

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03-005R

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT
THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN BIG BROADBAND GRANT
AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY
AGREEMENTS FOR THE SAME**

(UC2B GRANT)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has a population of more than 25,000 and is, therefore, a home rule unit under subsection (a) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and 65 ILCS 5/1-1-10; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides for the granting of certain monies to chosen communities for the creation of a broadband infrastructure to expand broadband usage into un-served and underserved neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and the University of Illinois have formed, through an executed intergovernmental agreement, a consortium to apply for said grant monies and to construct said broadband infrastructure for the use and enjoyment of their un-served/underserved populations; their business and technology communities; and their educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana desires to become a benchmark community in providing high-speed, broadband capacity to all of its citizenry, businesses, governmental partners, and schools, so that those entities may take advantage of advanced or cutting-edge computing, learning, and communication tools and technology; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois is providing certain grant matching funds to assist the communities in meeting their financial commitment to the broadband project; and

WHEREAS, the consortium partners have all agreed that each partner will receive credit for any fiber optic infrastructure it has already installed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

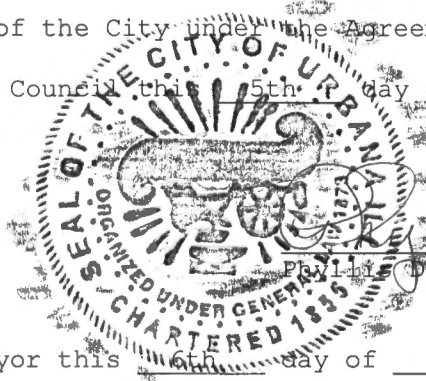
Section 1. That the City of Urbana will accept, with its consortium partners, grant monies for the construction and implementation of broadband infrastructure (the Big Broadband project), and in doing so, the City will work closely with the other consortium members to do the following:

- A. Study, and if appropriate, adopt the financial recommendations from Doug Dawson/CCG Consulting and other experts to create a sustainable, ongoing network operation that is financially self-sustaining;
- B. Devise a fair financial accounting process that will compensate each consortium partner for the fiber optic infrastructure that it has already installed;
- C. Use an RFP process, vetted by consortium members, to procure engineering and electronics.
- D. Pursue the application for the Google Fiber project in order to complement the network backbone and to expand residential and business access to the broadband network;
- E. Broaden the charter of the UC2B intergovernmental body to assure that the consortium is chartered to meet the networking goals of the community; and
- F. Have the Technical Committee conduct a thorough evaluation of the conduit design, using objective criteria and outside expert review, if necessary. The conduit design should place one of the nodes off campus in Urbana.

Section 2. That the Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is, hereby authorized to execute and deliver any and all Agreements between the City and the U.S. Government for the UC2B Big Broadband project, and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be, and the same is, hereby authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreement, as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Section 3. That the Mayor, or her designee, is authorized to take such actions as are required of the City under the Agreement(s).

PASSED by the City Council this 15th day of April,
2010.



Philip D. Clark
Philip D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 16th day of April,
2010.

Laurel Lunt Prussing
Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor