

RESOLUTION No. 37059

Appoint a Google Fiber Project Manager for the City of Portland (Resolution)

WHEREAS, Google Inc. is among the largest and most successful providers in the world of online search services, Internet-based software applications and content; and

WHEREAS, Google Fiber (“Google”) is an Internet and TV service that provides internet connectivity that is up to 100 times faster than basic broadband speeds; and

WHEREAS, Google Fiber already provides gigabit services in the Kansas City, KS and Kansas City, MO metro areas and Provo, UT area and has plans to deploy the service in Austin, Texas; and

WHEREAS, on February 19, 2014 Google announced it was interested in embarking on a joint-planning process with 6 Portland metro area cities to explore deploying an ultra-high-speed broadband network of 1 gigabit per second fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) connections in the Portland area; and

WHEREAS, Google has also announced that it will be undertaking similar explorations with eight other metropolitan areas across America, working with those city’s leaders to assess their unique local strengths and challenges, while undertaking detailed studies of local factors affecting construction, such as topography (e.g., hills, flood zones), housing density and the condition of local infrastructure. Google will also be asking cities to complete checklists demonstrating their readiness for the construction of a regional broadband network, including maps of existing conduit, water, gas and electricity lines, and to access existing infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, this planning process will require providing detailed, accurate GIS maps, assessing city assets such as fiber, conduit and real estate that might be leased, and reviewing permitting processes to ensure that cities can handle as much as 100 times the usual number of permit requests; and

WHEREAS, appointing a Google Project Manager to lead the collaboration among multiple City bureaus and coordinate with other participating metro area cities would be a highly efficient approach to this effort; and

WHEREAS, the City has actively and consistently sought to catalyze construction of competitive, high speed broadband networks since 1998 through initiatives including a Broadband RFI (1999), municipal Wi-Fi, and multiple planning phases toward launch of a Portland Community Fiber Network; and

WHEREAS, the City was among the first local governments in the nation to develop a local Broadband Strategic Plan that recognizes the social, economic and political importance of robust Broadband in our livability, prosperity, sustainability, and equity goals; and

WHEREAS, the City's detailed development of everything necessary to construct a successful, high speed fiber broadband system in Portland, in addition to well-documented community interest, need and demand for such a system, makes Portland a natural and enthusiastic "ladder-ready" partner for Google's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to utilize these resources to pioneer creative applications, advance educational opportunities, create jobs, and bridge the digital divide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council appoints the Office for Community Technology Manager to serve as the Google Project Manager to coordinate Portland's work by city staff, and collaborate efforts other metro-city staff, interested community partners, citizens, and businesses to respond to Google's announced interest in deploying a FTTP network in the Portland metro area.

Adopted by the Council: MAR 12 2014

Mayor Charlie Hales
Prepared by: Gail Shibley
Date Prepared: February 25, 2014

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By



Deputy

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<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Charlie Hales</p> <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL Mayor—Finance and Administration - Hales <i>JAH</i></p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Novick</p> <p>BUREAU APPROVAL Bureau: Office of the Mayor Bureau Head: Charlie Hales</p> <p>Prepared by: Gail Shibley Date Prepared: March 5, 2014</p> <p>Financial Impact & Public Involvement Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p> <p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, comp plan, charter</p> <p>Council Meeting Date March 12, 2014</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>MAR 07 2014</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
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AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 15 min (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Novick	4. Novick	✓	
Hales	Hales	✓	