



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber

Rescheduled Meeting

MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 10:05 A.M.

Present: 3 - Tom Ammiano, Leland Yee, and Alicia Becerril

REGULAR AGENDA

990375 [Transfer of Control over Cable Franchisee]

Resolution approving transfer of control over Television Signal Corporation, San Francisco cable television franchise grantee, from Telecommunications, Inc. to AT&T Corporation upon certain conditions. (Mayor)

(Companion measure to File 990376.)

02/24/99; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee.

03/01/99; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE.

04/20/99; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Ted Lakey, Deputy City Attorney; Ken Bruce, Budget Analyst; Edward Evans, CRAP; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Television Corporation & General Manager, Channel 54; Virginia Rodriguez, Communication Workers of America; David Miles. Continued to May 4, 1999, meeting at 1:00 p.m.

05/04/99; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Continued to May 27, 1999, meeting at 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services - provided information.

05/27/99; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications & Information Services.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ted Lakey, Deputy City Attorney; Jane Lee, Deputy City Attorney. In Support: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Sue Levitin, AT&T/TCL; John Sumpter, AT&T; Linda Crayton, AT&T; Richard Patch, Attorney, Coblenz, Patch, Duffy & Bass (representing AT&T and TCL). Opposed: Katie Roper, Bay Area Open Access Coalition; Ed Shimizu, GTE; James Harrison, Attorney, Remcko, Johanson & Purcell; Jeff Sheehy; Ann Zorn; Keith Epstein, Vice President and Senior Counsel for Pacific Bell Internet Services; Jon Twichell, Jon Twichell and Associates; Wayne McIntosh; Fernand De Monroy, Owner, Monroy & Culver Design; Rita Giglio, San Francisco Tomorrow; David Miles, Board of Directors, San Francisco Community Television Corporation; Mike Freeman; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Community Television Corporation. The Committee requests a closed session before the Board of Supervisors on July 6, 1999, regarding possibility of litigation between the City and AT&T and TCL.

A motion was made that this matter be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ammiano, Yee, Becerril

990376 [Cable Television Franchise Amendments]

Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 105-64, as amended most recently by Ordinance No. 42-97, by amending Section 25 regarding grantee's rebuild of the San Francisco Cable System, by amending definitions in Sections 32.10, and 32.18, and by adding Sections 31(i), 31(j), 32.22, 32.23, and 32.24. (Mayor)

(Companion measure to File 990375.)

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05/27/99; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications & Information Services; John Raposa; Zane Blaney, C.E.O. & General Manager, S. F. Television Corp. ; Jon Twichell; Katie Roper, Bay Area Open Access Coalition.

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A motion was made that this matter be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ammiano, Yee, Becerril

990455 [High-Speed Broadband Networks]**Sponsor: Katz**

Resolution urging the City Attorney and the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services to monitor legislative and regulatory developments in Congress and at the Federal Communications Commission addressing access to high-speed cable and other high-speed broadband networks, and to take all possible action to ensure that Congress and/or the Federal Communications Commission adopt policies that protect consumers' access to all forms of information over the internet and over high-speed broadband networks.

03/08/99; REFERRED FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

03/15/99; SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA. Supervisor Ammiano, on behalf of Supervisor Katz, requested this matter be severed for the purpose of referring it to committee.

03/15/99; REFERRED to Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee.

04/20/99; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Ted Lakey, Deputy City Attorney; Ken Bruce, Budget Analyst; Edward Evans, CRAP; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Television Corporation & General Manager, Channel 54; Virginia Rodriguez, Communication Workers of America; David Miles. Continued to May 4, 1999, meeting at 1:00 p.m.

04/20/99; CONTINUED.

05/04/99; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Continued to May 27, 1999, meeting at 1:00 p.m. Speaker: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services - provided information.

05/27/99; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications & Information Services; Dan Jacobsen, Pacific Bell; Wayne McIntosh, Linda Crayton.

Heard in Committee. In Support: Laura Spanjan, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Leslie Katz.

AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Resolution urging the City Attorney and the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services to monitor legislative, regulatory and judicial developments in the California Legislature, Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and Federal Courts addressing access to high-speed cable and other high-speed broadband networks; to take all possible action to ensure that Congress, the Legislature and/or the Federal Communications Commission adopt policies that protect consumers' access to a choice of Internet and other on-line service providers and to all forms of information over the Internet and over high-speed broadband networks; and to support the authority of cities to require cable companies to provide non-discriminatory access by unaffiliated Internet and other on-line providers to the broadband cable network by filing an amicus brief in support of the City of Portland's open access requirement in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

To Board for consideration on July 6, 1999.

A motion was made that this matter be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ammiano, Yee, Becerril

991050 [Future Status of Programming on Public Access Channel]**Sponsor: Ammiano**

Hearing to consider public testimony about the future status of programming on the Public Access, Education, and Government Cable TV Channels, specifically, programming entitled "The California Channel" and "Kaleidoscope", both of which are currently aired on the Public Access Channel (Channel #53). The San Francisco Community Television Channel (CTC) has submitted an operations plan that proposes to increase the airing of Public Access programming to 24 hours per day. The Channel currently airs non-public access programming from 5:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. CTC's proposal, if approved, would displace the current daytime programming. This hearing is in response to the Telecommunications Commission's Resolution #99-013 which asks the Board to consider whether the programming entitled The California Channel and Kaleidoscope should be removed from the air, relocated to the Government Channel (Citywatch #54), relocated to the Education Channel (#52), or remain on the Public Access Channel (#53).

05/25/99; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Denise Brady, Deputy Director for Policy, Planning and Compliance, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Community Television Corporation; Cheryl Fabio-Bradford, Manager, Educational Access Television (Cable Channel 52); Wayne McIntosh; Mike Freeman; David Miles, Board of Directors, San Francisco Community Television Corporation; Catherine Knolls. (Supervisor Ammiano was absent for vote.)

A motion was made that this matter be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Yee, Becerril

Absent: 1 - Ammiano

990477 [Public Access, Educational and Government Cable Channels]**Sponsor: Ammiano**

Hearing to consider funding and management of Public Access, Educational and Government (PEG) cable channels.

03/15/99; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee.

03/16/99; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Consideration continued to the April 20, 1999, meeting. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Denise Brady, Deputy Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Television Corporation & General Manager, Channel 54; Ellison Horne, San Francisco Community Television Corporation; Terry Forman, Community Television Channel; Andres Lopez, Mission Cultural Center; Neils Erik; Michael Freeman.

04/20/99; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Julia Friedlander, Director, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Denise Brady, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Television Corporation & General Manager, Channel 54; Edward Evans, CRAP; Wayne McIntosh.

05/27/99; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Denise Brady, Deputy Director, Department of Telecommunications & Information Services; Edward Evans, Cybil Rotellea, Wayne McIntosh, Zane Blaney, C.E.O. & General Manager, S.F. Television Corporation; Ms. Bradford, Channel 52; Bryon Scott, David Grey, Channel 53.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Denise Brady, Deputy Director for Policy, Planning and Compliance, Department of Telecommunications and Information Services; Zane Blaney, Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Community Television Corporation; Cheryl Fabio-Bradford, Manager, Educational Access Television (Cable Channel 52).

A motion was made that this matter be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ammiano, Yee, Becerril

991178 [Cable Access Channel Management Services]

Sponsor: Bierman

Resolution supporting the continued management of the government cable access channel, Citywatch, by the nonprofit corporation known as the San Francisco Community Television Corporation (CTC) and urging the Department of Telecommunications and Information Services (DTIS) to continue the personal services contract with CTC to provide management services.

06/14/99; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Utilities and Deregulation Committee.

Heard in Committee. Continued at the request of sponsor. Speaker: June Gutfleisch, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Bierman.

A motion was made that this matter be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ammiano, Yee, Becerril

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.