

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

DATE: October 16, 2014

PLACE: Urbana City Council Chambers
400 S. Vine Street, Urbana, IL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Walker Peter Folk
Dale Sinder Chris Foster
Giraldo Rosales

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chris Lukeman, Andrew Wadsworth

STAFF PRESENT: Jake Schumacher, City of Urbana
Jeff Hamilton, City of Champaign

1. CALL TO ORDER

There is a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm and attendance noted by clerk. Commissioners Wadsworth and Lukeman notified the Clerk in advance that neither could make this meeting.

2. MODIFICATIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Clerk requested that minutes from the two previous meetings both be approved, since there was no quorum at the last meeting, and the motion by Commissioner Sinder to do so was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 16 and July 14, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no Urbana cable complaints in the last quarter. Champaign received 12, all resolved. Special credit was given to Comcast rep Art Symbersky for his prompt responses.

Jake reported that AT&T U-verse's new rep was Christopher Warwick, who works out of Springfield, and who said he was interested in attending the next meeting.

Urbana City Attorney James Simon provided a statement to the Commission which Jake read concerning ongoing negotiations with iTV3 for a new cable franchise agreement with Urbana.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Amendments to Rules.

Jake and Jeff met to discuss changes that would be needed to both City Codes to accommodate the proposed Commission rule revisions and name change. Each has identified those portions of the Code where the name would need to be changed. In addition, because Urbana never revised the City Code concerning cable franchise agreements when new state laws went into effect that limited the Commission's powers and scope, additional Urbana City Code changes will be needed to reflect those changes. Jake has brought this to the attention of the executive department, and how and when these two different sets of Code changes will be made is under advisement. Jake concurred with Chair Folk that there may, or may not, be action on this by the next regular meeting of the Commission.

6. REPORTS

A. Committee Reports

None.

B. Staff Reports

Jeff Hamilton, Jake Schumacher and Chris Foster each reported on current productions and activity at CGTV, UPTV and PCTV.

C. Operator Reports

None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. iTV3 Franchise Discussion and Appointment of Franchise Subcommittee.

Neither Urbana nor Champaign has asked the Commission to weigh in on a new franchise agreement with iTV3, who have contracted with uc2b for build-out of their fiber network. There has been no information provided concerning PEG station carriage, or any equipment requirements. There followed a discussion of the history of UC2B's development and iTV3's subsequent involvement. Chair Folk stated he had a potential conflict of interest, or the appearance of a potential conflict of interest, so proposed forming a subcommittee to investigate the situation. Commissioner Rosales asked for a special meeting to explore these issues. Jeff Hamilton summarized the rules by which a committee would need to be selected and operated.

Instead of a motion to form a committee, there was a motion by Chris Foster to hold a special meeting to invite representatives of iTV3 and UC2B NFP to discuss the current status of the franchise issues. Jeff suggested that the date be left open, and that the Chair direct staff in terms of who was to be invited and when the meeting should be scheduled. Motion passed unanimously.

8. AUDIENCE PARTICIPANTS

None.

5. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Rosales asked if the Commission was at full membership. There is an open Champaign resident seat and an open seat for an Urbana City Councilperson.

6. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT

Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th 2015 at 3:30pm in the Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S Vine St Urbana IL.

Meeting adjourned at 4:31 pm.