

# **Information Technology Advisory Commission (Tech Commission)**

## **Draft Minutes**

### **Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Virtual Meeting**

#### **via Zoom Call**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm by Frank Jazzo, Chair. Attendance was as follows:

##### Members:

- Frank Jazzo, Chair
- John Burke, Vice Chair
- Andrea Wingo
- Dr. Michael Cornfield
- Gary Thayer
- Jacqueline Snelling
- Jim Smith
- Laura Gross
- Miranda Willis
- Prescott Burden

##### Staff and liaisons:

- Richard Archambault, Staff Coordinator
- Norron Lee, DTS Director

##### Member of the public:

- Andrew Bates
- Holly Hartell, Assistant CIO for Strategic Initiatives
- Kevin Broadhurst, Comcast
- Jennifer Skow, Strategic Projects Planner, Research and Strategic Initiatives Group, DCPHD
- Joe Ross, Strategic and Budgetary Assessments
- Lauren Hall
- Louise Anderson, Verizon
- Rick Burke

#### **2. Public Comment**

- None

#### **3. Chair's Updates**

- Discussed and approved the draft letter for the Performance Parking Pilot to send to the County Board.

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- Requested a briefing on the county's joint public safety unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) policy.
- Received an application for a new member to join Tech Commission.
- Still waiting for input on book club selection for the meet the author event.

### **4. Phase II Broadband Study Update, Holly Hartell, Assistant CIO for Strategic Initiatives, DTS, Jennifer Skow, Strategic Projects Planner, Research and Strategic Initiatives Group, DCPHD**

- Update provided on the county's broadband study focusing on the comparative model evaluation based on the different delivery models. Expecting another update in the first quarter of 2024.

### **5. PEG Channel and Comcast/Verizon Franchise Renewals Update, Norron Lee and Richard Archambault**

- County has extended its Comcast contract through December 2024. Verizon contract goes through June 2024. Plan is to finish the need assessment before beginning negotiations.
- Cable companies remit \$1.38 per subscriber per month in funds that are restricted to capital uses for Public, Educational, and Governmental Access Channels (i.e. PEG Channels). The three entities that comprise this are Arlington Independent Media or AIM (Public), the schools (Education) and the county (Government). AIM is potentially moving from Wilson Blvd location, possibly to a county building located at 4700 S Four Mile Run.

### **6. Legislative Update - Frank Jazzo / John Burke**

- The FCC initiated a rule-making working toward the possible prohibition of early termination fees, ETF's, and billing cycle fees by cable TV providers, which is in harmony with the Biden administration's fight against junk fees.
- Recent survey finds that 92% of US households get Internet service at home, which is up from 83% in 2018, and 98% of those are subscribing to broadband-level services.
- Small cable systems in both Kentucky and Alaska are shutting down their multi-channel or traditional cable video services due to escalating programming costs and continued cord covering by customers.
- Verizon has announced the launch of FiOS TV plus to all new customers who subscribe to FiOS Video Services, which will enable live TV and streaming services through one small device without a traditional set top box.

### **7. DTS Update – Norron Lee**

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- TBD

### **8. Good of the Order**

- TBD

### **9. Adjourn**

- It was moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

**Next Meeting: January 24, 2023, at 7:30 pm**