# THE COUNCIL

**JOINT REPORT OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE**

**AND THE**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING & FRANCHISES**

**Proposed Resolution No. 1445-A**

**By Council Members Salamanca and Moya (by request of the Mayor)**

## SUBJECT

**CITYWIDE 20215008 GFY**

Proposed authorizing resolution submitted by the Mayor pursuant to Section 363 of the Charter for the granting of franchises for the provision of telecommunications services.

## INTENT

To approve with modifications an franchised authorization resolution submitted by the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications for the granting of non-exclusive franchises for the installation of cable, wire and/or optical fiber and associated equipment on and in the inalienable property of the City (including through pipes, conduits and similar improvements thereto) to be used in providing one or more telecommunications services. The telecommunications services that such franchises would provide would be “Information Services” as such term is defined in the federal law. According to DoITT, “Information Services are high-speed voice and data franchises that are provided via city streets that are not cable television, public pay telephones, or mobile telecommunications services. The Council amendments would require any franchise agreement to include terms encouraging the provision of high-speed broadband service to low income residences and business, compliance with labor transparency laws and laws requiring net neutrality.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**DATE:** October 13, 2020

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**DATE:** December 16, 2020

The Subcommittee recommends that the Land Use Committee approve the proposed resolution.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

**DATE:** December 16, 2020

The Committee recommends that the Council approve the attached resolution.