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AGENDA HEADING:

Approving response to Google's Request For Information (RFI) to build an ultra high speed fiber optic network.

SYNOPSIS:

Google, Inc., 1600 Amphitheatre Parkway, Mountain View, CA 94043, (James Kelley, Product Manager) has announced that it plans to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations in the United States. They have released an RFI to gauge community support and to find suitable local governments with which to partner.

FISCAL IMPACT: Unknown

Amount: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Google is planning to launch an experiment that will make Internet access better and faster. They plan to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. The network they are proposing will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. Google has stated that they will offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people.

The City has prepared a response to Google's RFI and upon Council approval will submit it via the internet.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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