

City of Ann Arbor
CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

August 2, 2017
Regular Session
MEETING MINUTES

Call To Order and Roll Call: Chair R. Sutton called the Cable Commission Regular Session to order at 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following were present: R. Sutton, D. Chappell, T. Ramirez, J. Torgersen, G. McDonald, L. Wondrash and J. Eaton. Not in attendance was B. Clarke.

Approval of Agenda: Chair R. Sutton asked for approval of the agenda. All approved.

Approval of Minutes: Chair R. Sutton asked for approval of the Feb. 12, 2017 Regular Session minutes. All approved.

Public Comment: T. Wright from Michigan Media Network, spoke in support of CTN staff and services. He advocated promoting CTN training to veterans and expanding services to outside the city. He had submitted an application to become a member of the Cable Commission.

CTN Report: G. McDonald reviewed highlights from CTN's Jan. – June activity reports.

Regular Business:

- a. Comcast State Franchise Agreement Application: L. Wondrash stated that the city received a state franchise agreement application from Comcast on July 25, 2017. The City Attorney's Office is preparing a resolution and item for City Council consideration at its August 21, 2017 regular meeting. The 10-year agreement replaces Comcast's current franchise agreement, which expires on Sept. 30, 2017 and maintains CTN's 2% PEG and 5% Franchise fees as well as four PEG cable channels. City Council approved a state franchise agreement application with AT&T in 2016.
- b. Low-Power TV Business Case Discussion: L. Wondrash shared a city business case example and recommended building a business case for low-power TV in order to move the project forward. J. Torgersen volunteered to take the business case lead and work with G. McDonald on populating it with research they have done to date. This work would assist CTN in identifying costs, opportunities and obstacles to pursuing low-power TV.

Commission/Staff Comments:

None

Adjournment: D. Chappell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by T. Ramirez. R. Sutton closed the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by: L. Wondrash

Date Approved: Feb. 7, 2018