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U-Verse, Wi-Fi, Police Recruits & A Smoking Ban Headline Tomorrow's Common Council Agenda

Technology issues are expected to generate considerable discussion tomorrow as the **Common Council** takes up an operating agreement with AT&T and a proposal to give more time to Midwest Fiber Networks to complete its demonstration wireless network project.

The meeting will be held tomorrow, (Tuesday, April 17, 2007) at 9 a.m. in the Common Council chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. Media coverage is invited.

Aldermen will decide whether to okay an operating agreement for the delivery of U-verse television programming by AT&T Wisconsin. It's become a controversial issue because some opponents say it would violate the city's franchise agreement with Time Warner. And the Council will decide whether to give Midwest Fiber Networks a 120 day extension to complete its wireless test area on the west side.

The Council will again take up a controversial proposal that seeks to put the city on record as supporting Governor Jim Doyle's proposed statewide anti-smoking initiative, which includes a hike in the cigarette tax and a ban on smoking in all public places and buildings accessible to the public. That issue was held in council at the last meeting.

Also on the agenda: a resolution that would support the hiring of a third class of police recruits. The action could put the obligation to hire the class on the Barrett administration since the city budget director had informed a council committee that funding was available. And the aldermen will honor the Vincent High School boys and girls basketball teams for their outstanding seasons and the Vincent girl's coach for being named coach of the year by the Associated Press.