

June 16, 2017 City of Gainesville Meeting of the Broadband Connectivity Subcommittee

Meeting was called to order at 11:15am by C. Hayes-Santos.

Members Present:

Commissioner Adrian Hayes-Santos
Commissioner Harvey Ward
Anthony Lyons, City Manager
Lewis Walton, Business Services Officer, GRU

Members Absent:

Commissioner David Arreola

Election of Chair & Vice-Chair:

- Motion: Ward, Hayes-Santos seconded to appoint Hayes-Santos chair and Ward vice-chair.
- Vote: Unanimous approval, 2-0.

Discussion of Subcommittee:

- Structure:
 - Subcommittee will consist of 3 commissioners, Hayes-Santos, Ward & Arreola.
 - Dan Hoffman, new Assistant City Manager will represent the City Manager's Office.
 - Lewis Walton will represent GRU.
 - Representatives from UF's IT Department are to be invited and included in meeting discussions to incorporate the City/UF Strategic Plan as well as the Alachua County IT department (in hopes to partner with the School Board & Library District).
- Schedule:
 - The subcommittee will meet once a month with the first meeting commencing the week of July 10th. City Commission Staff is responsible for finding the exact day/times for recurring meetings.
- Topics:
 - Topics to be discussed will be:
 - AMI, Smart Cities, City-Wide Broadband/Wi-Fi options.
 - Affordability of current internet service providers and expanding GRUCom's reach throughout the city.
 - Exploration of a "Digital Downtown" (lifting speed caps on current GRUCom infrastructure).
 - Incorporating the Dig Once Policy into fiber installation, which also ties into Urban Standards (within General Government policy).
 - Next Century Cities & drafting an RFP for consulting work.
- Public Comment:
 - Evelyn Foxx, Citizen
 - Greg Larvenz, Citizen

- Maureen Tartaglione, Cox Communications
- Walter Woulard, Citizen

Meeting adjourned at 12:01pm.