

**HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONERS**

**DATE: MAY 26, 2021**

**REGARDING: QWEST CORPORATION LEASE OF SPACE AT 7A PARKING RAMP FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. 7A PARKING RAMP, 13 WEST  
EXCHANGE, DISTRICT 17, WARD 2**

**Requested Board Action:**

Approve lease agreement with Qwest Corporation (Qwest) for space at the 7A Parking Ramp for the purpose of placing and maintaining communications equipment.

**Background:**

Qwest requests to modify and extend an existing lease agreement with the HRA for space at the 7A parking ramp to continue operation of existing equipment for communications purposes.

Lease terms: Existing lease agreement expired March 31, 2020. Qwest requests to extend lease for two five-year terms: 1<sup>st</sup> term: April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2024; 2<sup>nd</sup> term: April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2028. 1<sup>st</sup> term annual payment: \$2,000/year; 2<sup>nd</sup> term annual payment \$2,250/year.

**Budget Action:** N/A

**Future Action:** N/A

**Financing Structure:** N/A

**PED Credit Committee Review:** N/A

**Compliance:** N/A

**Green/Sustainable Development:** N/A

**Environmental Impact Disclosure:** N/A

**Historic Preservation:** N/A

**Public Purpose/Comprehensive Plan Conformance:**

Maintain and extend range of cellular communications for area around 7A parking ramp.

**Statement of Chairman (for Public Hearing)**

“Being duly authorized by the Board of commissioners to conduct this Public Hearing, the hearing is now open. This is a Public Hearing called for the purpose of approving a lease with Qwest Corporation for a portion of the 7A Ramp, located at 13 West Exchange in District 17 and owned by the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of the City of Saint Paul, Minnesota (HRA). The property will be leased so that Qwest Corporation can upgrade and maintain equipment for communications purposes for downtown Saint Paul.

Is there anyone who wishes to be heard on this lease? If not, the Chair will declare this Public Hearing adjourned.”

**Recommendation:**

The HRA Executive Director recommends approval of the attached resolution which approves a lease agreement with Qwest Corporation for space at the 7A Parking Ramp for the purpose of placing and maintaining communications equipment.

**Sponsored by:** Commissioner Noecker

**Staff:** Gary Grabko 266-6709