

To: Gahanna City Council

Raymond Mularski, City Attorney

From: Grant Crawford, Director of Public Service & Engineering

Kevin Schultz, Manager, Information Technology

Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

Date: February 17, 2021

Re: Depts. of IT and Public Service Report to Council (February 22, 2021 COW Meeting)

ACTION ITEMS

<u>ACTION ITEM - Request an Ordinance to Enter into an IRU Fiber Agreement with Gahanna</u> Jefferson School District:

The City entered into an Indefensible Right-to-Use (IRU) agreement with the Gahanna Jefferson School District in 2016 to provide the schools with access to the City's fiber optic network in order to connect various school resources. The 2016 agreement had a fifteen (15) year term, set to expire in June 2031.

With the construction of the new Lincoln Elementary School, the District now requires additional fiber optics connections. The City has proposed an updated agreement that reflects the additional fiber resources to be provided, clarifies the assets to which the District has access, and reestablishes fees for maintenance and bond repayments towards the fiber optic network that take into account these additional resources. The term of the proposed agreement is ten (10) years, ensuring that the end year of the original agreement remains the same, as the proposed agreement will terminate (10) years from the date of signing (anticipated to be May 2031). A copy of the proposed IRU Fiber Agreement is attached for your review.

Based on the above, the Administration is respectfully requesting an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a revised Indefensible Right-to-Use Fiber Agreement with the Gahanna Jefferson School District to provide fiber optic connection. Because of the District's construction needs, we are respectfully requesting an Emergency/Waiver for this Ordinance.

Legislation Needed: Ordinance

Emergency/Waiver: Emergency/Waiver

Vendor Name & Address: N/A