

COLUMBUS CABLE COMMISSION MEETING
COLUMBUS CITY HALL
January 8, 2020 5:45 PM Council Chambers, City Hall

Chairman Kaland called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm. Members present: Pete Kaland, Ed Johnson, Andrew Traxler, Chet Bembenek, and Paul Pyfferoen.

Absent: None.

Also in attendance: Media Coordinator Lisa Wolf

Motion to approve minutes as submitted by Pyfferoen, Second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Motion by Bembenek, second by Traxler to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Peter Kaland commented as a citizen that he has read postings on social media about citizens' unhappiness with Spectrum being the only option for services in the city of Columbus and that they believed that the cable commission should do something about it. Kaland wanted to make it clear to citizens that the franchise agreement is at the state level, and the city has no control over the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Budget Update:** The Commission reviewed budget documents from December as well as the franchise fees paid to the city.
- b. **Examination of current Cable Ordinance:** Wolf reported the version of the cable ordinance on the city website was the most current one adopted, and still stated that one member need be from Columbus Water and Light Commission. The commission agreed that this requirement be stricken, the total commission number brought down to five members, the title "Lead Cable Coordinator" be changed to "Media Coordinator", and the descriptor "annually" be added to item 1 of the commission duties. The commission directed Wolf to provide a revised draft at the next meeting for approval.
- c. **Staff Reports and Updates:** Wolf presented the Media Coordinator Report for December.
Wolf reported that the audio troubles in the Council Chambers have been mainly worked through without professional assistance. Wolf provided an estimated figure for an assistive listening device for council chambers. The commission instructed Wolf to provide three quotes for the next meeting.
- d. **Cable Programming, Issues and Plans:**
Wolf reported no issues, but reported that this month's episode of Under the Clock Tower is in planning.
- e. **Next scheduled meeting – February 12th, 5:45 pm at City Hall.**
- f. **Adjournment:** Motion by Traxler, second by Bembenek, to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Wolf, Secretary