



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Administrative Conference Room
WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2017 6:05 PM

PRESENT: Chair, Walter Benenson; Vice Chair, Patrick Crowley; Commissioner, Tunga Kiyak;
Commissioner, Kevin Thatcher; Alternate Commissioner, Leslie Charles; Alternate
Commissioner, Eric Langdon
ABSENT: Commissioner Andrew Lathrop
STAFF: Deborah Guthrie, Communications Director
TOWNSHIP:
COMCAST: John Gardner, Director of External Affairs

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Benenson called the meeting to order at **6:05 pm**.

2. PUBLIC REMARKS

3. COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR REPORT

4. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Crowley moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by
Commissioner Kiyak.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Crowley moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF February 1, 2017**.
Seconded by Commission Kiyak.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

*Vice Chair Crowley left the meeting at this point.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Applications for open positions as alternates on the Communications Commission
Vice Chair Crowley moved **TO APPROVE THE NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT OF
LESLIE CHARLES**. Seconded by Commissioner Kiyak

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Chair Benenson moved **TO APPROVE THE NEW COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT OF ERIC
LANGDON**. Seconded by Commissioner Crowley

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VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Vice Chair Crowley moved **TO RECOMMEND JAMIE WITHERS HILLER IF ONE OF THE PREVIOUS TWO MENTIONED DECLINES THE ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER POSITION.**

Seconded by Commissioner Kiyak

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Commissioners discussed having more communication about which commissioners will be in attendance at each meeting. Commissioners also discussed which alternate commissioners would be able to vote per meeting if needed and will decide at the beginning of each meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memo – Proposed Production Rate Card Changes

Commissioner Kiyak moved **TO ADOPT THE NEW RATE CARD CHANGES.** Seconded by Commissioner Thatcher

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

B. Memo – Alumni Giving Program

Commissioner Langdon recommended having an endowment naming opportunity with the Alumni Giving Program. Commissioner Kiyak moved **TO APPROVE AN ENDOWMENT NAMING OPPORTUNITY.** Seconded by Chair Benenson.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

C. Budget Discussion

Commissioners discussed a budget meeting concept.

Commissioner Kiyak moved **TO APPROVE A SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING.** Seconded by Commissioner Thatcher

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Commissioners discussed what to do in the event of Uverse going away, cord cutting, funding sources for future projects, what will happen with millage cuts and total funding needed to stay operational. Commissioners recommended having this presented at a special budget meeting.

10. VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDER (S)

Comcast provided handouts on launching YouTube on XFINITY X1 and XFINITY Mobile

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Kiyak moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** Seconded by Commissioner Thatcher

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Chair Benenson adjourned the meeting

11. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting, Special Budget Discussion meeting, is scheduled for **May 3, 2017** in the Administrative Conference Room.