

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: TWR-2021-01 CitySwitch II, LLC, Bemiss Road, New 265'
Telecommunications Tower

DATE OF MEETING: November 9, 2021

Work Session/Regular Session

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE:

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A
- SPLOST
- TSPLOST

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: TWR-2021-01 CitySwitch II, LLC, Bemiss Road, New 265'
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HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: This case represents an attempt by the applicant to construct a new ~265' telecommunications tower on a ~1.5acre parcel on Bemiss Road to fill a gap in their coverage area. The subject property is currently zoned Highway Commercial (C-H) within the Bemiss Corridor Overlay district and is allowed to be used for the construction of a new telecommunications tower with GLPC review and LCBOC approval. The subject property is in the Urban Service Area and part of the Neighborhood Activity Center on the Future Development Map.

The proposed tower is determined to be of "No Hazard to Air Navigation" by the Federal Aviation Administration, and officials at the Valdosta Regional Airport (VLD) and Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) have been notified of the request and provided no additional comments or objections.

At the November 2nd ZBOA meeting, the applicant was approved for a variance to the setback requirements in Section 5.05.05 of the ULDC, based on the Engineering Fall Zone letter that states if the tower were to fall, it would do so within the 100x100 foot leased area within the subject property.

The TRC had no objectionable comments and Staff found this request overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission heard this request at their October meeting and recommended approval by unanimous vote of (9-0).

- OPTIONS: 1) Board's Pleasure
2) Approve
3) Approve with Conditions
4) Deny

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure
Approve

DEPARTMENT: Planning/Zoning

DEPARTMENT HEAD: JD Dillard