

Municipal Broadband Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

7:00 pm | Council Chambers

Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tem Staudt, Willy Mena, Humna Anjum

ALSO PRESENT:

Pete Auger, City Manager

Robert Svoboda, Graduate Management Analyst

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was unanimously approved.

Moved: Willy Mena, Second: Humna Anjum

AUDIENCE COMMENT: None

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

1. Minutes from the June 29, 2021 Meeting Approved
2. Presentation from Michael Watzka, Guest Speaker
 - a. Legal landscape, recent legislation, METRO Act permitting, state and federal funding mechanisms
 - b. Considerations, barriers, and strengths of implementing a broadband program
3. Presentation from Farmington Mayor Pro Tem Joe LaRussa, Guest Speaker
 - a. View broadband infrastructure alongside roads, water, sewer, other utilities
 - b. Broadband internet infrastructure is an investment in the future
 - c. Incorporate broadband and internet connectivity into the planning process
 - d. Whatever the conclusions/outcomes are – implement in planning tools
 - e. Farmington and Farmington Hills are choosing to have private provider invest and operate fiber. Other Michigan communities (Traverse City, Holland, Marshall) have chosen to implement various broadband models.
 - f. 4 Models for Building Network

PUBLICLY-OWNED OPEN NETWORK
PRIVATE INVESTMENT, PUBLIC FACILITATION
PRIVATE EXECUTION, PUBLIC FUNDING
SHARED INVESTMENT AND RISK

4. Discussion of presentations and questions from the committee

FUTURE DISCUSSION

Discussion of next steps

Report by City Staff to include recommendations

Meetings: August 24

Adjournment: 8:30 pm

Moved: Willy Mena, Second: Humna Anjum