City of Alexandria, Virginia Commission on Information Technology

May 18, 2023 IT Commission Meeting Minutes 7:00 – 8:30 PM City Hall Room 2000

In attendance: Ricardo Alfaro (RA), Sara Crifasi (SC), Heather Wojton (HW), Rhonda Syler (RS), Timothy Casey (TC), Jay Chauhan (JC), Brandon Mosoriak (BM), Steven Morris (SM), Steve Davidson (SD)

City Staff: Dana Wedeles, Stacey Campbell, Steve Chozick, Bryan Smith, Patrick Eze, Yemisrach Demeke

Others: Bruce Brown (PRR)

1. Call to Order

2. Digital Equity

- Digital Equity Plan presentation (Dana Wedeles and Bruce Brown)
- RA: how do we get feedback from citizens going forward? DW: look for opportunities for where we are doing other surveys and piggyback on them
- TC: Is the City concerned with making these recommendations on such a small amount of people, especially with Arabic and Amharic? Bruce: This isn't a concern.
- SM: Is Library hotspot site traffic/usage data available? BM: Usage can be tracked, but user site tracking isn't available.

3. Announcements, Meeting Schedule and Projects

- Meeting Calendar
 - Thursday, May 18, 2023
- Approval of additional meeting data
 - Thursday, June 15, 2023
- Verizon has cancelled their participation for this meeting
 - They will be attending and presenting at the June 15, 2023 meeting.
 - A representative from the City Attorney's office will also be attending.

Cybersecurity Awareness Month

- Discussion around having a panel discussion/webinar with Computer Core around cybersecurity, assisting with this.
- Possibly put together a simple hackathon with Computer Core.
- These events could be advertised to parents through ACPS.

4. Open Data

- Draft resolution Open Data policy has been approved.
- Over the summer, we will work with City Attorney's Office to tweak language.
- The hope is for Council approval in October.

5. Other Business

- How does the City track internet provider outage events? Steve Chozick: I don't think there's anything outside of 311 calls from residents, he'll look into it.
- Discussion around different type of agreements that the vendors in the City have.

Adjourn (no vote necessary since there is no quorum) at 9 pm. The next meeting (virtual only) is scheduled for June 15, 2023.