



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 22, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of a resolution to create a Municipal Broadband Committee.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Manager

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: City Council has previously discussed issues pertaining to the availability and affordability of broadband access for families and businesses in the City of Novi. A municipal broadband committee would help the City Council understand the complexities of creating a high-speed broadband infrastructure for the community. This resolution accommodates the creation of a temporary task force and Mayoral appointments to carry out the task force's objectives and goals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to adopt the attached resolution and Mayoral appointments to the resulting committee or task force.

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING BROADBAND COMMITTEE

**City of Novi
County of Oakland, Michigan**

Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, Michigan, held in the City Hall of said City on March 22, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. Prevailing Eastern Time.

PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

ABSENT: Councilmembers _____

The following preamble and Resolution were offered by Councilmember _____ and supported by Councilmember _____.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, City Council has previously discussed issues pertaining to the availability and affordability of broadband for families and businesses in the City, the lack of competition for high-speed internet/broadband services in the City, and the importance of broadband services in today's world.

WHEREAS, in order to further explore such issues and concepts, Council desires to create a temporary task force at this time having the specific purposes, objectives, membership, and duties set forth in this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

- 1) The Novi Municipal Broadband Committee is hereby established. This Committee is established for the purposes and with the objectives of:
 - a. studying and reporting to City Council any available options and the necessary undertakings in order to establish broadband system(s) and services in the City of Novi;
 - b. identifying potential obstacles or issues, both positive and negative, involved with doing so, and the possibility of public-private partnerships and interlocal partnerships for the provision of broadband services.
 - c. investigating projected costs of a broadband system and services to the City, as well as possible sources of funding or financing.

- 2) The Broadband Committee shall consist of three (3) persons, including one City Councilmember, one member of the public, and one member of City staff. The Councilmember and the member of the public shall be appointed by the Mayor; the staff member shall be appointed by the City Manager.

3) The Committee shall have the ability and is encouraged to seek information and input from all possible sources, including members of the public (both residents and businesses within the City of Novi), members of the telecommunications industry, and other technical/subject matter experts. The Committee may request, or the City Manager may assign, additional staff resources in connection with the undertaking of its duties.

4) The Committee shall, at its first meeting following adoption of this resolution, choose a chairperson and secretary from among its members, and shall meet regularly as necessary to complete its task within the time frame established under this Resolution, and shall keep a record of its meetings, information, findings, and determinations.

AYES:

NAYS:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Novi at a regular meeting held this 22nd day of March, 2021.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk
City of Novi