

SUMMARY MINUTES

CITY/COUNTY TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Wednesday, March 6, 2024

VANCOUVER CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
415 W 6th Street, Vancouver, Washington

APPROVED AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – 3:37 p.m.

A. Introduction of New Commission Members

New Commission members Bruce Maas and Chad Nygard introduced themselves.

B. Roll Call

PRESENT: Dicker, Green, Hale, Hinds, Maas, Nygard, Rogers

EXCUSED: None

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Archer, Demmon, Driskell, Lande, Peck

C. Approval of Minutes for December 6, 2023

Minutes approved as submitted.

D. Review and Approval of Agenda for March 6, 2024

No changes.

II. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS

No communications taken.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Cable Franchise Renewal Update

Demmon reported that there will a Commission work session on March 20 to review the draft renewed franchise with the Commission. He said that Tom Robinson, the consultant working with staff on negotiations, will be joining the meeting virtually to help answer questions. He stated that the Commission will hold a meeting on April 3 to approve a recommendation to the legislative bodies to adopt the renewed franchise. The renewed franchise will go to City Council for first reading on April 22 and public hearing on June 3. It will go before the Clark County Council on June 4 for a public hearing. He added that the timeline should allow for plenty of time for adoption and document signatures before the existing franchise expires on June 30, 2024.

Maas asked if the Commission would need to go before the legislative bodies to review the draft negotiated franchise agreement.

Demmon responded that staff held work sessions late last year with the legislative bodies to review negotiation priority issues.

Dicker asked for clarification that the only difference between the two franchises is the density requirement in the County franchise.

Demmon stated that was correct.

Demmon said that staff plans to provide the Commission with the current franchise language along with the proposed franchise language and list of priority areas in new franchise ahead of the work session. He stated that it would be helpful if Commission members provided staff with any questions they would like to discuss ahead of the meeting so that staff is prepared to provide an answer. He added that the materials will also be sent to all interested parties for review.

Dicker reminded the Commission to only send their comments/questions to staff and not the entire Commission so as not to constitute a meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. TV ETC Update

Hayes provided a program overview of TV ETC (attached). He stated that TV ETC strives to create unique learning opportunities for

students, help the expand their creative interests and technical knowledge, and support career readiness with industry standard equipment. He said that the three principal members of TV ETC are Battle Ground, Evergreen, and Vancouver Public Schools which receive the PEG Grant funding for equipment and create the programming aired on TV ETC's three channels. He said that ESD 112 operates the playback facility and provides support to the member districts on PEG Grant coordination, liaison with Comcast and the Telecommunications Commission.

Hayes stated that TV ETC members have produced Emmy award-winning programming. He went on to explain the types of programming produced by the districts and shared a video of recently produced programming.

Maas praised TV ETC for the opportunities that are provided to students to produce and create video programming.

B. Clark/Vancouver Television Update

Demmon reported that CVTV is once again simulcasting Vancouver Volcanoes basketball games on Channel 23 (HD323). He also shared a video highlighting a magazine-style program that is produced for Clark County.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Comcast

Ridderbusch had no updates for the Commission.

B. Commission

Maas thanked CVTV for their coverage of the Clark County Veterans Advisory Board and other programming highlighting military veterans.

C. Staff

None.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: March 20, 2024, Work Session

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VII. ADJOURNMENT – 4:09 p.m.

AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE; A VIDEO RECORDING OF THIS MEETING IS ON FILE IN THE CITY/COUNTY CABLE TELEVISION OFFICE.

Attachments:

Approved _____
Date

Paul Dicker, Chair
City/County Telecommunications Commission