



**City of Madison**  
**Meeting Minutes - Final**  
**BROADBAND**  
**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**REGULATORY BOARD**

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Thursday, November 17, 2005

5:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 103A (City-County Building)

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1 Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.*

2 Roll Call

**Present:** Milton W. Kirkpatrick, Michael W. Rodgers, Steven M. Schur and Jeffrey J. Richter

**Absent:** Ald. Judy Compton

**Excused:** D. Richard Rasmussen

3 Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 25, 2005

**A motion was made by Schur, seconded by Kirkpatrick, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.**

4 Public Comments

*Also present were WYOU Executive Director Charles Uphoff, Tim Vowell, Charter's local Vice-President of Government Relations, and Cable TV Coordinator/City Channel Manager Brad Clark.*

*No one wished to comment on any items that were not already part of the agenda.*

5 Franchising of Telephone-Based TV Services

*Staff reported on actions being taken to oppose federal legislation to abolish local franchising of telephone-based TV services (in particular S. 1504 and H.R. 1346). Letters have been sent to Sens. Kohl and Feingold and Rep. Baldwin from Chair J. Richter and Mayor Cieslewicz, and staff has had follow up conversations with staff to Rep. Baldwin and Sen. Feingold and continues to monitor the situation closely.*

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Urging the Wisconsin Congressional delegation to oppose legislation that would lead to the elimination of local cable franchising.

**Sponsors:** Judy Compton, Mayor Cieslewicz, Austin W. King, Tim Gruber, Michael E . Verveer and Judy K. Olson

**A motion was made by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Rodgers, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation**

Board member Ald. Judy Compton joined the meeting at 5:43 pm.

**Present:** Milton W. Kirkpatrick, Michael W. Rodgers, Ald. Judy Compton, Steven M. Schur and Jeffrey J. Richter

**Excused:** D. Richard Rasmussen

6 WYOU November 2005 Report

*WYOU Executive Director Charles Uphoff delivered a written report as well as a brief oral report. Mr. Uphoff noted that meetings are being scheduled with producers to encourage improvements in technical quality and to encourage appropriate content. Mr. Uphoff also reported that WYOU's Board is working on policies to archive copies of programs that run on WYOU (this is at least in part in reaction to the recent controversy over an episode of "Cooking With Bob.") Mr. Uphoff also clarified that all producers must sign contracts with WYOU that state that the content of their programs will adhere to FCC guidelines and that the producers are fully responsible for the content of their programs.*

**The November 2005 WYOU report was accepted on a motion by Kirkpatrick, seconded by Rodgers and approved by acclamation.**

7 Charter Updates

*Charter Vice-President of Government Relations Tim Vowell delivered a brief oral report on Charter's recent activities.*

8 Madison City Channel October 2005 Report

*City Channel Station Manager Brad Clark reported that it is technically possible to make MP3 files of meeting coverage (podcasting) available on the MCC-12 website, and that staff will continue to explore the processes needed to offer this service.*

*Mr. Clark also reported that he has been in contact with Charter to attempt to resolve the issue of having MCC-12's programming available through TiVo and other DVR's.*

**The October, 2005 Madison City Channel report was accepted on a motion by Ald Compton, seconded by Rodgers and approved by acclamation.**

9 Next Meeting

*The next BTRB meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2006. Staff will contact Board members by email to assure that a quorum can be reached. Staff will also contact the Chair approximately two weeks before that date to set an agenda.*

10 Adjournment

**A motion was made by Schur, seconded by Ald. Compton, to adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.*