



400 South Federal Hwy
Hallandale Beach, FL 33009

City of Hallandale Beach City Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Meeting Date:	March 15, 2017		Item Type: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Resolution X	Ordinance	Other	
Fiscal Impact: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Ordinance Reading: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	1st Reading		2nd Reading	
		X	Public Hearing: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Yes	No
Funding Source:	<i>N/A</i>		Advertising Requirement: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
						X	
Account Balance:	<i>N/A</i>		Quasi Judicial: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes		No	
Project Number :	<i>N/A</i>		RFP/RFQ/Bid Number:	<i>N/A</i>			
Contract/P.O. Required: <i>(Enter X in box)</i>	Yes	No	Strategic Plan Priority Area: <i>(Enter X in box)</i> Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vibrant Appeal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
		X					
Sponsor Name:	Mayor Joy F. Cooper		Department: Office of the City Clerk	Mario Bataille, City Clerk			

Short Title:

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 596 AND HOUSE BILL 687 WHICH ELIMINATES LOCAL CONTROL FOR FLORIDA CITIES WITH RESPECT TO TAXPAYER OWNED PUBLIC STRUCTURES AND RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR PLACEMENT OF "SMALL" OR "MICRO" WIRELESS ANTENNAS AND EQUIPMENT AND PROHIBITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM REGULATING ANYTHING EXCEPT APPLICABLE BUILDING CODES FOR WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Summary:

Background:

The Florida Legislature is considering Senate Bill 596 (SB596) and House Bill 687 (HB687), which would blatantly interfere with the ability of hundreds of communities to protect public safety and maintain their local, unique look and feel. In response, Mayor Cooper requested staff draft a resolution for City Commission consideration strongly opposing SB 596 and HB 687. The proposed legislation would allow an unchecked proliferation of new poles and equipment that could jeopardize public safety by interfering with pedestrians, enticing kids to climb recklessly, creating additional debris in a hurricane, and tying up space that should be reserved for police/fire radio antennas.

SB 596 and HB 687, if passed, will stomp out local decision-making by stripping the decision-making from the hands of the local community's elected officials and allow Big Telecom companies to be given preferential treatment to "cut in line" in the local permit review process, making everyone else second-class citizens. Local governments should not be prevented from protecting their citizens as they see fit from the risks posed to the public welfare by Telecom companies. As a result, the residents and public should strongly urge the Florida Legislature to oppose Senate Bill 596 and House Bill 687 which would eliminate local control for Florida cities with respect to taxpayer owned public structures and right-of-way for placement of "small" or "micro" wireless antennas and equipment and prohibits local governments from regulating anything except applicable building codes for wireless infrastructure.

Why Action is Necessary:

Pursuant to Article V, Section 5.01 of the City of Hallandale Beach Charter, the City Commission would need to adopt a Resolution as an expression of the Commission on matters of official concern and opinion.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact.

Proposed Action:

The City Commission is to discuss and determine the approval of the attached Resolution, strongly opposing Senate Bill 596 and House Bill 687.

Attachment(s):

Exhibit 1- Resolution