



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Action: Provide information to Council

Meeting Date Requested : 7/14/2021

Presenter: Alan Anderson

Deadline of item : 7/14/2021

Department Sponsor: Council Office

Agenda Type: Work Session

Time Requested: 15 minutes presentation, 10 minutes Council

(Council may elect to provide more or less time)

Approval Signatures *(required for all transmittals)*

Submitter: Alan R. Roll

Dept. Head: Alan R. Roll

Reviewed as to Form: _____

Executive: Mike D.

Council Office: Alan R. Roll

Council Committee: None

1. AGENDA SUBJECT

Discussion regarding internet fiber in the City of West Jordan

2. SUMMARY

Council Member Whitelock and Green desire that the Council discuss changes in the fiber industry as cities partner with private and quasi-public providers of fiber internet within their city. This discussion is a high-level discussion on a potential direction among three paths; community-based, city owned and operated, or private investment.

Recent Fiber Cities:

In the past several months, the following cities have added the option of fiber in homes in their communities:

- July 14, 2020 – [Millcreek/Google Fiber](#)
- April 21, 2021 – [Taylorsville/Google Fiber](#)
- May 4, 2021 – [Sandy/Google Fiber](#)
- August 6, 2020 – [Clearfield/Utopia](#)
- February 24, 2021 - [South Salt Lake/Google Fiber](#)
- November 2020 – [Holladay/Google Fiber](#)
- April 28, 2021 – [Pleasant Grove/Utopia](#)
- Riverton – Presentations to Council by Community-based and City O&O possibility

Additional Utopia cities near West Jordan:

- Midvale
- West Valley City
- Murray

(Using council members addresses. Highest offer stated.)

- Comcast offers up to 2GB (Gigabit) service.
- CenturyLink offers up to 140mbps service.
- Google Fiber offers up to 2GB for service for residential service (stated from corporate website)
- Utopia offers up to 10GB for service (stated from corporate website)

3. TIME SENSITIVITY / URGENCY

N/A

4. BUDGET IMPACT

This is discussion only

5. DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

Council discretion.

6. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

N/A

7. MOTION RECOMMENDED

N/A

8. MAYOR RECOMMENDATION

N/A

9. PACKET ATTACHMENT(S)

Prior Council minutes from 2007

10. OTHER INFORMATION

City Council Discussion:

- a. Sign Code Review
- b. Sugar Factory Fundraising Process
- c. School District Split Implications & timetable
- d. Ethics Ordinance Discussion
- e. Water Conservation Committee Landscaping Recommendations – Steve Glain
- f. Under-grounding of Utility Lines Discussion
- g. Discuss special projects – Kim Rolfe
- h. Economic Development – EDCU
- i. Legislative update – Lobbying
- j. Discuss possible means to get monies moved from County to the cities
- k. Citizens Committees – Budget? – Code Review?

The Council discussed additional items to be added to the agenda: 1) Progress report on measuring performance, 2) Progress report on an amendment to the adequate Facilities Ordinance enabling the Council to reject development applications that would cause the level of service at major intersections to go below D, and 3) Require a letter of service from the School District stating they would be able to serve the school population of additional housing units for the Road/Intersection Condition.

Councilmember Rolfe requested the amount remaining in the Council Contingency Fund be included in the Strategic Planning packet. Gary Luebbbers indicated the amount would be available in the Mid-year Financial Report.

DISCUSSION REGARDING UTOPIA

Councilmember Bennett overviewed the following highlights on UTOPIA:

- What is UTOPIA? (Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency)
 - 1. Fiber Optics
 - 2. Current state of Fiber Optics within the State of Utah
 - 3. Cost per subscriber
 - 4. Relative speeds
- Who would/would not benefit?
- Positive/Negative Recommendations

He indicated additional information was available at: www.utopianet.org, as well as the Utah Tax Payers Association. He recommended the City take a “wait and see” position until the technology and the revenue model proved itself.









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