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Resolution authorizing the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of Community Advocates.

This resolution authorizes the Chief Information Officer to share fiber and provide network connectivity at the expense of and for the use and benefit of Community Advocates. This will provide Community Advocates, with offices at 728 North James Lovell Street, connectivity to the WiscNet/BOREAS-Net Abilene/Internet2 education community node located at the Department of Administration-ITMD Network Operations Center (ITMD-NOC).

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee wishes to promote services that provide individuals and families with services that meet their basic needs so they may live in dignity in the community; and

Whereas, since 1976, Community Advocates has committed to helping low-income Milwaukeeans meet their most basic needs, including safe and affordable housing, adequate healthcare and reliable heat and other utilities; and

Whereas, Community Advocates provides case management and advocacy services to individuals seeking Social Security Disability benefits and services for individuals and families with domestic violence, substance addiction and mental health issues; and

Whereas, Community Advocates participates in several state and federal grant programs managed by the Community Development Grants Administration, including assistance for homeless individuals and families, housing relocation and stabilization, and domestic violence intervention; and

Whereas, Community Advocates has requested the assistance of the City of Milwaukee in obtaining high-speed network connectivity between its offices at 728 North James Lovell Street and Municipal Court offices and to the Internet through WiscNet at its expense; and

Whereas, WiscNet is a not-for-profit association established to further education, research, economic development and public service in the State of Wisconsin by creating and operating a digital communications network interconnecting public and private organizations including the provision of Internet services; and

Whereas, Common Council Resolution File Number 051269, adopted on February 7, 2006, authorized the

Commissioner of Public Works to execute an agreement between the City of Milwaukee and the WiscNet Association to establish collocation facilities within the City of Milwaukee; and

Whereas, This collocation facility enables Milwaukee area public and quasi-public institutions to gain access to WiscNet and the next generation internets including BoreasNet, Abilene/Internet2 and other national and international networks, and it further enables connectivity between higher education, research, public service, and cultural institutions within the City of Milwaukee as listed in Appendix A; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee owns dark fiber and can provide network services in certain routes that would be beneficial to the extension and enhancement of Community Advocates to further its mission even though the City cannot provide any customer service or connectivity guarantee for the use of that dark fiber; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Chief Information Officer is authorized and directed to share dark fiber and to provide network connectivity at no cost to the City of Milwaukee in certain routes where capacity is available to enable Community Advocates to connect to provide access to and entry to the Department of Administration-ITMD Network Operations Center (ITMD-NOC) and, be it

Further Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that this Resolution is approved only on the condition that Community Advocates shall:

1. Have no expectation or demands for customer service or connectivity guarantees from the City for Community Advocates' use of the dark fiber; and
2. Waive any and all claims against the City and its employees related to Community Advocates' use of the City's dark fiber, including, but not limited to any damages suffered by Community Advocates or others related to failure of the dark fiber or lack of connectivity regardless of the cause.

Department of Administration
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