

**Approved Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Telecommunications Commission**  
**Held at 7 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 7, 2010 in Room 215 of Oak Park Village Hall**

**Official Record**

Present: Chairman Cory Scott  
Commissioner Jim Downing  
Commissioner Julie Nery (via telephone)  
Commissioner John Shuler  
Staff Liaison David Powers

Absent: Trustee Liaison John Hedges

Quorum: Chairman Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and declared that a quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

Chairman Scott opened the floor for public comments. None was given.

**Agenda**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. A voice vote was taken and the agenda was approved.

**Minutes**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 4, 2009 and December 2, 2009 meetings be approved. A voice vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

**Administrative Reports**

Liaison Powers reported that a letter welcoming Comcast's new government affairs liaison and asking her to investigate VOP-TV's poor signal quality had received a response. The response consisted of a resubmission of an estimate of \$15,000 to install fiber from VOP-TV control room to a Comcast vault. Apparently, only the date of the original estimate had been changed and no effort had been made to investigate alternatives.

Liaison Powers provided a letter from a resident complaining about the rising cost of Comcast internet service and the company's insistence on bundling internet service with television. Chairman Scott noted that local governments have no authority over pricing and the marketing of packages. He suggested the letter writer investigate other internet service providers, such as direct subscriber line (DSL) and wireless, as well as free, public services such as the Oak Park Public Library.

## Regular Agenda

### **Item V – Review responses to request for proposals for audit of Comcast franchise fees:**

Chairman Scott led the Commission in a discussion of the responses to requests for proposals for an audit of Comcast franchise fee payments to the Village. Three proposals were received. Citing the firm's experience and detailed response, the commission unanimously supported *Ashpaugh & Sculco, CPAS, PLC*, to conduct the audit. They noted that the response from Moss & Barnett's Yuri Berndt was less expensive, but felt the response was not as compelling. Commissioners agreed that the preferred firm should be asked if costs could be further reduced.

It was moved and seconded to support the selection of *Ashpaugh & Sculco, CPAS, PLC*, to conduct the audit. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

### **Item VI – Review of responses to request for proposals for community PEG needs**

**assessment:** Discussion turned to the responses to requests for proposals to conduct a PEG needs assessment study. Two responses were received. Commissioners unanimously supported *Holly Hansen Consulting* to conduct the needs assessment study, with the condition that the firm provide two examples of similar studies conducted for other communities before final determination is made. Commissioners agreed that the preferred firm should be asked if costs could be further reduced.

It was moved and seconded to support the selection of *Holly Hansen Consulting* with the condition that the firm provide two examples of similar studies conducted for other communities before final determination is made. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

## Adjourn

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m., Thurs., Jan. 7, 2010.

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