CGI St Lucie, LLC, Wireless Communications Tower Special Exception Use P21-082

City Council Meeting July 26, 2021



Requested Special Exception

- To allow a wireless communications tower with a maximum height of 120 feet in the General Use Zoning District (GU).
- Section 158.060(C)(11) of the Zoning Code lists wireless communications antennas and towers as a special exception use in the General Use (GU) zoning district.
- Section 158.213(F)(1) of the Zoning Code establishes a maximum height of 300 feet for a wireless communications tower in GU zoning.

General Information

Owner – CGI St. Lucie, LLC

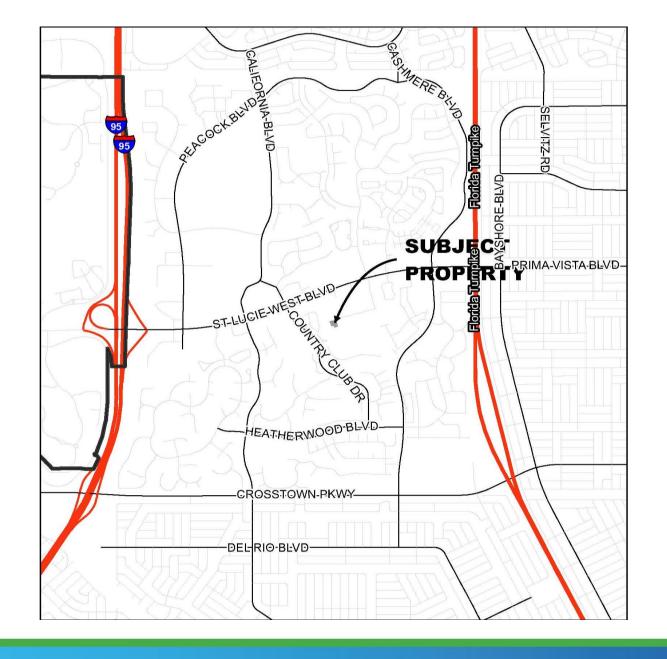
Applicant/Lessee – Holly Valdez, RG Towers, LLC

Address - 460 SW Utility Drive

Location – Lease of 2,000 square feet (25 X 80) along the eastern property line of the maintenance facility for the St. Lucie Trail Golf Club

Proposal – 120-foot-tall monopine wireless communications tower

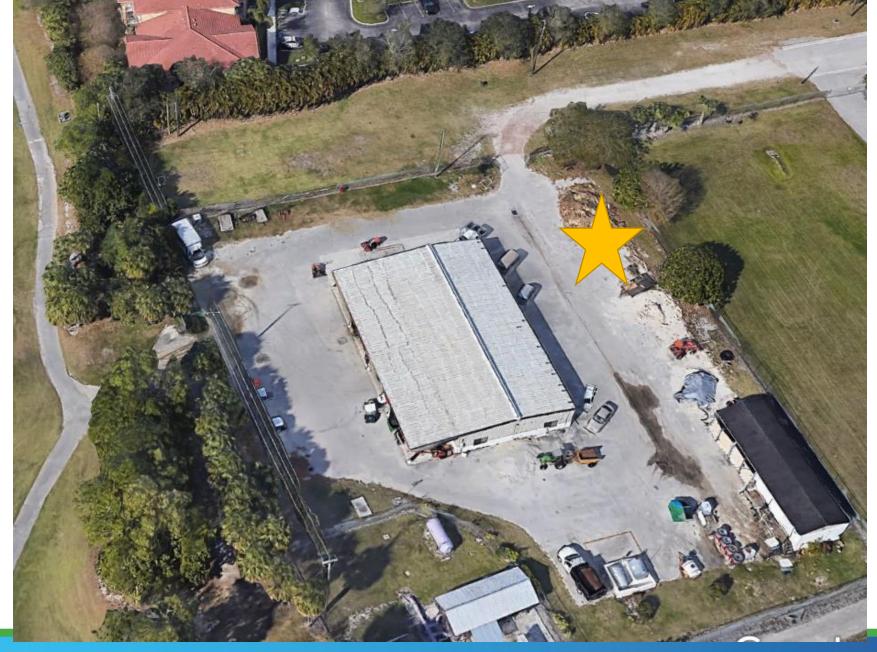




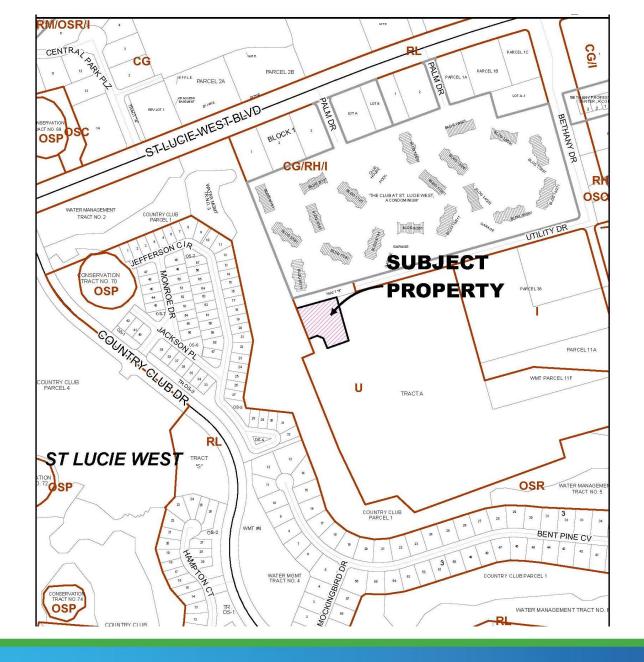




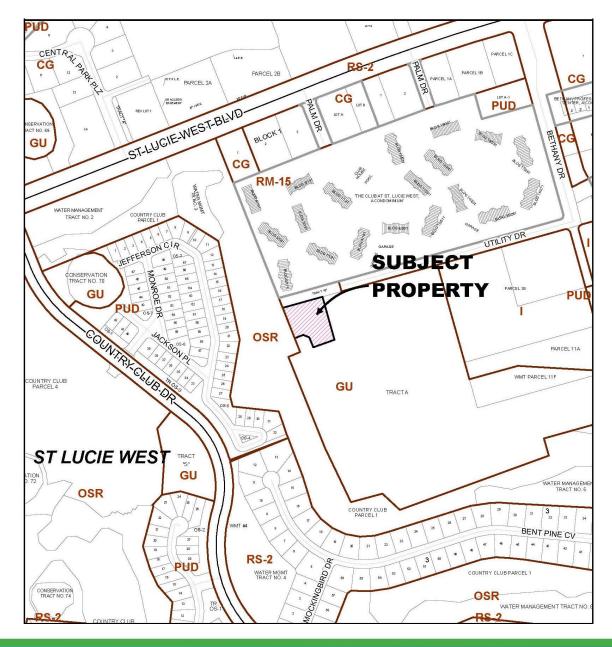




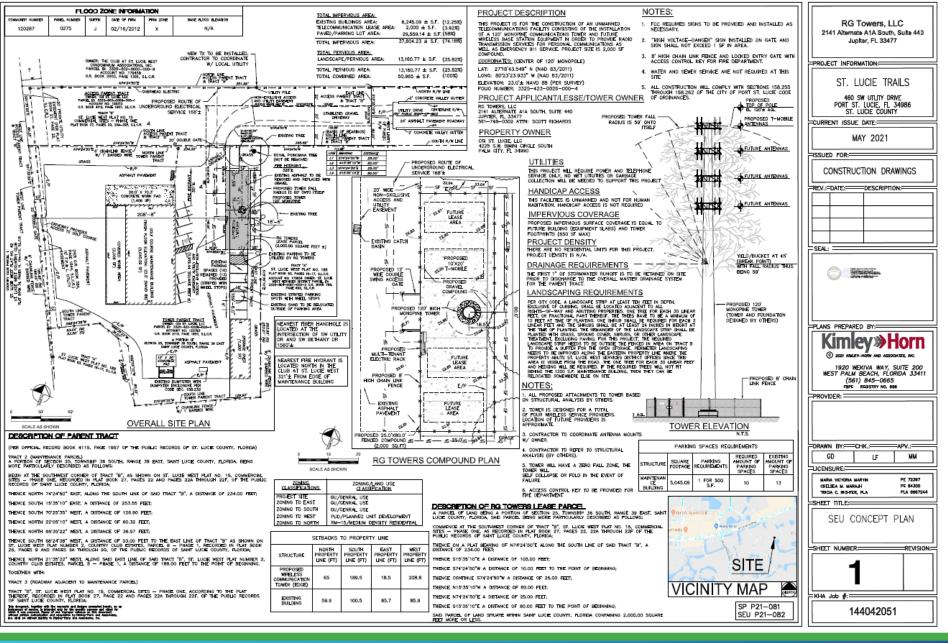












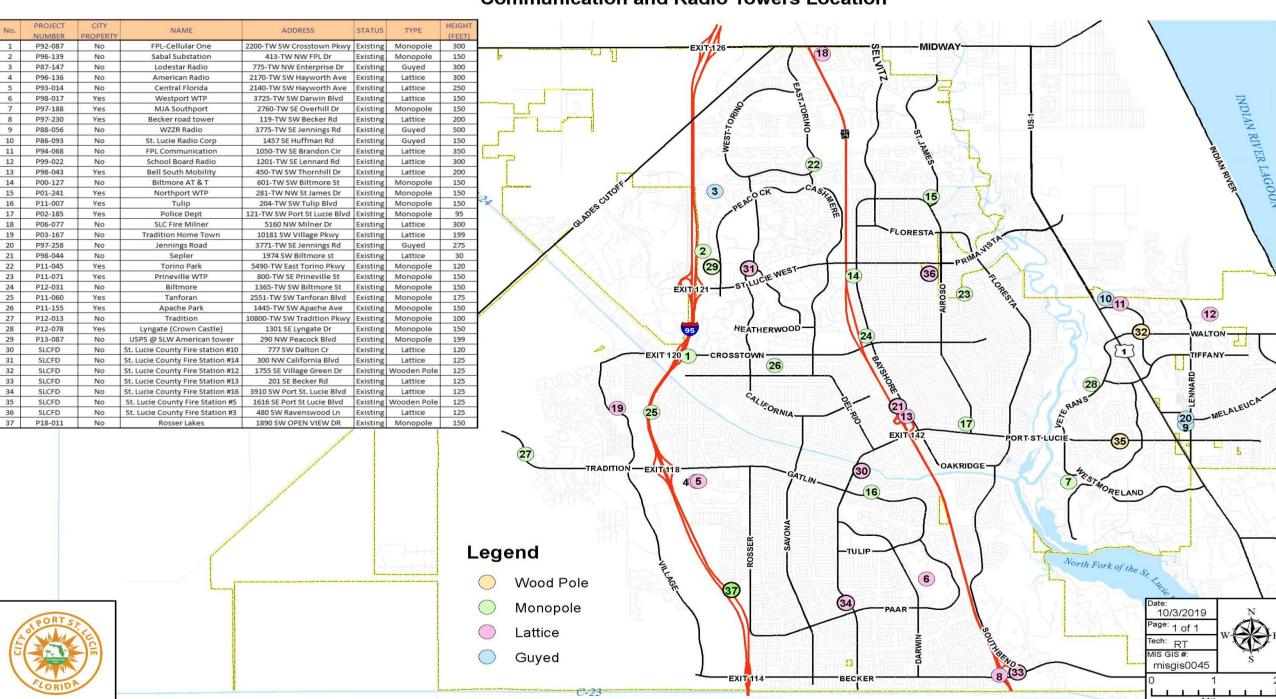
Evaluation of Special Exception Criteria (Section 158.260)

| CRITERIA | <u>FINDINGS</u> |
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| ADEQUATE INGRESS AND EGRESS | Access to site is via SW Utility Drive. No impact on |
| (§ 158.260 (A)) | surrounding roadways |
| ADEQUATE OFF-STREET PARKING AND | Provided via the existing maintenance facility |
| LOADING AREAS (§ 158.260 (B)) | |
| ADEQUATE AND PROPERLY LOCATED | The site will require electrical services from FPL |
| UTILITIES | |
| (§ 158.260 (C)) | |
| ADEQUATE SCREENING OR BUFFERING | The site will require new perimeter landscaping |
| (§§ 158.260 (D) (F)) | |
| SIGNAGE AND EXTERIOR LIGHTING | No signage or exterior lighting is proposed |
| (§158.260 (E)) | |
| COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING | The property abuts St. Lucie West Services District water and |
| USES | wastewater facilities to the east and south, St. Lucie Trail |
| (§§ 158.260 (H) (I) (J)) | Golf Course to the west, and Club at St. Lucie West |
| | residential condominium development to north. |
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Wireless Communication Antennas and Towers (Sec. 158.213)

| CRITERIA | <u>FINDINGS</u> |
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| WIND LOAD | Certification from a Florida-registered engineer was provided |
| (§158.213 (E)) | that states the tower would collapse within the specified fall |
| | radius depicted on the plan and that the tower can withstand |
| | winds of Category 3 hurricane intensity. |
| FENCING | A six-foot fence with a gate around the tower and outside |
| (§ 158.213(H)) | structures is required. An eight-foot fence is proposed. |
| SITE PLAN REVIEW (§ 158.213(L)) | An application for a site plan amendment was submitted |
| | (P19-031) |
| OBSOLETE AND UNUSED TOWERS | A removal bond or irrevocable letter of credit in the amount |
| (§ 158.213(M)) | of \$15,000 will be required prior to obtaining final set |
| | development permits. |
| SEPARATION | A map was provided that shows the nearest tower is |
| (§ 158.213(N) | approximately 6,450 feet away from the proposed location. |

Communication and Radio Towers Location



RECOMMENDATION:

• The Planning and Zoning Board at their June 1, 2021 meeting recommended approval.