



Mid-Willamette Valley Cable Regulatory Commission Committee Meeting

CCTV Conference Room, 575 Trade Street, Salem, Oregon
April 18, 2018

ATTENDANCE

- Members Present:** Sam Brentano, Brad Nanke
- Members Absent:** Cara Kaser
- Staff Present:** Alan Haley, Scott Norris, Jolene Bray, Perry Grier
- Guests:** Marc Weinstein, City of Salem
Ryan Zink, City of Salem
Tim Goodman, Comcast
Alan Bushong, CCTV
- Minutes:** Jolene Bray

I. CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Brentano made a motion that the October 11, 2017, meeting minutes be approved as submitted. Councilor Nanke seconded the motion and they were approved unanimously.

IV. UPDATE ON COMCAST FRANCHISE NEGOTIATIONS

Alan H. said staff and Comcast reps met many times since the last CRC meeting and had worked out many issues and negotiated others that came up. He said negotiations are done and the extension request is specifically for administrative purposes to process before the Salem City Council and Marion County Board of Commissioners for approval. Ryan said the city will do the first and second reading at city council meetings in May and then after 30 days it will take effect on July 1.

Commissioner Brentano asked what the big issues were in the new franchise. Alan H. said Salem and Marion County had a unique franchise because of the iNet issue. He said that was a big issue at the onset of negotiations but it was resolved almost a year ago with a side letter of agreement. Tim said a lot of issues are typically negotiated in cable ordinances instead of franchise agreements, and those items are now in the franchise agreement, which is different from the previous franchise, and that took time. Alan H. said other big issues include PEG, HD channels, effective date of franchise, and the city council's discussion about putting in a high speed internet network. He said the side letter of agreement that allows the county to retain the fiber strands between the Courthouse and Courthouse Square while paying a fee on other strands still being used after four years until the county is off. The city will get off

all Comcast fiber. Tim said part of side agreement allows PEG money to be used for new fiber as long as it is used for city or county purposes.

Alan H. said staff is looking for approval for the franchise too. Ryan said the Salem City Council and Marion County Board of Commissioners have the authority to approve the new franchise agreement on their own and doesn't have to come back to the CRC. Alan H. said the CRC doesn't have to recommend approval but they have been involved up to this point and are welcome to weigh in.

Councilor Nanke asked if everyone is happy with the new franchise or if they felt that everyone made sacrifices and can live with it. Ryan said he thought the negotiated franchise was good for everyone although there are areas people thought should be stronger. Tim said trades were made for items each wanted including an HD channel and in exchange for getting fiber back but it was a compromise.

Commissioner Brentano asked how important it is for the CRC to recommend approval of the new franchise. Councilor Nanke said if jurisdictions can move forward on their own he's fine with not amending the agenda. They agreed to not make a formal recommendation on the approval of the new franchise.

V. APPROVAL OF COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE EXTENSION

Commissioner Brentano made a motion to recommend the approval of a two month franchise extension through June 30, 2018. Councilor Nanke seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

VI. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Perry said the revenue forecast was down by \$68,000. He said the forecast is through February and only received numbers through January, so the number is actually slightly ahead, which is reflected in PEG fees. Perry said investment earnings are doing very well and interest rates have gone up more than he anticipated. He said a \$15,000 settlement was received from May Fire for the damaged studio equipment and Alan B. said is selling the current system at a diminished value. Alan B. said the new fire suppression system is clean and will not hurt electronics.

Perry said conference fees came in under budget and there is \$2,300 in savings. He said anticipates that \$230,000 will be left in Capital Outlay but will have better idea when have other items in.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Alan B. said the new facility on Water Street is working well and they have worked on the CCTV trucks and conducted trainings there. He said it is a good facility and he is most appreciative. Commission members said they would like to take a tour. Alan B. said he would be glad to set up a time for a field trip for CRC. Councilor Nanke suggested after the budget meeting in June and Commissioner Brentano agreed.

Tim said Saturday is Comcast Cares Day, which is the largest single day volunteer event in the country. He said they will be doing a volunteer project at the Willamette Humane Society and are expecting 150 employees at the event.

VIII. ADJOURNED: 3:38 p.m.