



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
YAKIMA, WASHINGTON
AGENDA STATEMENT**

Item No. 7.N.
For Meeting of: February 18, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Ordinance amending the franchise granted to Wholesail Networks LLC and Ziplly Fiber to construct, operate and maintain a telecommunications system

SUBMITTED BY: Randy Beehler, Communications and Public Affairs Director

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:

Wholesail Networks LLC and Ziplly Fiber (Wholesail and Ziplly) have requested the transfer of a telecommunications system franchise granted to Wholesail and Ziplly under City of Yakima Ordinance No. 2015-045 as amended by City of Yakima Ordinance No. 2019-034 and City of Yakima Ordinance No. 2022-015 (the franchise) to BCE Holding Corporation (BCE). Northwest Fiber Holdco, LLC (Northwest Fiber), the parent company of Ziplly, plans to enter into an agreement to sell certain assets to BCE. The City has conducted a review of the legal, technical, and financial qualifications of BCE to operate the telecommunications system authorized by the franchise and has concluded BCE is qualified to operate the telecommunications system authorized by the franchise. Transfer of the franchise requires the approval of the Council.

ITEM BUDGETED: N/A

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RECOMMENDATION: Pass Ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

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