

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE CITY OF URBANA
TO PROVIDING OPEN ACCESS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIVITY
IN THE URBANA-CHAMPAIGN BIG BROADBAND SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the Urbana City Council recognizes that ubiquitous open access fiber broadband buildout is critical to individuals, businesses, and nonprofit institutions in Champaign, Urbana and Savoy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, that the City of Urbana communicates to all concerned by a straw vote of the City Council on July 30, 2012 that it is unlikely to enter into an agreement for expanded high-speed, fiber-optic services within the corporate limits of Urbana, Illinois that does not adhere to core principles of open access and local community connectivity as expressed in the Council July 23, 2012 resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in the interest of transparency, fairness and in an effort to obtain the best possible service for the citizens of Urbana, Champaign and Savoy, the City of Urbana strongly urges that UC2B:

1. Explore various ownership/financing options, including public, private and co-op models, under different scenarios and different timing options for build-out so that the City Councils and the public will be able to clearly understand and compare the options.
2. Acquire an independent evaluation and update of the UC2B Business Plan;
3. Issue an RFI with a goal for issuing an RFP for expanding high-speed, open-access, fiber optic broadband network to all homes and businesses in Urbana, Champaign, and Savoy while adhering to the core principles and conditions outlined in the amended motion passed by the Urbana City Council on July 23, 2012;
4. Invite input in the RFI from citizens, potential private partners, and interested public entities in Champaign, Urbana, and Savoy, and use the RFI as a precursor to issuing an RFP for all interested parties to participate in the creation of the broadband build-out in the UC2B area;
5. Provide briefings to the Urbana City Council and other stakeholders on all incentives offered to prospective service providers;
6. Provide full disclosure to the Urbana City Council and other stakeholders on the personal and professional relationships among prospective providers and contractors and UC2B consultants and representatives.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____,
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AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____,
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Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor