



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Broadband Business Planning Task Force

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

6:00 PM

Regular

500 E Walnut, Suite 103

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m.

Guests: Jarad Falk, Sr. Director of Government Affairs for Spectrum

Staff: Tad Johnsen, Director of City Utilities; Jim Chapdelaine, Director of IT; Ryan Williams, Assistant Director of City Utilities; Adam Kruse, Assistant City Counselor; Jenny Veltrop, Administrative Support Assistant

Present: 4 - Bruce Alspaugh, Christopher Aumiller, Matt Kohly and Danny Paul

Absent: 3 - Natasha Angell, Nicholas Knoth and Sue Schaefer

II. INTRODUCTIONS

The task force members each introduced themselves and gave a brief summary of their background.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Bruce Alspaugh with a second from Matt Kohly. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as written was called by Bruce Alspaugh with a second from Christopher Aumiller. Motion passed unanimously.

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes 09 11 19](#)

V. AGENDA PLANNING PROCESS

a. Agenda Planning Process

Ryan Williams spoke about a "Parking Lot" for future agenda items, explaining this will assist with developing a scope of services for RFP's. Mr. Williams added that this will allow members that are unable to attend a particular meeting but are interested in a specific topic to be informed of when that topic will be on the agenda. Karl Skala added that if there is a specific item that someone wants to discuss then they should contact one of the Chairpersons. The Broadband members discussed different items to add to the Parking Lot for future agenda topics.

Attachments: [BB Rolling Agenda](#)

VI. CURRENT FEE STRUCTURE FOR ACCESS TO RIGHT OF WAY

a. Current Fee Structure for Access to Right Of Way

Assistant City Counselor Adam Kruse spoke about fee structure. Multiple city departments charge fees for different services, including permit fees, business licensing fees, and pole attachment fees. Ryan Williams stated he knows what the pole attachment fees are but not how much the fees are in other departments. Bruce Alspaugh stated that compiling that information would be a task for a consultant.

VII. DISCUSSION OF OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FACED BY EXISTING SERVICE PROVIDERS

a. Discussion of opportunities and challenges faced by existing service providers

Bruce Alspaugh mentioned an issue he heard involving service providers obtaining the Right Of Way from MoDOT. Matt Kohly said yes, permission has to be granted from MoDOT in the form of an exclusive agreement when running utilities parallel to the highway. Mr. Alspaugh asked if there were any restrictions in town? Mr. Kohly answered that MoDOT might have a map of restricted areas.

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

Karl Skala stated the meetings should start on time and that if a meal is going to be provided, it should be handled before the meeting is scheduled to start. Staff relayed to Mr. Skala that in this particular instance, there was a meeting scheduled until 6:00 p.m. in the conference room so they were unable to set up ahead of time.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was called by Bruce Alspaugh with a second from Danny Paul. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

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