

History of Government Access Channel
Actions by El Cajon City Council
(Extracted from City Council Minutes by Raymond Lutz)

From 05-14-2002 Minutes

MAYOR PRO TEM BOB McCLELLAN

6.1 POLICY FOR PROGRAMMING ON CITY GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council request the City Attorney to draft a Policy for programming on the City's Government Access Channel.

MOTION BY McClellan, SECOND BY Lewis to direct staff to look into a policy for programming on City Government Access Channel.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

From 12-03-2002 Minutes

3.4 DRAFT CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL FOR BROADCAST TO CABLE CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF EL CAJON (Report: Assistant City Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and approve the City Council Policy which sets forth guidelines for use of the Government Access Channel under the City's Cable Television franchise agreement.

Mayor Lewis discusses possible changes to the policy such as order of preference, broadcasting perimeter relating to educational programming, and cautions that religion cannot legally be promoted. He suggests DVD usage to record City Council meetings rather than VHS tapes because storage space is a factor.

Councilmember McClellan recommends usage for educational purposes and not as a public access channel.

Joint Meeting: El Cajon City Council December 3, 2002
And Redevelopment Agency - 362- 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

City Manager Garrett advises the review process for access should include an appeal procedure. Council could then review items being appealed. Historical education items might include some religious content, but this should not disqualify the item if it is historical.

Councilmember Ramos remarks on future downloading of Minutes onto CDs at

lesser cost. City Attorney Foley remarks that Minutes should be provided in the type of format requested, if we have the capability. The fee should reflect the cost of duplicating only and not the set up.

MOTION BY McClellan, SECOND BY Lewis, to bring back the policy as soon as possible with the comments and suggestions discussed today.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3.7 DRAFT CITY COUNCIL POLICY ON THE USE OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCESS CHANNEL FOR BROADCAST TO CABLE CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF EL CAJON (Report: Assistant City Manager) (Continued from 12/3/02, Item 3.4)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council review and approve the attached City Council Policy which sets forth guidelines for use of the government Access Channel under the City's Cable television franchise agreement.

City Manager Garrett informs the revisions were made, as previously recommended, and a section on Appeals has been added.

MOTION BY McClellan, SECOND BY Lewis, to adopt the policy.
MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.