

MINUTES

Public Hearing of the College Park City Council

Tuesday, December 12, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.

Ordinance No. 06-O-08: An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Granting A Cable Franchise To Verizon Maryland, Inc., And Authorizing A Franchise Agreement

PRESENT: Mayor Brayman; Councilmembers Milligan, Krouse, Catlin, Perry, Fellows and Hampton; Student Liaison Jesse Blitzstein.

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Sara Imhulse, Assistant to the City Manager; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services; Tom Davis, Chairperson of the College Park Cable Commission.

Mayor Brayman announced that this Public Hearing was being held to discuss Ordinance No. 06-O-08, An Ordinance Of The Mayor And Council Of The City Of College Park, Maryland Granting A Cable Franchise To Verizon Maryland, Inc., And Authorizing A Franchise Agreement. Mayor Brayman stated this has been an on-going cooperative negotiating process, and invited Ms. Ferguson to give an overview of the current status.

Ms. Ferguson stated that the Ordinance before the Council is substantially ready for adoption. The matter was brought before the City's Cable Commission last night, and their questions were answered. The Cable Commission has recommended approval.

Mayor Brayman invited public comment.

Tara Potter, Assistant Vice President with Verizon Maryland, Inc.: Spoke in favor of Ord. No. 06-O-08. Verizon has worked very hard with the Prince George's County Municipal Association to reach this agreement, and praised Ms. Ferguson's work in this regard. Verizon is currently upgrading their wire centers and hope to have everything on line in the County within three years. College Park is served out of multiple wire centers, and as they come on-line, they will be turned on. Thus, part of the City will come on line earlier, as early as next summer, while the rest will be completed within three years.

Tom Davis, Chair, College Park Cable Commission: Remarked that dealing with Verizon has been a pleasure, and all of the Cable Commission's questions have been answered to their satisfaction. The Agreement was approved unanimously.

There being no further public comment, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:14 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, City Clerk