

Germantown Technology Commission Minutes

May 21, 2019

The regular Germantown Technology Commission meeting was held Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Information Technology Training Room at 1930 S. Germantown Rd., Germantown, TN. 38138

Call to order: Commission Chairman John Colmer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Establishment of Quorum – Roll Call: Staff Liaison, Stephanie Logan called the roll and a quorum was established with five members present.

Present: Chairman John Colmer, Gregory Blumenthal, Andy Field, Horace Taylor and Joshua Freeman

Non-Voting member: Alderman Scott Sanders

Staff Liaison: Tony Fischer, Director of Information Technology and Stephanie Logan

Absent: Jared Klepko and Naveen Manga

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Colmer asked if there were any edits to the Minutes from the April 16, 2019 Technology Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, Chairman Colmer asked if there was a motion to approve the Minutes from the April 16, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion: To approve the Minutes from the April 16, 2019 Technology Commission meeting

Motion by: Gregory Blumenthal

Motion 2nd: Andy Field

Hearing no request for discussion, Chairman Colmer asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed: Yes- 5; No –0; Abstain – 0

Comcast Presentation:

Chairman Colmer introduced Comcast representatives Evangeline Parker-Guest, Joe Brooks and Ronnie Colvin to Commission members. Their presentation included the following.

- History of the company
- Product line offerings
- New local Xfinity store
- Looking forward and giving back (grants and Comcast Cares Day)
- Comcast fiber with 99.99% uptime

Members discussed the information provided in the presentation and thanked Comcast for providing answers to the list of advance questions provided by the Commission. It was discussed that providing advance questions worked well for this presentation and would be incorporated in future requests to help guide discussions.

Old Business:

Chairman Colmer asked Commission members if there was any old business. Members briefly discussed the proposed cell tower at Dogwood school last month. Staff Liaison, Tony Fischer provided a brief overview of the review/approval process for the proposed tower site change on school property.

New Business:

Chairman Colmer asked Commission members if there was any interest in having AT&T return next month and provide a list of questions that could be used to guide the discussion. Commission members discussed the topic and decided to extend an invitation to AT&T to return to discuss more technical information on products offered. Tony Fischer will extend an invitation.

Commission members discussed the Dogwood tower application timeline and inquired as to the possibility of extending an invitation for tower technical representatives to attend a future Commission meeting.

Chairman Colmer asked if there was a motion to invite Dogwood tower representatives to the next Commission meeting to discuss cell phone towers.

Motion: To approve extend an invitation to Dogwood tower representatives to discuss cell phone towers at the next Technology Commission meeting.

Motion by: Gregory Blumenthal
Motion 2nd: Andy Field

Hearing no request for discussion, Chairman Colmer asked for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed: Yes- 5; No -0; Abstain - 0

Next Meeting:

Next Technology Commission Meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Information Technology Training Room. Commission members discussed the possibility of looking at a Day of Service to the community from the Commission. Chairman Colmer asked members to bring ideas to the next meeting for discussion.

Adjournment:

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.