

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

**DATE:** January 15, 2015

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peter Folk            Chris Lukeman    Andrew Wadsworth  
Dale Sinder            Chris Foster       Giraldo Rosales

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen Walker

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

• **CALL TO ORDER**

There is a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 3:35pm and attendance noted by clerk. Commissioner Walker notified the Clerk in advance that she was unable to make this meeting.

• **MODIFICATIONS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as written.

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 16, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

• **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was a single Urbana cable complaint in the last quarter. Champaign received 9, all but the most recent resolved.

Communications between Chair Folk and constituents, an email from Commissioner Sinder concerning iTV3, and a channel line-up change from Comcast.

Chair Folk thanked Art Svymbersky from Comcast for his assistance in resolving the citizen complaints he had received. Commissioner Sinder asked that Art talk about the referral of complaints to city staff by Comcast. Chair Folk discussed correspondence concerning WGN's presence in certain Comcast packages.

## **5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Amendments to Rules.**

There was no further progress to report at this time on Urbana code changes necessary for the commission's name change.

## **6. REPORTS**

- **Committee Reports**

None.

- **Staff Reports**

Jeff Hamilton, Jake Schumacher, Chris Lukeman and Chris Foster each reported on current productions and activity at CGTV, UPTV, UI7 and PCTV.

- **Operator Reports**

Art Svymbersky of Comcast reported on recent activities, including the new X-1 program guide, cloud DVR, a talking guide, voice-activated menu and a variety of new mobile apps. The company has indefinitely extended its low-cost "Essentials" bundle for low-income families.

Commissioner Walker asked about the ability to turn cable boxes into wi-fi hotspots. Chair Folk asked about Comcast's position on recent FCC internet regulatory activity.

Chris Warwick is Director of External Affairs for central Illinois. He discussed recent AT&T U-Verse activities and developments. Commissioner Rosales had questions about the carriage of WGN news. Chair Folk asked if AT&T had any "internet essentials-type" packages for low-

income families, and how much of C-U was served by AT&T.  
Mr. Warwick said he would find out and report back.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **8. AUDIENCE PARTICIPANTS**

None.

- **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chair Folk said he was happy to see so many Commissioners at a meeting. There is still a Champaign open seat.

- **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT**

Next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 3:30pm in the Urbana City Council Chambers, 400 S Vine St Urbana IL.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 pm.