City of Ann Arbor CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

February 4, 2015 Regular Session

MINUTES

<u>Call To Order and Roll Call</u>: Chair T. Williams called the Cable Commission Regular Session to order at 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were present: R. Sutton, B. Clarke, and L. Wondrash. Not in attendance was Council member S. Kunselman and G. McDonald.

<u>Approval of Agenda</u>: Chair T. Williams asked for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve was made by B. Clarke and seconded by R. Sutton.

<u>Approval of Minutes</u>: Chair T. Williams asked for approval of the Oct. 28, 2014 Regular Session minutes. Motion to approve was made by R. Sutton and seconded by B. Clarke. Chair T. Williams asked for approval of the Jan. 20, 2015 Special Session minutes. Motion to approve was made by R. Sutton and seconded by B. Clarke.

<u>Public Comment</u>: There was no public comment.

<u>CTN Report:</u> L. Wondrash stated that G. McDonald was not in the office but would provide the CTN report via email next week. She also noted that due to the new quarterly meeting schedule beginning in May the CTN report would be a quarterly overview vs. the previous month.

Regular Business:

- a. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: B. Clarke moved to postpone this item due to T. Ramirez's absence until the May meeting. R. Sutton seconded the motion.
- b. Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 Budget: L. Wondrash presented the FY2016 and FY2017 Communication Office budget, which is the first of a two-year budget plan. In accordance with City Charter, the City Administrator's Recommended FY2016 Budget will be submitted to City Council in April. City Council members can only adopt one fiscal year at a time even though the city plans for multi-year budgets. There were no recommended changes to the proposed FY2016 Communication Office budget.

In addition, L. Wondrash updated members on a recent Comcast communication that informed the city the Comcast would like to use the I-NET, which they own for other purposes, or start to charge the city "rent" for usage. Since this is a core asset of the city, it makes more sense for the city to build and own this asset. City IT staff are looking at planning and engineering costs related to this build-out. Rough estimates indicate costs between 1.5 and 2.5 million, which be paid from CTN's fund balance possibly in FY16. Because the fund balance is approximately

5.2 million then this expenditure would still provide sufficient resources for future capital replacement costs needed outside of CTN's annual budget. R. Sutton asked that L. Wondrash keep the commissioners updated on this project as costs were identified and more information became available. At this time, Commissioners did not feel that a special meeting before May would be required to discuss the expenditure.

<u>Commission/Staff Comments</u>: L. Wondrash stated that on Feb. 2, 2015 City Council unanimously passed the resolution to consent to assignment and change of control from Comcast Corporation to Midwest Cable. Inc. She noted however that no transfer would occur if the Comcast Time/Warner acquisition did not take place. R. Sutton noted the acquisition was pending approval by the FCC and Justice Department.

<u>Adjournment</u>: R. Sutton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by B. Clarke. T. Williams closed the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by: L. Wondrash Date Approved: 05/06/2015