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Telecommunications Commission Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 – 6.00 pm

Administrative Conference Room – 1930 S Germantown Rd

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Donna Chandler Newman (chairman), Sandra Abel, Bill Brody, Rik Ditter, Tony Fischer, Ken Ketcham, Rodney McKelroy and Danish Siddiqui
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Alderman Ernest Chism and Jack Parnell
- PRESENT STAFF LIASON:** Kristen Geiger, Assistant City Administrator, Finance & General Services
Stephanie Logan, Technical Services Coordinator, Finance & General Services
- PRESENT NON MEMBERS:** Frank Bluestein, GHS-TV Executive Director
A J Heinz, GHS-TV Co-General Manager
William Street, GHS-TV Co-General Manager

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Newman called the February 10, 2010, Telecommunications Commission to order at 6.03 p.m. Kristen Geiger conducted a roll call and a quorum was established.

MINUTES

Chairman Newman called for the approval of the February 10, 2010 Telecommunications Commission Minutes.

****MOTION****

Ken Ketcham made a motion, seconded by Rodney McKelroy, to approve the February 10, 2010 Telecommunications Commission Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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COMCAST

Chairman Newman noted that Otha Brandon would not be present at the meeting as it was his anniversary but that he had sent the Comcast report late that day. Donna said that Comcast had stated in the report that they were unable to give service levels for Germantown anymore because the IVR cannot do that anymore as they are now at corporate level with it. Donna stated that this is completely unacceptable and outside of the ordinance and not in compliance with what they have. Donna stated that this issue would be taken up with Comcast and that she would report back.

GHS-TV REPORT

Frank Bluestein stated the February 2010 monthly statistics for GHS-TV: Germantown Community Television cablecast 672 hours of programming during the month of February 2010. The total number of non-repeat local and national television shows by show title cablecast is 75. The total number of local and national television shows by number of airings per month cablecast is 189. The total number of television shows/taped reports/special projects produced locally is 25. The total number of television shows/taped reports/special projects produced locally for the 2009-2010 season is 204. The total number of programs produced for the Access Together Project for 2009-2010 season is 69..

Frank said that he had met Chuck Thomas from ATT and stated that Mr. Thomas was going to call Patrick Lawton and talk with him regarding some ideas to bridge the gap and get on with ATT and begin to have the City programming on ATT.

Frank then ran through report with Members. It was noted that there were some errors in the reporting of the Government hours broadcast and Frank said that he would send an updated report to members.

IT REPORT

Kristen Geiger began the IT monthly report.

The City website is now live and new information is constantly being added throughout the site. A list of "Shopping" and "Dining" in Germantown is currently under development for those who live in or visit our city.

SunGard Naviline conversion was completed February 1 and we are now live on the new product. IT staff has worked closely with SunGard to address any user issues as they arose.

Video streaming – all necessary user training has been scheduled to deploy the Granicus system. All equipment has been received, installed and is being tested. Launch date: March

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NEW BUSINESS

AUDIT

Ken Ketcham gave an overview of the call from the City of Collierville about the audit with City of Bartlett. Collierville are anticipating using Barry Orton. It was questioned whether Ralph Gabb had given the letter to Patrick Lawton for signing and submission to Comcast Ordinance 19-3.

NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

****MOTION****

A motion was made by Sandra Abel to make Jack Parnell Vice-Chairman of the Telecommunications Commission, Bill Brody seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

GHS-TV AUCTION

The annual GHS-TV Auction will be online from 1-17 April and then live on Sunday April 18th for three hours. 5 members of the Commission will be required to help at the Auction. There will be three one hour slots available, 3-4pm, 4-5pm and 5-6pm.

ATT

Chairman Newman stated that she was going to invite Chuck Thomas from ATT to attend next month's Telecom meeting.

GOOGLE FIBER PROJECT

Chairman Newman explained that Google has put out a callout nationwide saying that they want to put fiber in a community. Donna stated that the City would be putting in an application for this and that the deadline for the Google Fiber Project is March 26. There will be a sub-committee meeting on Friday March 12 at 2pm, Rik Ditter will chair.

Rik Ditter explained that the City needed to submit a response to the proposal and there would be a lot of advantages in getting this fiber. He said that at this point it would be up to the sub-committee to work with the City to get a good response that will get us a little attention.

The sub-committee will consist of Rik Ditter, Bill Brody, Tony Fischer, Donna Chandler Newman and Danish Siddiqui.

A discussion ensued amongst members regarding the Google Fiber Project.

ADJOURNMENT

****MOTION****

Chairman Newman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra Abel made a motion, seconded by Bill Brody. The motion passed unanimously.