

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD

12/10/2021

Andrew Cernota

All right. Welcome everyone to the December meeting of the Cable Television Advisory Board. Calling the meeting to order and beginning with a roll call.

- Members of Committee present:
- Andrew Cernota, Chairman
 - Lauren Byers, Public Works Designee
 - Alderman Ernest Jette
 - Kimberly Kleiner, Director of Administrative Services
 - Cheryl Linder, Chief of Staff
 - Nick Miseivitch, IT
 - Jennifer McCormack, Library Director
 - Captain Joseph Fay
 - Cole Morgan
 - Dick Gagnon
- Also present:
- Jeff Poehnert, PEG Program Manager
 - Pete Johnson, Education Channel Access Administrator

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

Andrew Cernota

All right. And, um, Mr. Rodriguez from the school department is also not here. Um, there is a quorum, so we'll move on to, um, comments from the public. Uh, there are no members of the public present.

Andrew Cernota

Um, is there a motion with regard to the minutes from the previous meetings, specifically the November 12th meeting?

Lauren Byers

I'll move to accept and place on file.

Andrew Cernota

There's a motion to accept and place on file. Any discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor.

Participants

Aye.

Andrew Cernota

All those opposed? All right. And Cole, since you're joining us by, um, Skype, um, I'll ask you individually, uh, yay or nay?

Cole Morgan

Yay

Andrew Cernota

All right. Thank you. Okay. Uh, written communications. Um, I believe by email, you all received, uh, copies of, um, correspondence from Comcast, uh, correspondence regarding the appointment of Captain Joseph Fray, uh, uh, Fay to our committee and, um, the, uh, request, uh, from the... uh, regarding fin- uh, uh, finance matters. Um, is there a motion with regard to written communications? Um, Ms. Byers, I think?

Lauren Byers

Um, motion to approve.

Andrew Cernota

Okay. There's motion to approve. Discussion? Seeing none. All those in favor?

Participants

Aye.

Andrew Cernota

Um-

Kim Kleiner

Good morning. So, uh, Director Kleiner. I was wondering, um, since we have a committee member participating by Zoom, don't we have to do a roll call vote? I believe that's how the board has been operating.

Andrew Cernota

Okay. Um, yeah, even if it's just one of us, I suppose we do.

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Um, Andrew Cernota votes in favor of accepting and placing on file. Um, Mr. Chapman is still not with us. Um, Ms. Byers?

Lauren Byers

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Um, Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. Lindner is still not here. Uh, Ms. McCormack?

Jennifer McCormack

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Captain Fay?

Joseph Fay

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr., uh, Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr. Morgan?

Cole Morgan

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And Mr. Rodriguez is still not here. Uh, and Chief Rhodes is still not here. So motion passes.

Okay. Um, financial statements. Mr. Poehnert.

Jeff Poehnert

Okay. Uh, the current balance of the operating account 2505 is \$655,000 and 480. I mean, \$655,481,000. Um, our expenses for November, including salary, facility operations was \$18,279. Um, over the past three months, September to November, we had 3,451 cable casts. And this broke down to 106 live events. Um, and that was, excuse me, uh, 52 Education 99, and 54 Government 16. We had 3,345 playbacks of this. The public 96 had 1,596, and the Education 99, 1,081. And Government 16 had 668. Um, the video production switcher and the studio control room on Riverside Drive has been failing and shutting down in the middle of productions over the last several weeks. There was no rhyme or reason as to when and why the unit fails. The current production switcher, we bought as a demo unit in late 2013. It is unknown when it actually went into service, but could be as early as, as 2013 when the product was introduced. These are high-end computers that run on an inter- enterprise version of the Windows Operating System. Although we received software updates as they became available, the manufacturer stopped supporting the product several years ago. And the version of windows it runs on will be unsupported by Microsoft shortly. After our playback server, this is the most expensive single piece of equipment needed for our operation. The manufacturer is willing to take our old unit on trade for their current replacement product offering, a value of \$6,000. Requiring replacement at the same time would be two large monitors in the control room that are over 10 years old at this point, and are required for the operation. The distributor has advised us of a manufacturer price increase January 1st, um, and, and can only guarantee pricing if ordered by the end of this calendar year. If we can order before the end of the year- of this year, we can save approximately \$1,500. We are looking for approval to replace our production switcher with a new tech, uh, TriCaster 2 Elite with two strike control surface and associated accessories at a price not to exceed \$34,000. And this would come from account, uh, 250581100, our capital improvements. And, Pete?

Pete Johnson

Okay. Um, as far as the, uh, education channel's concerned, um, been a busy, uh, few months. Um, I don't know if we want to go through all of that, but, uh, we did a lot of, uh, uh, events at the schools, and including, uh, a, a large number of sporting events that were done live, uh, once again, due to the pandemic. Um, they're looking for a lot of, uh, live content, uh, to get out to, uh, parents and fans. Um, I'm sort of taking a quick look here and see if there's anything special that we did, uh, over and above that. So we continued to do, uh, public health matters programs every other week in studio, uh, with the Nashua, uh, Department of Public Health. Um, I see a lot of volleyball, soccer. Um, anybody has any questions on any of the events that we did there, feel free to ask me at some point. But, uh, uh, one of the bigger things that we did, obviously, was, uh, for the election. We, uh, had 11 candidates that were running for four open school board seats. And, uh, we were able to record interviews with all 11 candidates that aired a number of times prior to the election. So it was, uh, trying to get some information out to the public about, um, you know, what their choices were going to be, uh, during the election. And, uh, I think that's all that I had at the moment.

Andrew Cernota

Okay. Thank you. All right. Um, uh, Mr. Gagnon's-

Jeff Poehnert

I have not received anything from him yet as of now.

Andrew Cernota

Okay.

Pete Johnson

Griffin is on his way, so if he comes in.

Andrew Cernota

Well, if he arrives before we finish.

Pete Johnson

Mm-hmm (affirmative).

Andrew Cernota

Um, okay. Um, are there any members from the education committee here?

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Oh.

Kim Kleiner

So, um, good morning.

Andrew Cernota

Good morning.

Kim Kleiner

Um, the last, um, educational committee, uh, meeting, they discussed putting together the, um, communication that we received during the public hearing. Um, and there were also some other items. Um, unfortunately, I had to leave the meeting due to a conflict. Um, and I believe that Mr. Johnson, um, was at the last educational-

Pete Johnson

Right.

Kim Kleiner

... committee meeting. I'm not sure if there were any additional items reports.

Pete Johnson

Uh, there, there really weren't anything for, for CTAB for that meeting.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Thank you. Um, if there's, uh, no objection, we'll, we'll ask Mr. Gagnon to, uh, to give his report, since he just arrived.

Mr. Gagnon

Yes. Sorry about that. I have copies I'll pass out, but okay. We continue to be producing shows from, from our public access hosts. We have gotten some of our former hosts who, due to the pandemic, chose not to do their show to return and start up their shows once again. We continue to work with the others that have not returned to assure them that we will do... excuse me... we'll do everything possible to keep it safe for them. I recently had a long discussion with the host of one of our, in my opinion, best shows, the Health You, about her return to producing episodes, and will be starting back up in January with both her and her guests, either Skyping or Zooming in, since for... well, nevermind. I won't make that comment. Two of the shows that have started back up are Financially Fit with Jason Haviland and the Sharing Room with Lisa Walker. Our re-regulars continue to be Fairy Tale Access, Chic Chattin' with Jocelyn, Frankly Speaking, The Ring and All Other Sports, Speaking with the Senator, The People's View, Perspectives with David Schoneman, Power Hour with Greater Nashua Mental Health, Gate City Chronicles, Charged Up Top Ten, and Nashua Strong with Harvey Key. During the month of October, we produced 24 segments for Art Walk, which was a massive undertaking, and allowed them to have their virtual Art Walk for the second year in a row with our assistance. On December 16th, it will be the eighth anniversary of our first studio show called Gidge World. It was produced by Ken Gidge, and had two great guests, the former mayor, Bernie Streeter, and the new Access Nashua co- coordinator, me. I'm a little biased on that one, but... We continue to receive new folks interested in starting new shows. And then our creative director is working to the best of his abilities, with his time constraints, to get them ready to start up as soon as possible. Right now, there is a backlog of three new shows. The recent months have been a bit trying with the issues we have had with the TriCaster switcher in the studio. It started out with, every now and then, crashing during the recording of a show, forcing us to stop the host, reboot the system, get back into the show and then start the host going again, hoping we could restart where they left off. As time went on, it would happen a couple of times a week. Then it got to the point where, now and then, it would happen twice in the same day. Very frustrating and added for more editing time. Uh, let's see. This, this was with us having to deal also with the fact that the TriCaster could no longer connect to the old P drive since it had also crashed. Then when we finally did receive a new P drive, we still have not been able to get it connected. What this means was, we had to attach an external drive in order to get the compressed video file needed to upload to our Google Drive so that our editor, who is still working from home, could edit it and then return it to our drive. And then I could download it, and then upload it to our playback server. Shoo, that's a lot of ups and downs. But other than a few hiccups where I would forget to attach an external drive and have to export it from the TriCaster later to an external drive after the show, we were able to keep our sanity. The crew at Access Nashua, Dan, Holland, and I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and blessed holiday season and a better 2022. Can you believe it will be 2022? I remember doing a show in Goffstown about Y2K and how the world was going all crashed. Yet, here we are 22 years later. Thank you.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Thank you. All right. Um, Ms. Lindner has joined us. And I do want to apologize for anyone that might have experienced some interruption. Um, somehow, um, whether it was user error on my part or not, um, the, um, meeting recording thing was off temporarily.

Jeff Poehnert

That's okay. I mean, it wouldn't interrupt anything.

Andrew Cernota

Oh, excellent. Okay.

Jeff Poehnert

So, yeah.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Um, so, uh, moving on to the next item of business would be the, um, public access RFP discussion. All right. So, um, I'd like to open the floor to comments. Um, I believe you, you should all have a... this is at everyone's place, right?

Jeff Poehnert

Yeah, that

Andrew Cernota

The draft RFP? Um, Ms. Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. Um, so I believe that, um, they have supplied you a draft. This is not the clean version of the draft. Um, so the changes that you see indicated on this document, strike through, things of that sort, have been made. A clean copy was issued prior to our last meeting, um, where we tabled it. Um, and this is just the exhibits. It's not the full-

Andrew Cernota

Okay.

Kim Kleiner

... RFP, which was supplied during-

Andrew Cernota

Right.

Kim Kleiner

... before our last meeting.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Um, anyone like to, to lead us off? Uh, Ms. Kleiner, do you want to start the discussion, or?

Kim Kleiner

Oh, sure. Uh, Director Kleiner. Um, so, you know, I think that the committee, um, felt that with the recommendation of our purchasing department, because of the length of time, um, since the last RFP, um, it certainly meets best practice, um, to go out and elicit proposals again. Um, and there's a number of reasons that you do that, um, in this circumstance, none having to do the current performance of the vendor, um, that we currently have. Um, and we hope that they will submit. Um, but technology changes, um, certainly the community changes. Um, so we can imagine how our community has changed since 2012. Um, and sometimes looking at things from a different perspective, um, can elicit new ideas, both from the current vendor and any vendors we choose. So, uh, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Poehnert, and I sat with Kelly Parkinson, our purchasing manager, um, and we drafted, uh, this for your, uh, consideration. Um, we very much used a lot the scope of work from the original, but updated it somewhat to what we thought maybe our- the committee's considerations or, um, requests going forward. So I think it's a scope of work that we really need to discuss, because if there's additional, um, considerations that the committee would like to see, um, or work, we would need to work that into Exhibit A. So I, I think that's where we should start. And if anyone has, um, any ideas on things that we may have not caught, uh, we can certainly get that updated.

Andrew Cernota

Okay, thank you. Does anyone have any observations or, or things that they would like to, to make sure are included in the scope of work that aren't perhaps already included? Any observ- uh, discussion of the, the scope of work as we're looking at it? Um, So we're all just completely in agreement with the scope of work?

Andrew Cernota

Ms. Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Sure. Director Kleiner. I would, um... you know, I think maybe we can start with some of the concerns that we heard from the committee before and just, um... I think it's important we realize the- whether these are still important to the committee. Um, submit- the submitting of, of financial statement and having them be audited, um, or is it the committee's interest that they just be financial statements prepared, um, and unaudited? I mean, how important is that? How important is it to the committee that this vendor would work with a friends of Access Nashua and, and have a, a group that is engaged? Um, how important is it that regular polling is done? I mean, these are things that we've gotta figure out, um, how important they are to the committee and include them in the scope of work, um, if so.

Pete Johnson

I'll say something. Peter Johnson here. Um, I, I believe a lot of that is taken up in the, the contract with, uh, whatever the, the final vendor would be. Um, I think that was how it was done the last time that the RFP was a little more broad and the scope of work was defined more in the contract, um, that was ini- uh, finally brought out. So, possible.

Andrew Cernota

I saw Ms. Lindner's hand.

Cheryl Lindner

I was agreeing from the contract that I read... Sorry, Cheryl Lindner. Um, I was agreeing with Mr. Johnson, um, the con- previous contract that we read had a lot of that spelled out.

Andrew Cernota

Um, Ms. Kleiner.

Kim Kleiner

And I would agree that the contract did. From what I have heard, um, there may be vendors who are not interested, depending upon their size and their availability, um, to actually handle some of those things. Um, so I think spelling out exactly what we're asking for in the scope of work may help our- the vendors determine whether or not they can respond and meet those. Um, because, you know, there's a difference between financially-audited statements and just submitting financial statements. And there's a cost to that, right? To the vendor, um, whether you have to hire a CPA to do that, or, or whether you just submit your own off of QuickBooks. I mean, um, there's also significant time in undertaking when you're talking about polling. And I mean, we do that here at the city, um, on a lot of things, so we can understand that. Um, that's my only concern, is more to not have vendors that don't feel that they can commit to that level or respond and then have... it's quite a bit of work to respond to an RFP.

Andrew Cernota

I, I think, um, I- I'll just, um, say that, that, at least from my perspective, I- I'm probably I- less concerned about the polling than I am about the financials. Um, partly because I think on this level, I don't know that we'd actually... any polling that we would have would be particularly valid from a, um, just a technical s- standpoint of, of pulling sampling and things like that. Um, or if it did, it would be probably prohibitively expensive. Um, as far as the financials go, I, I think I, I, I would see that as linked to the question about whether there'd be contributions and the nonprofit supporting the work as well. And if you... Having someone operating under city, city contract, obviously because of public funds, we'd have, uh... I think just from being a good steward of public trust, I think we require a certain degree of, of, um, investigation. But if we're talking about donated monies, as well as that and the potential mixture of those in the, um... I, I think that makes it somewhat more complicated and makes it that much more important that we have financial controls over it. Um, the exact nature of those controls, I, I think I'd probably defer to, um, to the city as far as, um, what, you know, what the proper procedures are. Um, I don't know if anyone... Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yeah, a- a- alo- yeah, along those same lines, I, I guess, um, I'm wondering what, what our, you know, what our practices are with other, with other vendors? You know, how does the city treat other... I mean, we've got a lot of, um, nonprofits that, that, uh, that we're dealing with. I mean, do, do we require, um, you know, financial statements that are audit... you know, I- I'm not really familiar with that whole realm, but, um, you know, as far as requiring them to provide audited statements audited by a CPA, you know, is that normal? Do we, do we go to that extent or are we just, you know, providing some oversight?

Alderman Ernest Jette

And if we, if we suspect the problem, I guess that would... you know, the, the city from its, you know, general overview would, um, investigate further, I guess. Uh, so, you know, I'm comfortable with just unaudited financial statements. But, you know, as you point out, we're dealing with public funds, and I don't wanna, I don't wanna open us up to a, a problem, but, you know, how do we deal with other vendors?

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Sure. Uh, Director Kleiner. I think it's, uh... Alderman Jette's question is a great one. Um, I'm trying to think of a situation where there would be a nonprofit, um, that actually has use of city equipment and is contracting with the city to per- essentially, perform city work. I, I mean that, that's actually what's being done here, right? Um, and I, and I'm not coming up with one quickly... I mean, sometimes we contract with GAD, you know, and, um, but essentially their GAD functions, um-

Andrew Cernota

Would there be anything involved with, like, public health or, um, maybe any of the homeless, um, groups?

Kim Kleiner

Uh, so I'm thinking... Director Kleiner. I- I'm thinking of, um, you know, whether we were dealing with, like, Harbor homes or things of that sort. Um, and, of course, they would have... they have financially-audited statements. Um, yeah, I'm not coming up with one, but I, I, I can certainly speak with CFO Griffin and investigate it further to see. But I do think it's a different level because this person is contracting to use our location, our equipment, do, you know, work on behalf of the city. And I agree with the chair, if they are to engage in a, a friends of, of, um, Access and they're accepting public money, I think that brings a whole different level of, um, kind of responsibility that the city has to make sure that, whether that money's given to our vendor or the city, that it's audited and tracked.

Pete Johnson

Could you make... Johnson here. Could you maybe look at a- an, an altered timeline instead of every year, every two years, or something of that nature, maybe to, uh, lower the financial barriers for getting in? Or have the city look at the annual statements and determine if they think there's a potential problem and, and, um, either do the audit themselves or require an audit and have that available. So...

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. I, I think Mr. Johnson's, uh, point is a good one. I think there are several different ways we can handle this. And if the nonprofit portion, um, is really kept separate, then there's certain state requirements, um, to that. Um, and those could be handled separately if it's really kept separate from the, the vendors, um, which would be best practice.

Andrew Cernota

Okay.

Cole Morgan

Uh, Mr. Chairman?

Andrew Cernota

Yes, Mr. Morgan.

Cole Morgan

Um, just, just to offer one more bit of a, um, I guess outside opinion on this, I think, you know, while I don't have a ton of experience with, you know, taking public money and, and does that, does that require audited finances looking at the private sector? Any time there's any kind of outside investment, it's a fairly common practice, um, to have audited financials even for, for startup companies, even small startups. So I don't, I don't know that it's such a heavy lift to require that, um, and, you know, that could be only a few investors versus, you know, 90,000 to 100,000 citizens' funds.

Andrew Cernota

Good observation.

Jennifer McCormack

Mr. Chair, if I may.

Andrew Cernota

Yeah. Yeah.

Jennifer McCormack

So Jen McCormack, I'm the director at the library. The library has... we have a friends group that supports some of our programming and services. They are a separate nonprofit. Um, they- we do not require regular-audited financial statements from them. So a, a little, um... The way it would operate for us, they do their own fundraising, keep their own records, file their own tax statements and will grant us funds for particular products or, you know, a program that we're trying to have. So not intermingled finances, it's their own separate organization. But I do appreciate the... I think the transparency would be appreciated by the public. I don't know if it's required. I think that every other year might be more reasonable.

Andrew Cernota

All right.

Jennifer McCormack

And if I can just... I just wanna chime in on the, I think there was discussion about the requirement in the RFP for an annual poll, um, or a survey. I think that's really important. I would like to keep that in. I think if this is a community channel, that we need to provide a transparent and easy way for the public, the audience of that channel to chime in about programming they would like to prioritize, new ideas, maybe new platforms that could be

available. So I would advocate for keeping that in.

Pete Johnson

Pete Johnson here. Um, I, I used to work for a nonprofit organization, and, uh, you know, it, obviously, dealt with public funds coming in from the general public. Um, I, I can tell you that most times, we had a financial review done. A review is a whole lot cheaper than an official audit. Um, so you may look at... looking for reviewed, um, financial statements and do an audit periodically might be an option.

Andrew Cernota

All right. So, um, we've got a few good ideas there. Um, now, as far as, um, dealing with the, the old business here on our agenda, um, is there a motion as far as how to, um, proceed with, um, the RFP? Um, does this committee have a recommendation at this point with regard to the RFP, or, um, do we feel that we need to have further discussion? Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yeah, so, um, I, I think that, uh, if I remember correctly, um, we postponed this from the last meeting, uh, thinking that a month wouldn't, wouldn't really matter. That, uh, that, that was tolerable. I don't know if a further delay is still tolerable.

Andrew Cernota

And, and especially since our next scheduled meeting would be next, uh, in a quarter away as opposed to a month.

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. To Alderman Jette's point, n, unfortunately. So we, we asked the finance committee for approval to pay the current vendor month to month to the end of the year, considering the, the standard time for us to issue the RFP, go through the pre-bid questions, um, have, um, some discussion with, uh, any vendors that are interested, and four weeks for them to submit. We're getting close. You know, it could be more towards the end of February, by the time we get proposals, then they have to come back to this board, be reviewed. I- I'd be concerned if we wait until our next meeting.

Andrew Cernota

Yeah

Kim Kleiner

I, I would suggest at the end, um... and it's page 15 in my copy. I'm not sure. It may be in yours as well. No, it's not. Um, there's a section in the copy, in the scope of work that says reporting. It's 16, towards the end of the page in the draft in front of you. Um, and it says, "Vendor shall provide all reports in a timely fashion as identified in the final agreement." I would make a motion that we go on and include another sentence to say. "This may require audited-financial statements, um, to be agreed upon mutually at the, um, you know, writing of the contract," just to kind of put it out there that it might. We're still looking at that, and it's a discussion point when we, um, consider the proposals or meet with the vendors.

Andrew Cernota

Okay. Um, so there's a motion. Um, any discussion of the motion? Seeing none. Uh, we'll do a roll call. Andrew Cernota is in favor. Um, Justin Chapman's still not here. Um, Ms. Byers?

Lauren Byers

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Um, Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. Lindner?

Cheryl Lindner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And Ms. McCormack?

Jennifer McCormack

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Captain Fay?

Joseph Fay

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr., uh, Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Morgan?

Cole Morgan

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And Chief Rhodes is still not here. Uh, motion passes. All right. So there's a- the, the motion for, uh, amending the, uh, proposed scope of work past. Um, I guess, do we have a, a motion with regard to the overall recommending this, uh, and approve- uh, to the city?

Alderman Ernest Jette

I'll make that motion.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Uh, there's a motion. Um, any discussion?

Nick Miseirvitch

This motion is based on having the amendment in before-

Andrew Cernota

Correct.

Nick Miseirvitch

... from the city?

Alderman Ernest Jette

And I suppose I, I... it just occurred to me, I, I suppose we should be identifying ourselves for the, for the transcriber. So this is Alderman Jette speaking.

Andrew Cernota

Yes. (laughs) Um, and I suppose I, I probably have been bad about identifying myself as well. This is Andrew Cernota. Um, all right. So there's a motion. Um, it's been, you know, clarified to be a motion to, to recommend the, um, RFP, uh, as, uh, draft that, that we've received with the proposed amendment.

Um, we'll give a roll call again. Andrew Cernota is in favor. Um, Mr. Chapman is still not here.

Um, uh, Ms. Byers?

Lauren Byers

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Ms. Lindner?

Cheryl Lindner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Ms. McCormack?

Jennifer McCormack

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Captain Fay?

Joseph Fay

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Morgan?

Cole Morgan

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And Chief Rhodes is still not here. And Mr. Rodriguez is still not here. All right. The motion has passed. Uh, moving on to new business. Um, I, I think we've already welcomed him a few times now, but, um-

Andrew Cernota

... Captain Joseph Fay has been appointed by the, uh, police department, uh, uh, as, uh, as their, uh, repres- as the representative of the chief. Um, welcome.

Joseph Fay

Thank you.

Andrew Cernota

Um, all right. Is there a motion with regard to the fin- uh, financial approval request for the studio production switcher?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Mr. Chair?

Andrew Cernota

Alderman Jette.

Alderman Ernest Jette

And so, I, I make a, uh, a motion that we, uh, authorize, uh, up to or... I don't know, we're authorizing or we're requesting-

Andrew Cernota

I think we're authorizing. Um-

Alderman Ernest Jette

... up to \$34,000 from account 22-2505-81100, uh, for the purchase of a new tech TriCaster 2 Elite with two stripes, control surface, and associated accessories.

Andrew Cernota

Okay. There's a motion. Any discussion?

Nick Miseirvitch

Mr. Chairman?

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr. Miseirvitch.

Nick Miseirvitch

Uh, yeah. Um, this, uh, question is, uh, more directed for Mr. Poehnert or Mr. Johnson. Uh, is, is repair of the unit an option to look at, since... Isn't that the same type of piece of equipment here at City Hall that we did send out for repair?

Pete Johnson

I don't recall sending anything out for repair, but, um, you- do you know what unit you were talking about?

Jeff Poehnert

Oh, I think... Are you... I think you're speaking about the audio mixers?

Nick Miseirvitch

Correct.

Jeff Poehnert

Yeah. I mean, tho- that's- those are different. I mean, they-

Nick Miseirvitch

Okay, different type of equipment?

Jeff Poehnert

Yeah.

Nick Miseirvitch

Okay.

Pete Johnson

This is, uh, you know, a computer itself, like I said, and it was, uh, manufactured back in 2000... January of 2013 was when it came out. It was, um, put out there. The company has not supported the thing in a number of years. It's still running on, uh, Windows 7, and it's not upgradeable from that. Um, like I said, we- we've been having issues with it not, not working. Uh, and I think it's just outlived its useful life. Uh, they're willing to give some money back on a, uh, uh, taking it back, but that's basically because they wanna trash it. They don't want it out there, uh, us reselling it to somebody else or something of that nature. So they wanna take it off the market.

Nick Miseirvitch

All right. Thank you for the clarification.

Pete Johnson

Sure.

Andrew Cernota

Thank you. Uh, uh, Director Kleiner.

Kim Kleiner

Uh, Director Kleiner. Just so that the committee knows, um, because of the tightness of the timeline, um, Wednesday was the deadline for finance committee. Um, so this was put forth and filed with the legislative office pending this, this committee's approval so that we could get it on the next finance meeting. Um, my- so my question and, and it may be a (laughs) little late, um, considering that fact, but is Access AV the only vendor out here- out that does this type of work?

Pete Johnson

They're not the only vendor. There are a couple out of Massachusetts, um, that also... you know, they, they tend to do a, a lot of the work for us. Um, uh, most of those have gone through the process of, of bids. Um, we, we looked at some, uh, other box houses where you'd expect to get better pricing, uh, you know, Access AV provided, uh, much better pricing than the box houses have. Um, they're already familiar with that system and, and put it in place in the first place.

Um, that was why we were, we're looking at them and, uh, given the imeline. Did that answer your question, or?

Kim Kleiner

Uh, Director Kleiner. I, I... Somewhat. So I think that, you know, we generally talk about soul sourcing and things of that sort, if, if there's other equipment and this piece of equipment is fitting with that other equipment that's from a certain vendor, right? Then that, that makes sense to move forward. I was just wondering, during the public hearing, we had that, uh, president of the state chapter... And I'm, I'm not going to attempt to remember the name.

Pete Johnson

NHCCM.

Kim Kleiner

Thank you.

Pete Johnson

His name is Owen.

Kim Kleiner

Uh, and I'm wondering if they ever get to other and try to talk about purchasing power and who the vendors are that, that at least New Hampshire deals with, um, to see if we can get better pricing on things and who they recommend. For instance, you know, who does Bedford get some of their equipment from? I just think it would be an interesting topic to start with that type, um, so that we can get at least feedback on how equip- how long equipment has lasted. What's better than some? I, I think, you know, in general, and I think Mr Miseirvitch would probably agree that the, you know, computer products like this, um, our, our, our big server that we use as playback, typically that lasts about seven years. Uh, before, you know, they'll, they'll guarantee or work on it for five. And then, usually, it works for a couple of years longer than that. Uh, it's sort of the timeframe we're looking at with this piece of equipment on the computer end. Um, I don't know, would you agree that that's about the useful timeline for most computer products?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes, I would.

Pete Johnson

Okay.

Andrew Cernota

Um-

Cole Morgan

Mr. Chairman?

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Morgan.

Cole Morgan

Uh, Cole Morgan here. Um, just ano- another point of, uh, I guess point of reference. So I've been in the professional AV industry for 15 years. I used TriCasters a long time and many other alternatives to them, from Panasonic, Blackmagic, et cetera. Um, TriCasters, just as a point, I definitely agree is the- probably the best thing, uh, the best piece of equipment to put in here. Access AV, you know, I've used them for many years for many other projects. Um, a- as a point from the general industry currently, um, prices of AV gear are going up very, very quickly. I'm sure everyone's aware of the, the large silicon shortage, you know, due to the, the pandemic and, and other global factors. So, um, I- from what I've seen in the last couple years with, with purchasing, um, kind of on, on the whole, as I stay in touch with many industry partners that are making very, very large, you know, tens of billions of dollars of purchases. Um, I, I don't know that we could expect to do too much better than access AV, um, maybe than a, you know, a percent or two. Um, just as a, as a point of reference, that there's no- not a whole lot of margin out there, um, right now. Um, and seven years is wonderful (laughs) for, for anything in the AV industry, anything with the chip. Um, typically in the, in the private sector, it's maybe four years on the long side. So seven, we're doing really, really well.

Andrew Cernota

Thank you. Uh, Director Kleiner.

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. Just, uh, one other point, I know as we're looking at the Comcast franchise agreement and possibly a 10-year, you know, window, there's a- a- an appendix to this RFP that lists a bunch of equipment. And I'm wondering if we have a dates that those- that the equipment was purchased, and if we have a replacement schedule. So, um, as Mr. Morgan indicated, seven years is great on this, uh, but what are we expecting maybe next year or the year after? Because as we look at those Comcast revenues, we should be expecting, um-

Pete Johnson

I, I don't have that... Johnson.

Andrew Cernota

And we could also request capital, um, funds.

Pete Johnson

Right. I don't have that with me today, but, um, I was expecting that to come at our Comcast, uh, Franchise Renewal committee. Um, so we do have a list of when the major pieces of equipment were bought when, uh, we- we'd sort of hope that this piece would last one more year and be able to, you know, put it under the capital improvement money that we might get from the Comcast Franchise Renewal. Um, the other large piece of equipment, our main server was purchased in 2000- early 2017. So that will be five years, um, this January since we purchased that. And our last one lasted seven years. So you can assume that, you know, in that contract period, we'll need to replace that. And that was about 60 to \$70,000. And that's our single largest, uh, piece of equipment that we use. Um, we recently replaced our field cameras. So those have been done. Um, there will likely be some additional, uh, things in the studio, uh, during that contract period.

And we recently redid in this room and, uh, also over at Nashua North for the, uh, robotic cameras, and upstairs. So those are all fairly recent pro- projects. Um, yeah.

Andrew Cernota
Mr. Poehnert.

Jeff Poehnert
Uh, I'm just gonna add, I mean, as far as, you know, smaller piece of equipment that expensive is our studio canvas. And they're what? About 11 years old now.

Pete Johnson
Yeah,

Jeff Poehnert
I think that was 2010. So that's coming up.

Pete Johnson
They're, they're still working pretty good at this point.

Jeff Poehnert
Yeah. Yeah, they're still working.

Pete Johnson
Uh, you know, considering those don't get taken in and out of the studio the way the other ones do and are- have a lot more rugged use. These sit on- sat on trip- tripods, excuse me, for the last, uh, you know, almost 11 years since the studio went in.

Alderman Ernest Jette
Mr. Chairman?

Andrew Cernota
Mr., uh, Alderman Jette.

Alderman Ernest Jette
Uh, I'm embarrassed to say that I have a computer that's still running Windows 95.

Andrew Cernota
Let's not tell the Bar Association.

Jeff Poehnert
That's not the worse

Alderman Ernest Jette
But, but I want to point out that we have, uh, \$480,000 in the cap- in this capital improvements account. So I think we can afford the \$34,000. And, and, and I know that the, uh, uh, the people who are recommending this purchase, you know, have, have been at this, I think, uh, very well.

And, uh, so I, I think we ought to, you know... in, in, in view of the other statements, you know, Mr. Morgan, uh, has... it's great to have Mr. Morgan here, he's providing great insight. Uh, but I think we gotta just go ahead on, on, on this particular purchase, go ahead and bite the bullet and take advantage of the, the pricing as it is before the end of the year.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Any other discussion? If not, uh, we'll return to the motion, um, which is to approve the, uh, um, purchase, not to exceed \$34,000, um, from the capital improvements, uh, fund. Um here. Um, uh, Ms. Byers?

Lauren Byers

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. Lindner?

Cheryl Lindner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. McCormack.

Jennifer McCormack

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Captain Fay.

Joseph Fay

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr. Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr. Morgan?

Cole Morgan

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And Chief Rhodes is still not here. And Mr. Rodriguez is still not here. All right. The motion has passed. All right. Uh, next on the agenda are comments from public. Um, still no members of the public present. Uh, so remarks by members. Oh, I'm sorry. Uh, Mr., um, Ga- Gagnon.

Dick Gagnon

Uh, as the primary user of the studio and the TriCaster, and along with my producers, I'd like to thank you very, very much for approving the new, uh, switcher.

Andrew Cernota

Thank you. All right. Um, remarks by members. Alderman Jette.

Alderman Ernest Jette

Um, I, I suppose we would've heard, but, you know, when you asked for, uh, comments from the public, I don't know if there's anyone on Zoom. I, I suppose they would've spoken up if there were.

Andrew Cernota

I- yeah, I think that Mr. Morgan's the only person we have on, on Zoom.

Alderman Ernest Jette

Okay. Uh, so I have something else. Uh, during the, uh, the public hearing, um... Ms. Transcriber, this is Alderman Jette. (laughs) Uh, during the public hearing, the- there was a, uh, a statement made about, um, uh, the availability of a, a program schedule. And, um, and, and I, I know that, uh, you know, the comment was made that, um, you know, you can go to our website. And it, it occurred to me that there are people, uh, watching, um, Channel 16 who don't ha- who don't go to websites. That- that's their only source. And, uh, and looking at Channel 16, uh, you know, when, when... on- at least on my, uh, service, um, you know, you can, you can push a button that says Guide, and it shows, you know, the channels and, and... You know, like, you know, like on, uh, Channel 11, it'll say, you know, eight o'clock, um, Sesame Street. And then at 10 o'clock, you know, some other program. For Channel 16, it just says local, local, local, local. There's no listing of what the programs are. And I'm wondering if it's possible for us to get Comcast to, you know, to submit our schedule to them so that when people look at that guide, they can see that, you know, at nine o'clock, there's gonna be a replay of the Board of Aldermen meeting. Um, that was, you know, one thought I had. I don't know if that's possible.

Alderman Ernest Jette

And the other thing is that, you know, when there's nothing playing, you know, you- you've got that static display. It's not static, it keeps changing, but there's a voiceover, Ms. Byers' lovely voice-

Alderman Ernest Jette

... telling us about, you know, the latest things that are going on. You know, whether, whether they would be... whether it would be possible to display on that, the, uh, the- you know, what's coming up later today. I know there's a scroll that says coming up at nine o'clock, Board of Aldermen... you know, replay of Board of Alderman Meeting or something like that. But it, it only tells you what the next thing is. You know, is it possible to have something that, that gives the schedule for the day? You know, whether that would help, uh, you know, those people.

Andrew Cernota

Um, I think... Well, one... Uh, to answer the first question, I think as Mr. Johnson mentioned at the hearing, um, that that was something that we were gonna look into. Um-

Pete Johnson

I, I can expound on that.

Andrew Cernota

Yeah.

Pete Johnson

Pete Johnson. Um, I, I said, that's something you may be able to ask for in the Franchise Renewal. Um, no stations in New Hampshire currently are on the program guide. They have been successful in getting cable companies on the West Coast, in certain areas, to do that. They're very against it. Our, our equipment can produce that schedule and send it electronically to the company that, that deals with that. But, um, you know, Comcast, in general, is not in favor of putting those on. So it, it has not been. So just asking for it, they are likely to come back and say no. Uh, as far as the second part of your question is concerned, is it possible to put a, uh, another scheduled page up there that rotates that would have the full day schedule? Um, I know I had asked, uh, Dan Young, who has helped, uh, build some of those, uh, specific slides for that program, um, to do so, but he, uh, works at UPS. And at this time of year, he spends very little time at the studio. Um, so we're looking at getting that implemented at the beginning of the year. Uh, but we can, can put that schedule type- type of schedule page up. Currently, uh, Channel 96, the Access station has one that, uh, is a daytime schedule. So what's coming up today. Um, so does that answer both of your questions?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Right. Um, Alderman Jette again. Um, yes. I'm a little, uh, surprised by your- maybe your- the first answer that, uh, Comcast would resist that. I don't... I- I'm not... This is not my field, so I have no idea, you know, but I can't imagine why they would, uh, resist that. I mean, every... you know, the- uh, all the other commercial channels-

Pete Johnson

And, and we can certainly ask and see what they say.

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yeah.

Pete Johnson

Um, you know, something to bring up during our, uh, the subcommittee meeting, so...

Alderman Ernest Jette

Okay, good. Yes. And, and the, uh, the second part, uh, thank you.

Andrew Cernota

Um, Director Kleiner?

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. I, I, I, I agree with Mr. Johnson, it is certainly something, um, to address during the Comcast Franchise, um, agreement meetings, which I think we should relatively soon have another and, um, invite Mr. Christensen in, too, so that, um, committee members can ask any additional questions, now that we've received, uh, their version or their proposed version of the contract. Um, and we do, I mean, we do have a marked up copy with some of the changes, um, that we can supply to the subcommittee. Um, I know one of the, um, reasons, um... And we've discussed this before. Comcast is very particular with having correct information on those guides. Um, so when it's a, a third party, if that information was to change, they don't want the Com- the guide to say this is coming up, and then something else comes up. Um, so they- they're pretty particular with the accuracy of that guide, especially when it comes to third parties. Um, but I'm sure Mr. Christensen can allude, um, to more.

Andrew Cernota

Excellent. Thank you. And Mr. Poehnert, did you have anything to add? I

Jeff Poehnert

Well, yeah, I was just gonna say, on the, on the Government channel, um, what, uh, Mr. Johnson was talking about as far as, you know, a direct connection with our bulletin board and a schedule would be, would be doable. Um, but in the Government, you, you really don't know what the schedule's gonna be the next day, 'cause you don't know how long the meetings are gonna be. I mean, this week we had two three-and-a-half-hour meetings and one two-and-a-half-hour. And if I had scheduled out the next day what we were gonna play, it wouldn't, it wouldn't come out right.

Pete Johnson

Wouldn't fit.

Jeff Poehnert

That's on the Government channel. That's all, you know? But the, but what you were speaking of would be, as you put it up-

Pete Johnson

Right.

Jeff Poehnert

... it goes on to the, to the bulletin board, and that, that would be fine. That would work. But the best we could do on Comcast would be that, you know, you schedule out what the meetings are, which, which would be useful, you know, if they would do that.

Andrew Cernota

Thank you. Yeah, thank you. All right. Any other remarks by members? Alderman Jette.

Alderman Ernest Jette

Thank you. Um, another thing that was mentioned that the, uh, the gentleman from Bedford talked about how they got another channel, I don't know if we have any interest in acquiring another channel, whether we would really have enough content to, to, to, uh, provide programming for another channel.

Pete Johnson

I ca- I can, uh-

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Pete.

Pete Johnson

... tell you that the additional channel that they got is a, a high definition channel. So typically, what Comcast has been doing when communities ask for high definition is they give them one channel. Uh, our current system is capable of passing them, uh, HD content. And what they do is schedule that channel, uh, sort of to be the best of the other three. So, you know, on Monday night, it might be the Board of Education Meeting is available on the regular Channel 99 and on the high definition channel. Uh, Tuesday night, it might be the Board of Alderman, but Friday night, it might be the football game from Stella's Stadium. So you just, uh, sort of put the best of programming on there, uh, in high definition. So... And people are expecting programming in high definition these days. Um, I, I think when you look at the, the meetings in low def, it's especially difficult to read, um, you know, slides that people are putting up in PowerPoint. Most people don't know how to make things that are easily readable. Um, they try to put way too much information on a slide (laughs). And, uh, even if it was right here on my screen, sometimes it's difficult to see. And by the time you dumb that down to, uh, 640 by 480 pixels on standard definition, uh, it becomes very difficult to read. So, um, that's what they have for an additional channel, is, is a high definition channel. So...

Andrew Cernota

Okay.

Pete Johnson

And that's something we could have asked for in the last contract and didn't, and that's the reason why we don't have one. Most communities had asked that when HD became available, that, you know, they were in line to get a, a channel. We never asked for that.

Andrew Cernota

I think at the time that we were talking about it, they hadn't-

Pete Johnson

They hadn't started anywhere, but we, we had asked that they, they do that. Uh, when, when any other New Hampshire station got one, that Nashua would get one, but that never went through, so...

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Mr. Poehnert?

Jeff Poehnert

No, I was just gonna say, so the answer would be yes. We, we should go for that channel. Um, you know, and we have... When we upgraded everything that we have, it's all high def. We are broadcasting in high def, it's just not going out of high def, uh, to Comcast, or from Comcast. So...

Alderman Ernest Jette

Um, so Alderman Jette here. Um, so do we have to do anything? I mean, is that... are we gonna ask for that, or do we have to formally do anything here?

Andrew Cernota

Well, I, I think we'll address it in the subcommittee meeting, but-

Alderman Ernest Jette

Okay.

Andrew Cernota

... I, I think that is on our list of, of things that we'd like, so... All right. Any other comments? Alderman Jette again.

Alderman Ernest Jette

I hate to, uh, monopolize here.

Alderman Ernest Jette

But, um, uh, so, uh, Mr. Johnson brings up a good point, you know, when he talks about the, uh, um, you know, the slide shows that are often presented to- like at the Board of Alderman Meetings or committee meetings. Uh, he, he brings up an excellent point. Something that I've found personally frustrating is that, you know, they're, they're too small, you can't read them.

And so they're, they are of, uh, little value. And, uh, I- so I- I've just taken this opportunity, you know, is there, um, a way that, um, that the administration could remind, um, you know, you know, various city employees and others that are, that are going to be making a presentation and kind of give them, uh, you know, maybe... maybe, you know, we could develop, uh, some guides, you know, some- a, a guide or some hints or whatever to say that, you know, it should be a- at least a certain point, um, so that, you know...I, I, I... it, it, it always, um... I, I always feel bad that, you know, people spend so much time working on these things and then, and then they, they come here and they, they put it up and you can't see it. It's all, it's all a waste. Um, and, uh-

Andrew Cernota

So I'm seeing a bunch of heads nod.

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yeah.

Kim Kleiner

Yeah.

Andrew Cernota

And (laughs) I also see that Mr. Morgan has his ha- hand up, um, on the, the Zoom call.

Andrew Cernota

Did- do you have, uh, insights for us?

Cole Morgan

Uh, it was something, uh, completely different, but I mean, yeah, I guess all I can do is echo (laughs) e- e- echo what, uh, Mr. Jette has said. Yeah, that's, again, problem industry wide. And a great solution is, obviously, better, better quality with an HD channel. Um, just begging and pleading with people to (laughs) keep that in mind.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner.

Kim Kleiner

Director Kleiner. I think this is an issue that, um, we have discussed and at least, um, some of the division directors have discussed it as well. Um, you have to be very careful when you're dealing with the amount of data that we're dealing with. Um, sometimes in the presentations that we're making, you're really not gonna get that to project, um, visibly in, in any way, shape, or form. And so that's why a lot of times we suggest that there are handouts and, and things that it's backed up with individual handouts to board members, and included in the packets or the agenda. or the minutes after the meeting. Um, because sometimes when you're dealing with that much data and that much information, um, it's just impossible. You're not going to get it. I think, you know, the introduction of Zoom has brought kind of a whole new level because now if you introduce it in paper, if you give the board a packet, um, it's diff... the Zoom doesn't have the packet, right? So, I mean, so it's diff- it's difficult and it's raised some challenges, um, and a bunch of other Zoom challenges, which, um, we can discuss later.

Kim Kleiner

Um, but I think we could work with, um, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Poehnert to put out kind of best practices, and probably, um, the IT team would, would weigh in on that as well. Um, but large amounts of data... When we went to the different, uh, broadcast stations, um, when we were looking to do the chamber upgrades, I think it was Bedford that had the individual-

Andrew Cernota

Oh, I think it was Derry.

Kim Kleiner

Was it Derry?

Andrew Cernota

Yup.

Kim Kleiner

Okay, one of them.

Andrew Cernota

Yeah.

Kim Kleiner

Had individual monitors at each station. Um, obviously, there- there's a price tag to that, but, um... And even then, it somehow can be challenging, depending on.

Pete Johnson

And it's still difficult for the consumer to see at home when it gets on, on TV, especially when all we're broadcasting is in standard definition.

Kim Kleiner

Yeah.

Kim Kleiner

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Pete Johnson

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Kim Kleiner

Yeah.

Pete Johnson

So you, you, you know, lose the clarity, uh, even more.

Andrew Cernota

All right. Um, going back to Mr. Morgan with his, uh, very patient hand. Uh...

Cole Morgan

Uh, one, one thing to add to that, and then, uh, and then another question if this one's finished.

Um, one thing that we've seen be very successful is, um, maybe the IT team or, or s- someone on the (laughs) committee or, or- uh, that we have resources available for can make templates or a single template that has all the font sizes that we've tested, and they make, you know, one or two example charts so that, um, anyone giving a presentation has a really easy guide if they wanna just download that and paste in their text. Um, we can provide simple formatting in a, in a PowerPoint, maybe a- Apple Keynote seems to be the most... too, too popular, um, formats.

Andrew Cernota

Good idea.

Cole Morgan

Um, and then, um, my question was actually around the apps that we offer. I just recently found that we have a, a, a nice app that I was able to download on my Apple TV and, and watch some of the content live and, and record it. Um, because yes, um, my wife and I do watch this for entertainment sometimes.

Cole Morgan

Um, I was wondering, uh, who manages that right now? And are there any future plans for improvement on our, um, I guess the connectivity outside of just through standard, standard cable?

Pete Johnson

Um, Pete Johnson here. So currently, obviously, we're on, on cable. Um, we do broadcast in high definition via, um, either a Roku app or a Roku TV. Uh, there's a national community television app on there. So you can watch all three channels, uh, live streamed, uh, on your Roku Television, um, by going to our app. Uh, and we also are currently on Apple TV as well. Um, so, you know, for folks that either don't have access to, uh, the standard cable television or, you know, we have a lot of folks that watch from outside of the area on the, the education channel, that are watching, um, you know, sporting events or something like that, their grandkids are involved, uh, we steer them to the, the two apps that we have. Um, and I believe it would cost us about \$2,000. Don't quote me on it, but I think that was the price, um, if we wanted to go to, uh, Fire- Amazon Firestick, uh, as a third option. So...

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Poehnert.

Jeff Poehnert

I'm just gonna say that I, I watch Roku at home, and I'm, I'm on a different system. You know, so it's, it's really good.

Cole Morgan

Uh, this is Cole Morgan again. Um, awesome. Thank you. Yeah, I think it would probably be a worthy investment for Amazon. I know that, um, Amazon right now, um... My company has produced a lot of the same apps in, in the past. So we have some good usage data as far as percentages. Um, and Roku and Fire TV seem to be the top two. Um, and with, with Apple being the least, and, and Android TV also being slightly less than, than Apple. So it, it may be worth, in a not too distant future time, that we look into Fire TV as well as, uh, Android TV applications. Um, and, uh, just a, a little fun fact, Android TV and, and Google or Android TV, um, it's very, very little, little work to create one from the other. Um, so hopefully, the company would be able to do, do both of them for a, a fairly, you know, similar price.

Pete Johnson

I, I believe, uh, you know, our, um, company TelView, which, uh, does our, um, total television package (laughs), uh, I don't think they offer the Android package yet. Uh, but I, I can check with them on that. Um, when we got the system part of the, uh, uh, freebies that they threw in with the Apple TV and the Roku apps, uh, and they're all handled on their end. Um, all of our channels are distributed, uh, to them in New Jersey, and then it goes out from there. So...

Andrew Cernota

Any other comments from members of the, the board? If not, is there a final motion?

Alderman Ernest Jette

I move we, we adjourn.

Andrew Cernota

Motion to adjourn. Um, and I suppose this has to be ro- uh, role call also. So Andrew Cernota is in favor. Uh, Mr. Chapman's still not here. Uh, Ms. Byers?

Lauren Byers

Uh.

Andrew Cernota

Alderman Jette?

Alderman Ernest Jette

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Director Kleiner.

Kim Kleiner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Uh, Ms. Lindner?

Cheryl Lindner

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Ms. McCormack?

Jennifer McCormack

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Captain Fay?

Joseph Fay

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Miseirvitch?

Nick Miseirvitch

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

Mr. Morgan?

Cole Morgan

Yes.

Andrew Cernota

And, uh, Chief Rhodes and Mr. Rodriguez are still not here. So the motion passes. All right. We'll see everyone, um, at some future point.

Pete Johnson

Thank you.

Jeff Poehnert

Thank you, everybody.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:39

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