

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on April 9, 2013 Google announced its plans to bring Google Fiber to Austin residents, building a network with Internet speeds of one gigabit per second, up to 100 times faster than normally available broadband access to Austin's homes; and

WHEREAS, Google has agreed to provide broadband Internet services through its fiber network free of charge until 2023, to City Hall, the new Central Library, and up to 100 sites, primarily public or non-profit facilities, in the City of Austin that provide access and services directly to Austinites through what is being called the Community Connections program; and

WHEREAS, under the agreement with Google, the City is responsible for creating the list of proposed sites to be included in the Community Connections program; and

WHEREAS, the Council's goal is to ensure that the community maximizes the opportunity that the Community Connections program offers by having an application and selection process that is transparent, available to all, and utilizes a clear set of selection criteria; and

WHEREAS, Google has asked that the City provide the Community Connections proposed site list by the end of 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City has gathered feedback on a proposed process and criteria for the Community Connections site selections from (1) public and non-profit organizations at well-attended meetings on August 1, 2013 and August 2, 2013 respectively, (2) the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission on August 14, 2013 and (3) the Emerging

Technology and Telecommunications Council Committee on August 21, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Community Connections program has the potential to serve in the public realm as a laboratory for innovation and digital inclusion, resulting in advancements unique to Austin's spirit; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Council adopts the following criteria for consideration in crafting the Community Connections site list and directs the City Manager to include these criteria for reviewing and assessing applications for proposed public or non-profit sites to receive free Google Fiber broadband Internet service:

Individual site considerations:

- Will a Community Connection enhance public participation in the entity's service?
- Does it promote digital inclusion?
- Will it serve the underserved?
- How much of the community will benefit from the connection?
- Are there potential innovative applications?
- Does the entity have or foresee high bandwidth applications?
- Does the entity have an interest in advancing their technologies?
- Does the entity have the capacity and resources to advance their technologies?
- Will the connection help the entity financially?
- Will this be the entity's primary or secondary connection?

- Does the entity have (or will they) have equipment necessary to connect?
- How long will the entity be at their current location?
- Will the connection serve multiple co-located organizations that are on one network?

Collectively, the sites selected should:

- Be geographically dispersed to the extent possible
- Serve diverse populations by ethnicity, gender, age, and income
- Serve diverse sectors, e.g. public government services, education, social services, creative endeavors, health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Council adopts the selection process and timeline for creating a list of proposed public or non-profit sites for the Community Connections program in accordance with the following, to the extent feasible:

August 26, 2013: Make site applications available on the City's web page

September 30, 2013: Deadline for submission of site applications

October 1 – October 31, 2013: Staff review and assessment of site applications

November 6, 2013: Discussion and review of applications for proposed sites by the Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission

November 13, 2013: Emerging Technology and Telecommunication
Council Committee discussion and recommendation of site list to
Council

November 21, 2013: City Council discussion and adoption of site list

ADOPTED: _____, 2013

ATTEST: _____

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