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Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission

REGULAR MEETING

May 2, 2007

The regular meeting of the Oshkosh Cable Television Advisory Commission was held at 4:00 p.m. on May 2, 2007 in Room 404 of City Hall.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Witte and roll call was taken. Present were members Mr. Rumlow, Mr. Bain, Mr. Williams, Mr. Kerkhof and Mrs. Lowe. Also present was Jon Urben, OCAT Cable Media Services Director and Bill Harke, Public Relations Director for Time Warner Cable.

Under the first order of business Chairman Witte asked all members to introduce themselves to the new council representative, Mr. Bryan Bain. Chairman Witte also noted the Commission received Mrs. Nadine Sieber's resignation from the Cable Commission. Chairman Witte thanked Mrs. Sieber for all of her time and efforts in serving on the Cable Commission.

Being that there were no communications from cable subscribers or the general public, Chairman Witte moved to the Report of the Franchisee.

Mr. Harke made several announcements from Time Warner, including:

- They expect soon to roll out a TW cell-phone service;
- They added ESPN2 to the digital tier;
- More VOD (video-on-demand) channels are being added;
- They are waiting for the outcome of the state franchising bill;
- They have hired 60 more people to work in their call center.

Mr. Rumlow asked Mr. Harke whether TW would be adding the Big 10 Network to the channel line-up. Mr. Harke noted that for both the Big 10 Network and the NFL Network TW has not been successful in their negotiations with both networks. They will continue to negotiate.

Chairman Witte then asked for the Report of OCAT, specifically an update on the state cable franchising bill in Madison. Mr. Urben noted that due to mainly grass roots lobbying efforts of PEG supporters, cities and community leaders many of the more damaging areas of the bill regarding PEG channels had been minimized or eliminated. He noted that in recent weeks various Senate and Assembly amendments were added to the bills including language that a) restored the full 5% franchise fee definitions for cities; b) required video service providers to be responsible for getting the PEG channel signals to their head-ends; and c) providing a three year sunset clause for cities that currently

receive a monthly PEG fee (like Oshkosh). Mr. Urben noted that on April 24 the State Assembly approved the bill but left final approval to a vote on May 8. He also noted that the State Senate did not act on the bill and instead referred it to the Joint Finance Committee to consider the bill's costs to Wisconsin taxpayers. Mr. Urben noted he was to understand that getting the information on the cost analysis for the bill might take several days if not weeks, so it was not clear as to when the JFC would meet again to review. Mr. Urben noted he would keep the Commission apprised of any developments with the bill.

Chairman Witte then asked Mr. Urben if he had any updates to present from the Friends of OCAT. Mr. Urben noted the Friends were busy preparing for the 2007-08 schedule for WOCT radio. He also noted the Friends were also gearing up for the layout and solicitation for the 2008 OCAT Card sponsors. Finally, Mr. Urben noted the Friends recently announced they would be hosting in early November a 20th Anniversary Gala Event for OCAT, recognizing OCAT's 20th anniversary in 2007.

There being no Unfinished Business, Chairman Witte then asked for discussion of the two New Business items. Mr. Urben noted Mayor Tower and the Common Council has asked that all City boards and commissions ask their members if a) the current meeting times were acceptable to commission members and b) if there were enough representatives on the commission. After some discussion, it was agreed that the current quarterly meeting times and frequency were currently acceptable to commission members. It was also agreed that should the need warrant, the commission could easily reschedule emergency meetings. It was also noted that with Mrs. Sieber's resignation there was an opening on the cable commission. Mr. Bain noted he would forward this information to the council.

There being no new business, Chairman Witte then confirmed that the next meeting date for the Commission was set for Wednesday, August 1 at 4 p.m. It was also noted that depending upon the outcome of the state cable franchising bill, the Commission may call a special meeting prior to August to discuss the impact of the state bill on OCAT and the City. Upon motion by Mr. William, seconded by Mrs. Lowe, the Commission adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon G. Urben

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cc: Mr. Richard Wollangk
Mr. Bill Harke, Time Warner