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## Administration and Public Works Committee

August 8, 2023 Meeting

### Internet Access Project: Phase 2 Update

The Department of Administration is pleased to provide an update on the progress concerning Phase 2 of the Internet Access Project. In the preceding Committee meeting, it was evident that a paramount concern was to acquire more comprehensive data prior to making decisions about the Phase 2 address list. The Committee expressed a desire to obtain improved information before progressing.

In response to this mandate, the Department met with Spectrum officials. Spectrum demonstrated its willingness to provide the City with a detailed compilation of addresses within the City of Wildwood, alongside associated internet speeds.

At present, Spectrum is actively engaged in assembling this information, with a specific focus on identifying residences in Wildwood where internet speeds fall below 100 Mbps. Spectrum will remove all Phase 1 addresses from this list. These residences will be categorized as underserved and will subsequently be incorporated into the roster of Phase 2 addresses being considered for enhanced internet connectivity.

However, Spectrum has requested that the City sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) to facilitate the dissemination of this sensitive data. The Department of Administration is in the process of meticulously reviewing the NDA's terms and conditions. Input from the City Attorney is being sought to ensure that the agreement aligns seamlessly with the City's legal obligations and interests.

It is anticipated that the comprehensive Spectrum report, encompassing the inventory of underserved addresses, will be prepared for presentation during the Administration and Public Works Committee meeting in September. During this session, the Department will duly present the meticulously collated address list from Spectrum. This compilation will be supplemented by an address list generated through the assimilation of resident inquiries, ensuring a comprehensive perspective.

The Department remains steadfast in its commitment to deliver an accurate and all-encompassing Phase 2 address list. Through collaboration with Spectrum, the Department aspires to offer the Committee a robust and dependable dataset that will serve as the foundation for informed deliberations regarding Phase 2 of the City's Internet Access Project.