and we have had discussions with some of the outside vendors, namely Crown Castle, to discuss modifications to the ordinance that they could live with. Mr. Thomas got them to agree to some things. And right now we're working on finalizing the language that we would add to it if the council wanted to hear it. Mr. Thomas understands that because it was voted down, it would have to come back and quite frankly, we went back and forth on whether or not it had to come back on first reading or second reading. If this council votes to start over because it was -- these -- these are land-use type ordinances. We would prefer as staff that we start over with first reading just in an abundance of caution.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: And I also agreed with that. And when she said they went back and forth, it was with the attorneys of --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct. Crown Castle.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- Crown Castle.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Correct. So his -- what -- he needs to put it in terms of a motion to have it brought back. And if you all vote yes, then we will put it back on first reading at the next city council meeting.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT McKINNEY: And I -- I just want to say, if I could, I don't know if it'll be ready for the next --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No. No.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. All right. Right. Because we still have to make the modifications. We're still working with them on the modifications. But quite frankly --

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: It doesn't have to be the next meeting. I just want it brought back for consideration.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. But we -- quite frankly, staff really didn't want to finalize --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Do we need to vote on it?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- anything unless we got a yes from the council.

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Madam -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Does this have to go back before Planning & Zoning?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: No. We talked about that, as well. Because the changes are not -- I would not consider them to be major. They're not major changes. And because they are more restrictive on any providers and not on the public, I think it's appropriate to bring it back to city council. And if it were not a land-use type ordinance, I would say we could bring it back on second reading. But because of the type of ordinance it is, that's why I think I -- I -- I'm concerned that we may get a challenge if it doesn't go back on first reading. But the changes are not so significant that I feel it needs to go back to Planning & Zoning but we did discuss that at what's -- at the staff level without Crown Castle.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. So we need to vote on that?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We need a motion and a second and we need to vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: So moved. Is there a second? Is there --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay. Any discussion? Madam Clerk?

INTERIM CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

INTERIM CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

INTERIM CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

INTERIM CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Davis?

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes.

INTERIM CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: Can I still stay with my comments --

CHAIRPERSON DAVIS: Yes, go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON THOMAS: -- please? They'll be quick. First of all, I would like to thank our residents for an absolute stellar turnout for our Gala Day Parade. I would like to thank Miss Eureka Irvin and everyone who's helping out with that. I know that Miss Perry had done it for so long and I was a little nervous as if we were going to be able to keep up the standard that she had set. But Miss Irvin has done an outstanding job. I enjoyed the parade quite an a bit. I had not seen a turnout like that in the eight years that I've been here. So I definitely enjoyed it.

We had a little bit of a situation afterwards but I was extremely proud of our men and women of the police department who quickly took care of that and we were able to -- to move on. I'm glad that that worked out great and I was extremely impressed with -- with their planning and their foresight. I just want to thank everybody for being as, you know -- as patient and -- and as cautious as they can and that we had a safe MLK parade.

Now, also, I'll be meeting with those landlords tomorrow at 10 a.m. I -- I -- I am recognizing that there was a meeting and some -- some action, I think, was taken last night. Because I had invited so many members of the landlord public, I decided not to engage in the meeting last night. I didn't want it to seem like they would be meeting for nothing in the morning. So if you're a landlord or not and you just want to come and be a part of that, we're going to discuss some of the policies that we have that I'll get your recommendations and I'll bring them back to this board. It's going to be an open discussion.

So if you are a tenant, a landlord, whoever, a business owner, we would like for you to come tomorrow at 10 a.m. I believe we're going to be inside of this council chambers tomorrow at 10 a.m., so anybody's welcome. We're going to send out some e-mails and, you know, some -- some more phone calls. Miss Jeanty has been making phone calls for the past few days to try to get to you. If you know someone, tell them about the meeting. We've -- we've done this policy, I want to say it was a year ago or something. And now there have been some developments in it where it seems to -- to have an issue. I don't want to be revisiting this policy once a year. I'd like to get a -- you know, a policy that we all could live with. So please, show up tomorrow 10 a.m.