Introduced April 26, 2022, by Councilwoman Denham, seconded by Councilman Dunham, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 22-04-3423

ORDINANCE NO. 4081

An ordinance authorizing the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Cell Site Lease and Operating Agreement with Tower Strategies Consulting Group, LLC with respect to certain real property approximately 40'x70' in size, and the improvements thereon, and a right of passage thereto, such property being located in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, in front of the City of Slidell Public Operations Facility at 1325 Bayou Lane in Slidell, Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the City owns certain real property (as identified on Exhibit 1), and the improvements thereon, in front of the City of Slidell Public Operations Facility at 1325 Bayou Lane in Slidell, Louisiana, sufficient for the operations of a telecommunications facility, and such property is not currently being utilized; and

WHEREAS, the referenced site has not been under any operational lease or other use since approximately May 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the City has received a proposal from Tower Strategies Consulting Group, LLC to lease and operate the referenced site subject to the following minimum material terms:

- A. \$750.00 monthly base rent, with a 2% yearly escalator to base rent on each lease anniversary date, plus 10% of the monthly revenue produced from sub-leases by lessee;
- B. A five (5) year initial term and up to five (5) renewal terms of five (5) years each, with each party having the option not to renew upon timely, advance written notice:
- C. Lessee to secure and maintain CGL insurance of at least \$1,000,000 related to its operations on site and name City as additional insured;
- D. Lessee to assume all responsibility, to the exclusion of Lessor, for the condition and maintenance of all buildings, structures, and fixtures on the leased premises, including the tower, compound, and all fencing around site, and repair or replacement (as applicable) of same as a result of damage from whatever cause, and compliance with all regulatory and

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safety standards; lessee to undertake maintenance of tower, compound, and site (generally) as to technical and aesthetic standards, to include painting, signage, and landscaping;

- E. Lessee to be responsible for payment of all utilities; and
- F. Lessee to decommission any remaining equipment currently mounted and return to City for reuse or recycling;
- G. Lessee to be responsible for all marketing of the site and managing sublessees; lessee not to market or lease site to tenants currently operating on any other City cell tower site without the permission of the City;
- Lessee to conduct its operations and require all sub-lessees to conduct their operations in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws and requirements;
- I. Lessee to copy City on all structural and engineering data for site including results of federally mandated routine inspections.

WHEREAS, under La. R.S. 33:4712, and other applicable law, the City is authorized to enter into such a lease and operating agreement, as the space proposed to be leased is not needed by the City for a public municipal purpose; and

WHEREAS, La. Const. Art. VII, Sec. 14(C) also authorizes public entities to engage in cooperative endeavors with private businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City believes the proposed lease will provide for an appropriate use of the space which will inure to the benefit of the citizens of Slidell in the form of improved telecommunications access and efficiencies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council that it does hereby authorize the City of Slidell, acting through its Mayor, to enter into a Cell Site Lease and Operating Agreement with Tower Strategies Consulting Group, LLC for the lease of real property approximately 40'x70' in size (as identified on Exhibit 1), and the improvements thereon, and a right of passage thereto, located in Section 10, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, in front of the City of Slidell Public Operations Facility at 1325

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Bayou Lane in Slidell, Louisiana under the minimum material terms set forth above and such other additional ancillary terms the Mayor deems advisable.

ADOPTED this 24th day of May, 2022.

Leslie Denham

President of the Council Councilwoman, District A

Greg Cromer Mayor

Council Executive Assistant

DELIVERED 5 26 22

8:00 am to the Mayor

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1:30pm from the Mayor

