COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR
EMERGING TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2010

1. **Call meeting to order.**

   The meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by Council Member Morrison. Council Member Morrison, Council Member Riley, and Council Member Shade were present.

2. **General Citizen Communications**

   There were no speakers.

3. **Approval of minutes from the January 26, 2010 regular committee meeting.**

   A motion to adopt the minutes as to form from the January 26, 2010 Council Committee for Emerging Technology & Telecommunications regular meeting was made by Council Member Chris Riley; seconded by Council Member Randi Shade. Vote 3-0.

4. **Update:** Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission (Chip Rosenthal, Chair)

   Mr. Chip Rosenthal, Chair, gave an update on the Commission stating that the Commission had received presentations on the update to the City of Austin website, Channel 6 Video on Demand, texting while driving, and 4G Wireless Broadband Technology. The Commission also received an update from ChannelAustin. Mr. Rosenthal stated that the GTOPs cycle is beginning with the review of grant applications. The GTOPs program will have it's 10th anniversary this year.

5. **Update:** The Central Texas Regional Center of Innovation and Commercialization (RCIC) and Recruitment Efforts by the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce in technology fields (Jack McDonald, Chair of the CenTex RCIC Advisory Council and Vice Chair, Technology for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce)

   Mr. McDonald spoke to the Committee about the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce's focus on diversification of the economy and their efforts to attract key industries to Austin including convergence technologies, creative media, renewable energy companies, and the healthcare and life sciences industries.

6. **Presentation:** Hello Austin, Hello World: First Night Austin—Staging an International and Historical Event on New Year's Eve (Albert Cantara, First Night Austin, President)

   Mr. Cantara spoke to the Committee about an expansion of First Night Austin that would include video links to locations around the world. This would provide opportunities for people in different countries to communicate with each other in "real time". Mr. Cantara is working to find sponsorship for this new program.

7. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action:**   Staff Presentation on Google's Request for Information on Fiber for Communities—Experiment in Ultra-High Speed Broadband Internet and the City of Austin's Proposal for inclusion in the trial network, and Possible Recommendation to Council

   Rondella Hawkins, Telecommunications and Regulatory Affairs Officer, and Chip Rosenthal, Chair-Austin Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission, spoke about the plan for the City of Austin to apply to be the test site for the Google Pilot Project for extremely high speed internet access. Ms. Hawkins stated that many cities around the country would be submitting applications and that is was unclear if Google would select one larger city or several smaller communities for the project.

8. **Discuss and approve next meeting date (Tentative: April 14, 2010)**

   The date was approved.

9. **Adjourn**

   The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.