

JOINT UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 | 2:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WARDINE T. ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR  
COUNCILORS DARRELL O'QUINN & HUNTER WILLIAMS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: Alexander, O'Quinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Alexander.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Taken:

Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

The January 17, 2023 Joint Utilities & Technology and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. INTERNET INFRASTRUCTURE – ANETA LEE, FUSE EXECUTIVE FELLOW

**Aneta Lee presented an update.**

Bryan Snyder, Lit Communities, presented information on how the Mayor and Council can work to create community-based infrastructure projects that will bring reliable and affordable internet services to the citizens of Birmingham.

Lit Communities is based out of Birmingham, AL and has completed Google fiber projects in Austin, San Antonio, and Salt Lake City, UT. They have also completed Verizon 5G projects Cleveland, Nashville, Knoxville, Seattle, and San Francisco.

While working with Google Fiber, Lit looked at the process of deploying broadband. During the past ten (10) years, Lit has worked on building out networks, creating a municipal process that guides cities, counties, and regions through how to actually deploy broadband to connect all residents and businesses to fiber. Lit looked at how the public-private partnership could benefit and created a model that would allow local municipalities to own a portion of the infrastructure/network. Lit, as a private ISP, would come into a local market, create a revenue-sharing agreement where they could attach to the network, and be able to get into more homes that other companies cannot. Lit sets up local subsidiary companies in each market they go to. Lit has also created a local ISP, Medina Fiber. Medina Fiber is a local-operated internet service provider powered by Lit Communities. In 2013, Medina County completed the build out of an open access middle mile fiber ring, which brought connectivity to large and midsize businesses across the county—but not residents and small businesses. Lit also created a workforce development program, as well as a digital equity inclusion program that ties into the workforce development program.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

IV. OLD BUSINESS: STATUS OF ONGOING PROJECTS

1. ALABAMA POWER

No Report

2. BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS

No Report

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3. JEFFERSON COUNTY SEWER  
No Report

4. AT&T  
No Report

5. VERIZON  
No Report

6. TMOBILE  
No Report

7. SPECTRUM  
No Report

8. SPIRE  
No Report

9. CROWN CASTLE  
No Report

10. TRAFFIC ENGINEER  
No Report

V. ADJOURNMENT  
Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Adjourn.  
Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.  
Meeting Adjourned.