

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-R _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, APPROVING A RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPROVING A PROJECT EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$400,000 TO FRANTIC HOLDINGS, LLC FOR A PROJECT THAT WILL PROMOTE OR DEVELOP NEW OR EXPANDED BUSINESSES BY DELIVERING HIGH SPEED BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES TO COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS IN DOWNTOWN AND OTHER AREAS OF NEW BRAUNFELS, AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENDITURE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation (“EDC”) Board of Directors met on April 15, 2021 to consider a project expenditure that would partially subsidize the establishment of broadband service in the downtown and other areas of town; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC, through a prior feasibility study, determined that the community can accelerate the deployment of next-generation broadband services for its citizens, businesses, and community anchors through a public-private partnership; and

WHEREAS, Frantic Holdings, LLC (“Company”) was determined to be a viable private partner to execute a strategy that would install and connect broadband to existing commercial customers in the downtown New Braunfels area and eventually expand the service offerings; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC will provide up to \$100,000 over three phases for direct costs associated with installing mainline broadband infrastructure and up to one-thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for each new commercial customer up to two hundred (200) total; and

WHEREAS, the EDC is an economic development corporation formed by the City of New Braunfels pursuant to the Local Government Code, and is authorized by Section 501.103 to undertake projects found to be required or suitable for telecommunications and Internet infrastructure necessary to promote or develop new or expanded businesses enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the NBEDC Board of Directors finds that expanded broadband offerings in New Braunfels will stimulate economic and job growth in New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the EDC Board of Directors held a public hearing on April 15, 2021, to solicit public comment about the proposed project expenditure; and

WHEREAS, the EDC Board of Directors, after discussing the request, voted to approve up to \$400,000 to Company for construction of broadband infrastructure in New Braunfels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1: That the recommendation of the New Braunfels Economic Development Corporation to provide up to \$400,000 for costs associated with establishing broadband infrastructure is hereby approved.

SECTION 2: That a contract between the EDC and Company will be executed to fulfill the terms and conditions of the grant and the President of the EDC is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the EDC.

SECTION 3: That this Resolution shall become effective from and after the date of its passage.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of April 2021.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS

By: _____
Rusty Brockman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Caitlin Krobot, City Secretary