



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

CABLE COMMISSION MEETING

City Hall - Conference Room A

Thursday, September 1, 2005

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, September 1, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order - The following were present:

John Gregg, Chairman
John P. Bohenko, City Manager
Louis Vinciguerra, Commissioner
Gene Fisk Commissioner
Jeff Landry, Commissioner
Kathleen Pearce, Commissioner

Also present were Alan Brady, City of Portsmouth Webmaster and Asst. City Attorney Suzanne Woodland.

II. Non-Meeting with Counsel

Motion made by Commissioner Landry to move to a non-meeting with counsel. Seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission interviewed Patrick Scully of Bernstein Shur and William Hewitt, III of Kopelman and Paige.

Motion made by Commissioner Fisk to return to public session. Seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Discussion

Chairman Gregg and Mr. Brady will prepare a schedule of items to be addressed at future meetings.

City Manager recommended that the Commission include in the upcoming capital plan an estimated amount for the equipment and facilities necessary to operate a PEG channel. The capital plan could identify probable sources of funding for those costs, for example, part of the cost coming from private sources and part from the franchise fee revenues.

There was general discussion among commission members regarding soliciting the input and further cooperation of the school department in the ascertainment process and in any future PEG channel.

Commissioner Vinciguerra and Chairman Gregg discussed the importance of gaining the input of the public with regard to PEG access. The hearing on September 8 is one forum and there may be future additional hearings as necessary. A survey is also an option to measure the interest of the public in a PEG channel.

IV. Adjournment - MOTION made by Commissioner Fisk to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Vinciguerra. Motion passed. Adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne M. Woodland
Assistant City Attorney