

**CHAMPAIGN-URBANA CABLE TELEVISION AND
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

DATE: July 19, 2006
Wednesday, 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Urbana Council Chambers

MEMBERS PRESENT:	CITY OF CHAMPAIGN Richard Atterberry Karen Walker	CITY OF URBANA Barb Gladney Danielle Chynoweth Peter Resnick Durl Kruse
	PARKLAND Tom McDonnell	UI

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stan Yagi, Giraldo Rosales

STAFF PRESENT: Chris Foster
Jeff Hamilton

OTHERS PRESENT: Melody Brucker (Insight), Art Symbersky (Insight)

Call to Order

Chair Atterberry opened the meeting at 4:30p.m.

Agenda Changes

Barbara Gladney asked where on the agenda to put the proposed facts to the legislators discussed last meeting.

Rick Atterberry said to place it under new business.

Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Barbara Gladney seconded by Karen Walker.
Motion passed.

Approval of minutes

Motioned by Barbara Gladney. Seconded by Tom McDonnell. Motion passed.

Correspondence

Rick Atterberry read into the record, correspondence from Phil Bloomer on behalf of Congressman Tim Johnson.

Rick Atterberry introduced Mayor Schweighart who recognized Brian Silverman for 21 years of service on the C-U Cable Television and Telecommunications Commission.

Jeff Hamilton said there were 30 complaints this quarter which is more than last year. 22 of those were related to a broadband issue. There was also correspondence from Insight regarding High Definition channels, on demand programming and the annual FCC form.

Barbara Gladney asked if we could black out the names and send them to legislators to show what the commission does as opposed to what the FCC would do.

Old Business

The future role of the public access study committee

Barbara Gladney presented the Public Access report which showed there was sufficient public interest to make public access television viable. The commission requested the committee to continue and be available to 1. Work with the consultant as needed, and 2. work with the cities as needed to provide information on PEG issues. She suggested that they write a letter encouraging committee members to continue and set a meeting for early fall.

Cable re-franchising update

Jeff Hamilton informed the commission about an upcoming meeting between the city managers and legal departments of both cities.

Barbara Gladney said that the consultant search would probably take 3 months.

Committee Reports

Technical Committee

Peter Resnick requested additional commissioners to assist with the technical committee.

Staff Reports

UPTV

Chris Foster withheld his report until later in the agenda.

CGTV

Jeff Hamilton thanked his past intern and updated the commission on the city of Champaign's program, Fire Factor, which is a finalist in the NATOA awards and an honorable mention in another category.

System Operator

Art Symborsky and Melody Brucker from Insight presented the basic subscriber statistics for April, May and June.

The digital 2.0 launch has been moved back until a time that would be more feasible for Insight.

Tom McDonnell asked for more information on digital 2.0.

Art Symborsky replied that it would bring more channels, HD channels and more programming to customers.

They are very close to getting HD WILL.

Rick Atterberry asked when WCIA HD would be available.

Melody Brucker responded that it would definitely be this year.

New Business

Election of Officers

Barb nominated Rick Atterberry for chair and Karen Walker for Vice Chair. Seconded by Peter Resnick.

Peter Resnick nominated Barb Gladney for Secretary. Seconded by Danielle Chynoweth.

All nominations passed.

PEG Reports

Barb announced that the reports would be compiled as the PEG reports for the commission.

CGTV

Jeff presented CGTV's report including new name and channel logos to help with branding efforts. They produced 8 city produced programs and 99 meetings.

Chris presented UPTV's report including the opening of the mini studio, the addition of a video toaster and microphone system.

Barbara Gladney presented the report submitted by Channel 7 and the report for the Parkland channel.

Peter Resnick moved to have the reports filed into the permanent files when the proposed changes have been made. Seconded by Tom McDonnell. Motion passed.

Barb suggested that they continue to have inserts in the Insight bills.
Danielle suggested a redesign of the insert.

Insight Broadband Conversion

Melody Brucker addressed the commission detailing the migration issues and the problems experienced during the process.

NATOA Annual Conference

The Conference runs August 21st through August 25th. Tom McDonnell will be attending along with Rick Atterberry.

Annual Report to City Council

Jeff discussed the Champaign city council's request of an annual report detailing the activities of the Council.

Cable Compliance Committee

Jeff presented the need to form an informal committee to assist him with the reviewing of documentation relative to the performance of the incumbent franchisee.

Future Study Session Topics

October and January sessions are open. Suggestions include current trends in franchising and a showcase of what's being done by public access productions.

Rick and Tom will put together a NATOA report for the October meeting. Jeff and Chris will put together a "best of" video reel for January with the help of the public access committee.

Barbara Gladney presented the statement of the United States conference of mayors in January 2006.

Peter Resnick suggested the addition of a comment regarding net neutrality.

Barbara Gladney asked that commissioners add any comments at the end of the document or give them to Jeff.

Commissioner's Comments

Peter Resnick expressed his disappointment in the misinformation presented in Phil Bloomer's letter regarding the legislation.

Rick Atterberry also shared comments regarding the shortfalls of the legislation and its impacts on the community that can't be provided for with a national franchise.

Karen Walker expressed her thanks to Insight for broadcasting the parade and Brian Silverman for his contributions.

Next Meeting

October 11, 2006 Study Session

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Walker. Seconded by Danielle Chynoweth.