

Rochester Government Channel Minutes
May 15, 2017 Meeting
City Council Conference Room, 5:30PM

Members Present:

City Councilor Tom Willis, Chair

James Graham - Resident

Others Present: Celeste Plaia, Government Channel Coordinator

Not Present: Rick Healey - Resident

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:35 PM**.

II. Approval of minutes February 2017 meeting

A **MOTION** was made by James Graham to accept the minutes of the February 6 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilor Willis. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

III. Public Input

There was no one for public input.

IV. Initiatives

Councilor Willis reviewed for the committee the status of the Creteau Technology Center funding, including the status of the State budget. Councilor Willis expressed that funding aside, the Center has plans for a video/media space, 1st floor, with separate entrance, and wanted to explore the possibility of using the media space as a shared space for producing school, government, and public access content. The committee discussed the merits of looking into franchise funding for this project, since the city is looking for “studio” type functionality for it’s own productions. Jim Graham stated partnering with the school would make sense if it met the needs of the government channel, but had concerns about school department buy in, and equal access for the public and government channel. The committee agreed for the Government Channel Coordinator to reach out to the school department.

V. Budget Items

The Government Channel Coordinator overviewed the proposed Government Channel budget submitted for FY18. The Committee was in agreement to support the FY18 proposed budget.

The Committee was also in agreement to allocate any Metrocast grant funds to studio type equipment to augment equipment in the renovated visual arts pod in the Creteau Technical Center, if it fit the needs of the Government Channel production goals.

VII. Adjournment

Jim Graham **MOVED** to **ADJOURN** the meeting at 6:30 PM. Councilor Willis seconded the motion. The **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Plaia
Government Channel Coordinator