

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 14, 2015 Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of April 21, 2015

DATE: March 20, 2015

TO: Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Amending Code of Ordinances to disband the Cable Communications Commission

CAPTION:

Ordinance amending the Code of ordinances, City of Corpus Christi, Chapter 2 and Chapter 55 regarding disbanding of the Cable Communications Commission

PURPOSE:

To disband the Cable Communications Commission and move any remaining administrative functions to the Communication Department.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Cable Communications Commission was created in 1982 to regulate the municipal cable franchises. Corpus Christi's municipal cable franchise was dissolved with state law in June of 2012. Since then the duties of the Cable Communications Commission have changed to primarily regulate public access channel rules and procedures. The Cable Communications Commission has had 12 commissioner vacancies and 11 meetings cancelled due to lack of quorum in the last three years.

The Cable Communication Commission analyzed the duties and recommended the commission be disbanded. They also recommended any public access administrative functions be assigned to the Communication Department. The Code of ordinances reflect the changes necessary to disband the commission and move the outstanding duties to the Communication Department. The primary changes will result in the Communication Department administering the public access rules and procedures instead of the Cable Communication Commission. The Communication Department welcomes the changes and does not foresee any excessive workload issues for taking on the administrative duties.

ALTERNATIVES:

N/A

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

Members currently serving on the Cable Communications Commission would be eligible to serve on other boards or commissions.

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

None Applicable

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-Emergency; Two Readings required.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Communication Department Legal Department City Secretary

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

□ Operating	□ Revenue	□ Capital	X Not applicable
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Fiscal Year: 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered /				
Expended Amount				0
This item				0
BALANCE				0

Fund(s): None

Comments: No financial implications.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Ordinance

Cable Communication Commission Minutes