

STAFF REPORT

January 14, 2019

Topic: Second reading of Resolution 2019-01, Relative to the Comcast Proposal for a Competitive Cable TV Franchise in Laconia

Discussion: On October 26, 2018, the City received a proposal to provide competitive cable TV services in Laconia, from Comcast of Maine/ New Hampshire, Inc., having retained the firm of Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, as special counsel to assist the City in negotiations thereon with Comcast, and the City is presenting a revised proposal.

Consideration should include:

- I. The financial ability of Comcast of Maine/ NH, Inc., the franchise applicant, to perform;
- II. The ability of the applicant to provide adequate and technically sound facilities, equipment and signal quality;
- III. Adequate channel capacity and appropriate facilities for public, educational, or governmental use, taking into account available technology, subscriber interest, and cost;
- IV. The prohibition of discrimination among customers of basic service;
- V. Reasonable service quality in terms of available technology, subscriber interest, and cost;
- VI. Construction and installation which conforms to all applicable state and federal laws and regulations and the National Electrical Safety Code;
- VII. A competent staff able to provide prompt, adequate service and to respond comprehensively to customer complaints or problems and
- VIII. Reasonable rules and policies for line extensions and disconnects, customer deposits, and billing practices.

Fiscal Impact:

Staff Recommendation:

This report submitted by: Scott Myers, City Manager

Proposed motion:

"I move to waive reading of Resolution 2019-01 in its entirety and to read by title only."

"I move the second reading of Resolution 2019-01, relative to authorizing the City Manager to sign any documents on behalf of the City relative to the Comcast Proposal for Competitive Cable TV Franchise in Laconia."

"I move to approve Resolution 2019-01, relative to authorizing the City Manager to sign any documents on behalf of the City relative to the Comcast Proposal for Competitive Cable TV Franchise in Laconia."