

# CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 10, 1999

## SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M. FOR CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND SALE

FRANK J. KELLY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam and  
Assistant City Administrator Phil Nadeau.

ABSENT: Councilors Carignan, Albert.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

Auburn Assistant City Administrator Mark Adams made a presentation to the City Council regarding the details of the cable television franchise agreement and the sale of the franchise to Adelpia. Mr. Adams highlighted the many benefits regarding this new agreement, one benefit being the Institutional Network aspect of the agreement. All municipal, school and public offices will be connected with fiber optic cable to establish an "I-Net", or Institutional Network, whereby these departments may transmit data or video images electronically. This agreement will also allow for cable-based internet access which will provide internet service at a faster speed than via telephone lines. In addition, a third French channel will be included in the station selection as well as many other new stations.

Council President Kelly opened the public hearing at this time.

Auburn resident John Michaels inquired about the development of future technology and if this ten year agreement would limit the cable options for residents should new technology be developed within the ten year period. Mr. Adams noted a clause in the agreement which allows for re-negotiation of the agreement should new technologies be developed. He further noted the cities sought legal counsel for negotiating this agreement and this agreement is very advantageous to the Lewiston and Auburn residents.

Council President Kelly closed the public hearing at this time.

**VOTE (1)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To approve the proposed new Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City of Lewiston and FrontierVision Operating Partners, L.P. with an effective date of August 15, 1999, and to authorize the City Administrator to execute the franchise agreement on behalf of the City. Passed - Vote 5-0

**VOTE (2)**

Motion by Councilor Lynch, seconded by Councilor Samson:

To approve the Cable Television Franchise Transfer Agreement dated August 12, 1999 between the City of Lewiston and Adelphia Communications Corporation and FrontierVision Operating Partners, L.P., and to approve the Transfer of Control of FrontierVision to Adelphia, subject to all of the conditions set forth in the Transfer Agreement, and to authorize the City Administrator to sign said Transfer Agreement on behalf of the City. Passed - Vote 5-0

Councilors thanked Mr. Adams and Mr. Nadeau for their exceptional work on finalizing an agreement that will greatly benefit all area residents.

**VOTE (3)**

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

To adjourn at 7:50 P.M. Passed - Vote 5-0

A true record, Attest:

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Kathleen M. Montejo  
City Clerk  
Lewiston, Maine