

Broadband Project

Recommendation

January 23, 2020

# BACKGROUND

- ❑ Community Need – Incumbents unable to provide high-speed internet
  
- ❑ Broadband Task Force established by Mayor Ellis with Councilmember Hughes assigned as Liaison
  
- ❑ Task Force Recommendation
  - Issue Request for Proposals (RFP) for creative solutions for Spring Hill

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

- Asked for creative solutions
- Respondent must provide high speed internet to all residents and businesses in Spring Hill
- Incentives:
  - No permitting fees, Resolution 2019-R-14
  - Partner may use open ground from city's planned project to design and construct dark fiber between city facilities to kickstart their buildout.

# EVALUATION

- 12 Responses received; Committee reviewed and rated all responses.
- The City does not desire to own or operate a municipal internet utility.
- Selection focused on companies providing 1 Gigabit or higher and providing full buildout to all residents and business in a reasonable amount of time.

# RECOMMENDATION

- December 18<sup>th</sup> recommendation tabled to allow Council additional review time.
- January 9<sup>th</sup> recommendation tabled to determine whether KORA overrides a non-disclosure agreement.
  - Clarification provided by City Attorney that KORA does preempt Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement
- Allo Communications selected as top candidate to bring high-speed, reliable internet to Spring Hill.
  - Acceptance of proposal
  - Direct staff to enter into contract negotiations