



**Portsmouth
Cable Commission Meeting
3:30 p.m. – March 6, 2008
City Hall/City Manager's Conference Room**

The Portsmouth Cable Commission met on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 3:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order** - The following were present:
- John Gregg, Chairman
 - City Manager John Bohenko
 - Louis Vinciguerra, Commissioner
 - Nancy Beach, Commissioner
 - Kathy Pearce, Commissioner
 - Brian Gregg
 - Gary Lowe

Also present were Alan Brady, City of Portsmouth Webmaster, Suzanne Woodland, Assistant City Attorney and Mitch Schulman.

Chairman John Gregg called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.

- II. Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2008** - Voted to approve and accept the minutes of the February 7, 2008 Cable Commission meeting. Motion passed.
- III. Digital Conversion** – Kathy Pearce presented the Commission with an update of questions to be posed to Comcast for discussion with them on April 3.

The Chair suggested making a point of inviting the newspapers reporters to the meeting as an opportunity for them to also learn and then develop informational articles for readers. The Herald, Foster's, the Wire are to be invited by Alan Brady.

Nancy Beach referred to a gentleman in senior housing who has been having problems with his billing regarding a digital box. Suzanne Woodland offered to again follow up with Comcast on the matter. The issue raised the question of what will happen to people receiving free boxes when the digital conversion takes place in February 2009. Suzanne Woodland will ask Jay to have an answer by April 3rd regarding this. Kathy Pearce suggested asking Jay how many people have had billing problems since asking for this allegedly free box. Suzanne will pose this question to Jay as well.

Alan Brady has not received any complaints this past month.

The Chair reported that he attended the recent public hearing of the City Council regarding the Capital Improvement Plan and addressed the need for monies beginning in FY 2010 for support of PEG access. He referenced the presentation to the Council by the Commission in the fall of 2006 and the survey showing support of educational and public access channels. The Council's vote on the CIP plan will occur at their next meeting.

IV. Non-Public Session (meeting with Legal Counsel) -

MOTION made by Nancy Beach to go into non-public session. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

The Commission then went into non-public session.

MOTION made by Kathy Pearce to go back into public session. Seconded by Louie Vinciguerra. Motion passed.

V. Adjournment - MOTION made by Brian Gregg. Seconded by Kathy Pearce. Motion passed.

A meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. for purposes of meeting with legal counsel. Suzanne Woodland will advise if any changes.

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine E. Boucas