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City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Minutes - Draft

January 14, 2019

3:30 PM

Room 16

Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee

Commissioner Harvey Ward (Chair)
Commissioner David Arreola (Vice-Chair)
Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos (Member)
Commissioner Gigi Simmons (Member)

CALL TO ORDER - 3:32 PM

ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Simmons

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[180626.](#)

Minutes of September 10, October 8, and December 10, 2018 (B)

RECOMMENDATION *Approve the minutes of September 10, October 8, and December 10, 2018.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved as Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

[180188.](#)

Adding Conduit Requirement for Developers (B)

Motion: 1) Ask Department of Doing to look at conduit requirements for developers and see if they have any thoughts on it; and 2) Invite Department of Doing to the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION *Discuss*

A motion was made by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Arreola, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, and Commissioner Arreola

Absent: 1 - Simmons

[170192](#)

Expanding Affordable Internet in Gainesville (NB)

Chief Business Services Officer, Lewis Walton gave an update on the survey and stated that he is working with the City on a press release.

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[170193.](#)

Net Neutrality and Internet Privacy Ordinance for GRUCom (NB)

Commissioner Simmons arrived at 3:39 PM,

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Continued

[170191.](#)

UF/City Wireless Internet Opportunities (NB)

Director of Technology, Lucian Badea, provided an update. He stated that he met with UF and Cox Cable; is working on a draft plan; and will discuss at the next meeting - the legal aspects (what entities would provide, responsibility).

RECOMMENDATION Discuss.

Discussed

[180444.](#)

Providing Broadband and Digital Inclusion in Housing Authorities (NB)

Motion: Direct staff to begin discussions with the Gainesville Housing Authority for broadband and digital inclusion.

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Subcommittee:

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) What other communities have done; 2) How can we spread digital inclusion with the Housing Authority (partnership); 3) How to make it much more useful than using a phone; and 4) How can we partner with the Library district.

Executive Director, Pamela Davis: 1) Use money to rehab properties and come back with an infrastructure (allowing to use CDBG funds, public housing funds); 2) Happy to partner with anyone; 3) Working with Tampa Housing Authority; 4) Redeveloping public housing sites in the community; and 5) A couple of sites have computer labs.

Chair Ward: 1) Lighting and infrastructure (general accessibility); 2) Interested in how the City can help get the technology into the housing units (who can we partner with).

Commissioner Simmons: 1) Would like to see information from Tampa and other Housing Authorities.

Maureen stated that they partnered with the Knight Foundation in Macon, Georgia

RECOMMENDATION Refer to Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Arreola, seconded by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, that this Matter be Approved, as shown above. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Hayes-Santos, Commissioner Ward, Commissioner Arreola, and Simmons

[180445.](#)

Digital Inclusion Policies (NB)

Assistant City Manager, Dan Hoffman stated that he brought the draft resolution to the Charter's and is waiting for feedback.

RECOMMENDATION Refer to Committee

MEMBER COMMENT

Listed below are comments/suggestions from the Subcommittee:

Commissioner Simmons: What is Cox Cable's role in the partnership. Margarita Purvis, from Cox Cable stated that they are providing the highway. Walter Banks spoke to the matter.

Commissioner Hayes-Santos: 1) Students are excited about internet being off-campus. Dan Hoffman stated that classes are being held at the Catalyst building; 2) Inquired about the buses. Dan Hoffman stated that the equipment is being installed on two pilot buses. Chair Ward stated that he is interested in a route from Hunter's Crossing to Campus.

Dan Hoffman will follow-up with Fred Murry with regards to inviting members from the Housing Division on opportunities for CDBG funding.

Motion by Commissioner Hayes-Santos, seconded by Commissioner Simmons: Refer to the General Policy Committee - Rename the Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee to "Digital Access Subcommittee". Motion passed 4-0.

Donald Shepherd spoke to the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE - February 11, 2019, Room 16

ADJOURNMENT - 4:17 PM