

# Agenda Report

DATE: JUNE 12, 2000

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO ENTER INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS FOR OPERATION OF A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM

## RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution declaring the City's intent to enter into a franchise agreement with Charter Communications for continued operation of a cable television system serving Pasadena.

## BACKGROUND:

The City's franchise agreement with Charter Communications for operation of a cable television system in Pasadena expires July 1, 2000. Staff has been working to negotiate a new franchise agreement with Charter over the past several years based on direction from the City Council. The renewed franchise agreement covers the following general areas:

- Payment of a five percent franchise fee
- Requirements related to construction, upgrade or rebuild of the cable system, including conditions triggering system modification or upgrade to ensure provision of advanced services
- Provision of grants for an Institutional Network
- Requirements related to public, educational, and governmental access
- Conditions on Charter's use of the public right-of-way
- Special services to be provided to the City
- Liability insurance and indemnification
- Identification of conditions of default
- Other penalties associated with Charter's failure to perform according to the franchise terms

The City Charter requires that the Council adopt a resolution declaring its intention to grant a franchise and specifying the date of a public hearing prior to adoption of any franchise. The attached resolution sets the date of the public hearing related to the franchise renewal for Monday, July 10, 2000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as a result of adopting the recommended resolution.

Respectfully submitted,




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