CITY COUNCIL MOTION REGARDING CONSULTANTS REPORT REGARDING THE PEG FRANCHISE NEGOTIATIONS

Motion to direct staff to:

- 1. Pursue a joint "Champaign/Urbana Public Access Steering Committee" to report back to each city council no later than October 2008. The Committee's charge would be to present a workable "Transition Plan for Champaign/Urbana Public Access".
- 2. Components of the "Transition Plan for Champaign/Urbana Public Access" would provide much needed information for each city to consider including:
- a. funding options including potential impact to city budgets and cable subscribers
- b. sample budgets demonstrating potential revenue needs and operating expenses
- c. personnel and staffing needs
- d. detail how an independent community governance structure would look and work
- e. facility/studio space requirements and equipment needs
- f. possible studio locations within CU that would be acceptable to both cities
- g. a "roadmap" outlining the necessary steps (timelines, tasks, and activities) to be taken to insure a smooth transition from UPTV to a community television center
- 3. Members of the CU Public Access Steering Committee should meet with representatives of the U of I and Parkland to discuss in-kind services, financial remuneration, and possible use of equipment and facilities.
- 4. Members of the CU Public Access Steering Committee should solicit input and ideas from interested community members and organizations.
- 5. Members of the CU Public Access Steering Committee study/visit successful public access stations.
- 6. Given the participation of these entities, the CU Public Access Steering Committee would consist of: one staff member from each city, two members from CATV Commission, two members from UPTV Commission, at-large community member interested in public access appointed by each city mayor, one representative each from U of I, Parkland, and both public school districts.
- 7. Urbana would provide support staff to assist with minutes, record keeping, printing and copying reports, etc.