

TO: Mayor and Council Members  
Marlene Best, City Manager  
Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney

FROM: James Jeffries, City Clerk

DATE: October 9, 2024

**SUBJ: Updated Council Meeting Materials – October 9, 2024**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (7) Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP-2024-0004) for a Wireless Telecommunications Facility Located within a 1,900-Square-Foot Lease Area at Santee Lakes Addressed as 10400-CS Fanita Parkway (APN 378-020-49-00) in the Public (PUB) General Plan Land Use Designation and Park/Open Space (P/OS) Zone and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. (Applicant: Atlas Tower 1, LLC). (Planning and Building – Sawa)**

The attached correspondence for above mentioned Item was received and is provided for your consideration.



**From:** [Michael Ranson](#)  
**To:** [John Minto](#); [Dustin Trotter](#); [Ron Hall](#); [Rob McNelis](#); [James Jeffries](#); [Marlene Best](#)  
**Subject:** Council Meeting 10-9-24 / Agenda Item #7  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024 11:51:28 AM

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Agenda Item #7

PLEASE **APPROVE** THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP-2024-0004) FOR A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (FACILITY) LOCATED WITHIN A 1,900-SQUARE-FOOT LEASE AREA AT SANTEE LAKES.

Hi all,

I wanted to attend the meeting tonight...but the PADRES!!!

In short, please approve the proposed cell tower. I have reviewed the package and it seems that our home near Santee Lakes is in the anticipated yellow coverage area which has less of an improvement to service. However, for health and safety reasons, **ANY improvement is needed**. You all know my wife Maggie. She recently had a medical emergency where she was in extreme pain and honestly terrified of what might be causing it. We both were. Thankfully, I was home and I jumped on my cell to call 911. Bad connection. You have no idea (hopefully) how stressful it is to be on the line with 911 and have the operator ask you multiple times to move to another location for a better connection. The operator could not understand the reason for the call. She then said, "I see that you are calling from [REDACTED] in Santee, can you confirm?" I replied with, "Yes and please send an ambulance!" The call ended and I went back to Maggie who was crying and asking for me to please help her. We were both trying to stay calm as we thankfully heard sirens in the distance. The EMT's and fire department were awesome once they arrived and took great care of Maggie as they transported her to the hospital. Maggie had passed a kidney stone. There was no previous knowledge of it and she was almost 100% back to normal the next day. Both of us are grateful for the care she received once it arrived.

Maggie and I can't help but think about all of the "what if's" related to the health and safety of all the people in this area of Santee. **WHAT IF the 911 call does not go through next time or the delay of poor service causes the loss of precious first response time?**

I agree with other residents in our area who have taken the time to comment. Mark Ordning says, "get it done" and Russ Meyer thinks it's awesome that it is potentially getting approved. I agree. Please approve the proposed cell tower for many reasons, but most of all, for the safety of Santee residents who live in this area.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Michael Ranson, ASID

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