**Rochester Government Channel Minutes**

**February 6, 2017 Meeting**

City Council Conference Room, 5:30PM

**Members Present:**

City Councilor Tom Willis, Chair

James Graham - Resident Volunteer

**Others Present:** Celeste Plaia, Government Channel Coordinator

Not Present: Rick Healey - Resident Volunteer

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order**

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

1. **Approval of minutes January 2017 meeting**

 A **MOTION** was made by James Graham to accept the minutes of the September 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Willis. The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote.

**III. Public Input**

 There was no one for public input.

**IV. Metrocast Franchise Renewal**

 The Government Channel Coordinator outlined the progress of the Franchise Negotiations. The Government Channel committee discussed the need for grant money to create a studio space, and how to quantify the value of Metrocast services. The committee also discussed the need for future cable related technologies to serve the community, and importance of having it be part of franchise negotiations.

**V. Budget Items**

 The Committee overviewed the Gov.Ch. budget for FY18 and beyond, including plans to upgrade to High Definition, and discussed the value of moving the equipment rack.

**VII. Adjournment**

 Jim Graham **MOVED** to **ADJOURN,** Tom Willis second the motion.The **MOTION CARRIED** by a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Plaia

Government Channel Coordinator