

MILWAUKIE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 21, 1982
6:30 p.m.

THE MILWAUKIE CENTER

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Milwaukie City Council was held on June 21, 1982 with the following councilors present:

Mel Paulson	Roger Hall
Wallace Bischoff	Don Graf
Mayor Joy Burgess	

Also present:

Hugh Brown, City Manager	Ken Downes, Cable TV Consultant
Greg Eades, City Attorney	Laurie Perkin, Secretary

Mayor Burgess announced the schedule for Cable TV presentations as follows:

6:30	Harmon & Co. presentation
7:00	Council questions
7:50	Break
8:00	Global (Dogwood) presentation
8:30	Council questions
9:20	Public Comment
10:00	Adjournment

Hugh Buchanan, Harmon and Co. addressed the Council. He said that Harmon had entered into an agreement with Tribune Co. of California, a subsidiary of Tribune Cable. A new corporation would be formed to hold the Milwaukie franchise, Tribune having an 80% interest and Harmon 20%. Mr. William Cullen, President of Tribune Cable, addressed the Council, stating that Tribune is among the three largest private companies providing Cable TV, with 115,000 subscribers. John Green, Director of Marketing and Communications presented a slide show. Michael Kruger, Vice President of Harmon and Co. summarized the proposal. Representatives from Harmon and Co. answered questions from Council as well as members of the review team which included Ken Downes, Greg Eades and Hugh Brown. The following topics were discussed: methods of blocking out objectionable material, policy control, termination of agreement, customer service complaints, setting rates, fines and penalties, length of franchise, home security system, interconnection with other systems, construction schedule, number of channels, training of staff.

A recess was called at 8:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Fred Lord, representative from Global (Dogwood) Cable TV, addressed the Council. He said that Dogwood Cable is a company created strictly for the City of Milwaukie. There would be a local office staffed by local people who would be trained by Global. The general manager would be hired from within the city. Each franchise is a separate partnership. Mr. Lord presented a summary of the proposal and answered questions from Council and members of the review team. Among topics discussed were: Number of channels available, control of objectionable material, criteria for adding channels, rates, technical capability, addressable converters, construction schedule, institutional services, local programming.

Bischoff asked why Dogwood did not address some areas in the RFP. Lord answered that Global's Lockport Proposal, which would be provided to Council, should be considered as a part of the proposal for Milwaukie. There were further questions regarding abuse of the system by local groups, type and method of installation and length of franchise. The meeting was opened to public comment.

James Backenstos, 3626 SE Harrison, expressed a desire for local programming.

Marilyn Thompson, Library Director, asked questions about the converter system and methods of interconnection. She addressed many concerns of the library.

There was no further public comment. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Approved:

Joy Burgess, Mayor

Laurie Perkin, Secretary

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