



Public Works Department

City of Bellingham

Broadband Advisory Workgroup

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Zoom

WG Members in attendance:

Steve Spitzer

RB Tewksbury

Milissa Miller

Kristopher Keillor

Michelle Kopcha

Linda Fels

Spencer Moore

Ex Officio Members in attendance:

Gina Stark

Dave Brinn

Terry Davis

City Staff and Facilitator in attendance:

David Roberts, Facilitator

Eric Johnston, Public Works Director

Don Burdick, IT, Public Works

Rush Duncan, Public Works Administrative Support

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review, Approval of Notes

David Roberts welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Notes from August 2 meeting were approved. He noted that a formal vote of the voting members of the Workgroup was needed to approve the packet and presentation for the City Council.

2. Report from Eric Johnston

Eric Johnston shared that September 26 is the target date for the City Council presentation at a morning work session. Milissa Miller will present. Council will likely schedule a future workshop in the coming months.

Regarding the Magellan report, Eric noted that Magellan had not altered the business model graphic but had changed their definition for "Public Sector Connectivity Services." After some discussion, the general agreement was that this did not change the final conclusions of the Workgroup.

3. Review and Vote to Approve Recommendations and Agenda Bill Presentation

David Roberts pointed out that the Workgroup had not reached agreement on a recommendation pertaining to the future form of an advisory capacity for Broadband at the August 2 meeting. He shared four versions that were proposed. The Workgroup discussed the various versions and settled on the following language which will be included as Recommendation Six in the slide show and in the resolution document:

"The City consider a future role for the current Broadband Advisory Workgroup."

The final act of the Broadband Advisory Workgroup was to approve Council pack in total. David asked for a vote and all approved.

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David noted that several documents need to be updated for the final packet to reflect the final decisions of the meeting. He will make those changes and send the final versions to the City for incorporation in the final packet for City Council.

The Workgroup shared thoughts on the process then the final meeting was adjourned.

Meeting adjourned 7:27 PM.