

**Hearing Officer Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2015**

A meeting of the City of Yuma's Hearing Officer was held on Thursday, February 26, 2015, at City Hall Room 190, One City Plaza, Yuma, AZ.

HEARING OFFICER in attendance was Pamela Walsma.

CITY OF YUMA STAFF MEMBERS present included Daniel White, Assistant City Attorney; Bobette Bauermann, Principal Planner; Robert Blevins, Principal Planner; and Lisa Ray, Administrative Assistant.

Walsma called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Walsma approved the minutes of January 8, 2015.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

VAR-8420-2015: This is a request by Wavelength Management, on behalf of the Bible Baptist Church LLC, for a variance to increase the maximum height from 40 feet to 55 feet for a personal wireless communications facility disguised as a palm tree (monopalm) in the Low Density Residential (R-1-6) District. The property is located at 1780 E. 24th Street, Yuma, AZ.

Robert Blevins, Principal Planner, summarized the staff report recommending APPROVAL.

QUESTIONS FOR STAFF

Walsma asked if the monopalm will benefit more than just the church? **Bob Blevins** said yes.

APPLICANT/APPLICANTS REPRESENTATIVE

Mike Gallagher, Wavelength Management, 2200 E. Williams Field Road, Suite #200, Gilbert, Arizona said the monopalm will be a benefit to the community as it is a connector site for Verizon Wireless. Also, he agrees with the staff report. **Walsma** asked if the monopalm would not be out of keeping with what is already in existence? **Gallagher** said yes. **Dr. Alfred E. Maese, 1780 E. 24th Street, Yuma, Arizona** said he is the pastor of the church and he is excited about having this opportunity to be with Wavelength. **Walsma** asked if the applicant accepts the conditions? **Dr. Maese** said yes.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

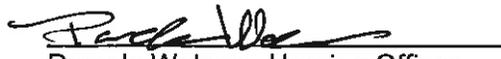
None

Decision:

Walsma agreed with the staff's findings and approved the requested variance; finding that it is considered a special circumstance and the case does meet all of the four (4) criteria of the City of Yuma Zoning Ordinance, Section 154-03.04 D.1.

Walsma adjourned the meeting at 9:38 a.m.

Minutes approved and signed this 23rd day of April, 2015.


Pamela Walsma, Hearing Officer