

**CABLE TELEVISION COMMISSION**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 19, 2014**  
**City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers**  
**7:00 PM**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Mr. Tom Davis, Commission Chairman  
Jim Sauer, Commission Member

Attendees:

Ms. Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney  
Ms. Karmen Walker-Brown, Comcast Representative  
Ms. Denise Palmer, Contract Secretary  
Mr. Bill Gardiner, Assistant City Manager

**1. Discussion with Comcast regarding cable wires after a customer has terminated service.**

Chairman Davis opened the Special Meeting by updating Ms. Walker-Brown with details from recent meeting in attendance by Bob Stumpff, Director of Public Works, who has identified coaxial cables that are hanging from the poles in College Park which may be dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Stumpff would like Ms. Walker- Brown to work with the city to see what cable companies they belong to and how to address the safety issues and removal of these coaxial cables.

Ms. Walker-Brown was in agreement to have Comcast work with Mr. Stumpff to address the issues. In order to address the issues, she needs information from Mr. Stumpff to send cable staff to the actual location(s) to make a proper assessment. Chairman Davis suggested that an individual from Comcast could be selected to work directly with Mr. Stumpff and with Mr. Gardiner. Mr. Sauer suggests a two-step process 1) to deal with the issue of hanging cables and 2) to clean up the old cables that are there. Ms. Walker-Brown informed the committee that the normal procedures that are followed if a resident wants cable removed from their home is to call their designated cable carrier and indicate they have had cable disconnected and want the drop removed. It is not automatically removed without following these steps.

Chairman Davis introduced resident, David Dorsch, who had a complaint about cables that were brought down by a truck and were lying across Calvert Road. He also had questions for Verizon. Chairman Davis suggested that he leave his contact information and he will be notified when a meeting with the Verizon representative is set.

Ms. Walker-Brown stressed the importance of being tied to Department of Public There being no other items on the agenda for discussion, Ms. Hopkins made a motion to Works, and other service entities because most residents will call Pepco when they see a wire down. If

Pepco comes out, it may be determined that it is not theirs and those reports from Pepco do not get passed down to the cable companies.

**2. Update by City Attorney on the Franchise Agreement.**

The update is scheduled for the September 22, 2014 CTC meeting.

**3. Other Business**

There being no other items on the agenda for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Denise M. Palmer, Contract Secretary