



Resolution

For a Second Extension of Comcast's
Cable TV Franchise

City's Comcast Franchise

- The City approved a new five-year cable franchise for Comcast in October 2011. The franchise included options for two five-year renewals (total of 15 years)
- In October 2016, the City and Comcast opted into the first five-year extended term, which expires in 2021
- Prior to executing an extension, staff must complete a review process to determine whether Comcast has complied with the franchise terms
- Separately, the City entered into five-year fiber maintenance agreements (I-Net leases) with Comcast in 2011 and 2016 to provide the fiber backbone for the City, ACPS, and Library networks

City Council Action Requested

- A resolution of the City Council has been requested by the City to consider extending the Comcast Cable TV franchise for a second and final 5 year term
- Agreement allows for reviews of specific terms of the agreement

Technical Audit

- Whether the Comcast system meets the terms of the technical performance requirements in the cable television franchise agreement and,
- Whether the network performs at or above the minimum standards defined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- the Comcast system is generally in compliance with the current franchise agreement's technical requirements.

PEG Fee Review

- City consultant and Comcast have different accounting interpretations

Comcast and the City are currently negotiating a settlement

City Fiber Use Agreement

- Comcast agreed to provide
 - Better documentation
 - Better communication related to work