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In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, Google, Inc. has issued a “Request for Information” (“RFI”) to establish a trial fiber network in one or more communities across the country; and

WHEREAS, by utilizing a fiber network, Google has indicated its interest in making 1 Gigabyte per second data transmission speeds available to internet users, which would enable the use of a variety of new programs and applications; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has an existing fiber network with the capacity to serve at least 100,000 households, and the bandwidth capacity to accommodate transmission speeds of 10 Gigabytes per second; and

WHEREAS, the availability of an existing fiber infrastructure would allow Google to implement its trial network almost immediately, while providing enough capacity to build out to other municipalities in Vermont that have limited or no broadband access; and

WHEREAS, Burlington has a vibrant and diverse community and economy, with many successful arts, cultural, and educational institutions, and in particular numerous tech-related businesses and a thriving and innovative creative economy, which offers great potential for the development of new applications to take advantage of 1 Gigabyte per second transmissions; and

WHEREAS, Burlington is a great place to work, live and do business, with an emphasis on the values of livability, equity, and sustainability that are consistent with Google’s corporate mission; and

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39 WHEREAS, a partnership with Google has the potential to significantly enhance
40 economic and community development in Burlington; and

41 WHEREAS, the City has solicited and received feedback from Burlington residents and
42 businesses about a potential partnership with Google, and the response has been overwhelmingly
43 positive; and

44 WHEREAS, submission of an RFI by the City would not bind the City to a partnership
45 with Google, but would result in the next stage of discussions with Google if Burlington is
46 chosen;

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council strongly supports the
48 exploration of a potential partnership with Google as part of the RFI process; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the Administration update
50 it on any communications or developments with Google after submission of the RFI.