

A G E N D A I T E M

BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
City of Des Moines, WA

SUBJECT: Internet/Telecommunications/Cable

FOR AGENDA OF: July 2, 2015

ATTACHMENTS:

DEPT. OF ORIGIN: Administration

DATE SUBMITTED: June 26, 2015

CLEARANCES:

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APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER
FOR SUBMITTAL: 

Purpose and Recommendation

The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the City Council to hear from and engage in a discussion with representatives of companies in the internet, telecommunications, and cable television industries regarding the current and future trends in these industries.

Motion

None.

Background and Discussion

At its November 15, 2014, goal setting retreat, the City Council decided to hold five study session meetings at which a single issue would be discussed. The state of the internet, telecommunications, and cable television industries was one of the issues chosen for discussion.

Several companies serving the Pacific Northwest were invited to attend the July 2nd City Council meeting to provide a five to ten minute presentation in which they would respond to the following questions and then be available to respond to questions and take part in a general discussion:

- Where these services are going in the future?
- What challenges and opportunities you are facing as you look forward?
- What specifically is happening in Des Moines with your company and the services you provide?
- What we can do to make our city a more robust telephone/television/internet environment for our residents?

The following companies will have representatives at the July 2nd meeting:

- Comcast – Terry Davis, Director Government Affairs/Franchising
- CenturyLink – Sue Anderson, Vice President, Operations and Don Hartzog, Senior Engineering Manager
- Sprint – Steve Leonard, RF Engineer and Kevin Foy, Western Washington Program/Project Manager
- AT&T – Carol Tagayun, Director External Affairs
- Zayo – Dylan Devito

Alternatives

NA

Financial Impact

NA

Recommendation

NA

Concurrence

NA