

**ARLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING WORKSHOP AGENDA
JULY 16 AT 5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Meeting Workshop Agenda
4. Presentation and Update on RS Fiber Project.
5. Council Discussion Regarding Mission and Value Statements.

ADJOURNMENT

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The Council Workshop meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., Mayor Nagel presiding.

Members present: Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad, Ben Jaszewski, Jim Heiland
Also present: Dan Pecarina (HBC President and CEO), Dennis Schultz (Hospital Board), Jake Rieke (RS Fiber) Ben Rather (RS Fiber), Amy Newsom (EDA Director), Lowell Nagel (Arlington Resident) and Pat Melvin (Administrator).

Motion by Battcher, seconded by Jaszewski, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the agenda.

One purpose of the meeting was to get an update from RS Fiber and explore options for the City of Arlington residents to participate in the RS Fiber network. Dan Pecarina started out the discussion providing an update on where RS Fiber is today. They have completed Phase 1 of the project which was to provide fiber in ten cities. The next phase will include reaching into the rural parts of Sibley County and providing service through 19 broadband wireless towers.

Staff from RS Fiber emphasized that fiber should not be pursued simply to be competitive with neighboring jurisdictions and that having fiber available makes other technology possible. There was question as to whether or not the City of Arlington could have a franchise Agreement with RS Fiber while at the same time having one with Mediacom to which RS Fiber staff indicated yes.

The conclusion was to have a future planning session where the Council and RS Fiber could discuss the needs of the community that are driving the discussion about fiber.

The second agenda item was to have some discussion regarding the City's mission and value statements. This is a follow up to the work that the City did with Craig Waldron earlier this spring. The Council discussion some different options and indicated that they really liked the brief and catchy phrase being used for Marketing Hometown America which is "Choose Arlington!" The Council decided to adopt "Choose Arlington!" as their mission statement and elected to wait until completion of the Marketing Hometown America to hear resident opinions on the values and reasons why they reside in Arlington.

The Council will revisit establishing a value statement upon completion of the Marketing Hometown America at which time they can hear what residents value about the City of Arlington.

Motion by Heiland, seconded by Hatlestad, and passed by unanimous vote of those present to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 pm.

City Administrator Patrick Melvin

Mayor Richard Nagel