

**A RESOLUTION**

establishing a Broadband Business Planning Task Force.

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with Magellan Advisors (hereinafter "Magellan") to consider options for improving current and future broadband services for residents, businesses and community anchor institutions; and

WHEREAS, Magellan has recommended the City develop a broadband business plan to establish the business, market, technical and operational strategies necessary to improve broadband services within the city as well as determine the total costs for construction, operation and management of an expanded broadband service network; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to create a Broadband Business Planning Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a Broadband Business Planning Task Force. Its purposes include the following:

- Review and evaluate current and possible future state and federal regulations governing broadband communications for municipalities.
- Review Columbia's existing fiber optic system and service offerings to customers.
- Review the current offerings by incumbent service providers and any opportunities for public/private partnerships.
- Evaluate the feasibility of additional fiber optic deployment by the City.
- If fiber optic deployment is deemed feasible, formulate and recommend a Broadband Business Plan for the community. If such plan contains additional recommended deployment of broadband facilities by the City, it should include the following:
  - The business model to be used;
  - The market segment(s) to be served;
  - The technology and equipment to be deployed;
  - The operational strategies;
  - The personnel and equipment needs;
  - The costs for construction, operation and management of the plan;
  - The timeline the City of Columbia should use for build-out; and
  - A comprehensive financial and funding plan.

SECTION 2. The Task Force shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the City Council comprised of a cross-section of the community which endeavors to represent the following interests: residential, commercial, industrial, incumbent service provider (fully deployed), incumbent service provider (growing), and the University of Missouri.

SECTION 3. The Task Force shall be provided staff support by the City Utilities Department with additional staff support provided by the Information Technology Department, Economic Development Department and Law Department as deemed necessary from time to time.

SECTION 4. The Task Force shall make a report to the City Council with its findings and recommendations related to the development and implementation of a Broadband Business Plan. The Task Force shall be dissolved upon submission of its final report.


ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

  
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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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City Counselor