



# CITY OF GERMANTOWN TENNESSEE

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## Germantown Telecommunications Commission Meeting

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

**Administrative Conference Room – 6:00P.M**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tony Fischer - Chairman, Jack Parnell – Vice Chairman, Bill Brody, Rik Ditter, Glen Murry and Rodney McKelroy and Danish Siddiqui

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sandra Abel and Donna Chandler Newman

**PRESENT BMA LIASON:** Alderman Ernest Chism

**PRESENT STAFF LIASON:** Kristen Geiger, Assistant City Administrator  
Josh Whitehead, Planning Division Director  
Stephanie Logan, Technical Services Coordinator

**PRESENT NON MEMBERS:** Frank Bluestein, GHS-TV Executive Director  
Alex Laskaris, ATT Area Manager, Network Operations

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Fischer called the May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Telecommunications Commission to order at 6.02pm. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

**\*\*MOTION \***

### **MINUTES**

Chairman Fischer called for the approval of the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Telecommunications Commission Minutes. Rodney McKelroy made a motion, seconded by Danish Siddiqui, to approve. The Motion passed unanimously.

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

### **MINUTES**

Chairman Fischer called for the approval of the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Telecommunications Commission Minutes. Danish Siddiqui made a motion, seconded by Rodney McKelroy, to approve. The Motion passed unanimously.

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### **GHS-TV REPORT**

Frank Bluestein stated the April 2009 monthly statistics for GHS-TV: GHS-TV cablecast 744 hours of monthly programming, 70 non-repeat local and national television shows cablecast. The number of television shows produced locally by GHS-TV for the 2008/2009 season was 311. Total number of shows taped was 34. The season has now ended.

GHS-TV has produced 100 Access Together Projects in total for the season. They hit all the benchmarks that they wanted to hit and are very pleased with the results.

Frank said that GHS-TV had placed an order for the equipment discussed in previous meetings.

### **UTILITY ORDINANCE**

Josh Whitehead began his review of the Ordinance Changes. Josh addressed each item that had been changed in the Ordinance.

Alex Laskaris discussed ATT's view on the topics and stated that he would be glad to look at some of the existing locations that predate the Ordinance on a case by case basis to go back and do some landscaping.

The Committee Members initiated a discussion regarding the size of the boxes on properties and what an eyesore some of these boxes were. Also discussed was the landscaping around the boxes and whose responsibility it would be to keep the landscaping in good standing.

### **COMCAST REPORT**

Tony Fischer stated the Comcast figures in the absence of Otha Brandon.

9,996 Comcast cable subscribers for April, 2009

- Up 21 subscribers from March, 2009
- Down 381 subscribers from April, 2008

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

Kristen Geiger began the monthly IT update and stated that The Police Communications Center has moved back to its original location. Kristen also said that the City is probably going install some sound barriers as there is some echo in the room that is causing a disturbance to the operators.

She summarized the rest of the report.

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**SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee finished its work on the SunGard. The FY10 Project will be "WiFi in Parks."

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Jack Parnell asked if anyone knew anything about Comcast sharing their cable with other networks? It was discussed and as no one knew the answer the Committee decided to speak with Otha at the next meeting. Obviously, if Comcast is sub-letting their cable then the City needs to receive some of the revenue from that.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\*MOTION\*\***

Chairman Fischer called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Brody made a motion, seconded by Glen Murry. Motion passed unanimously.