

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2005

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: GREG RAMIREZ, CITY MANAGER

BY: CAROL TUBELIS, ASSISTANT TO THE CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 05-1385; APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT ACCESS PROGRAMMING ON AHTV, THE AGOURA HILLS CHANNEL

The purpose of Resolution No. 05-1385 is to provide regulations and guidelines for the use of the City's new cable channel. AHTV will be identified as Channel 10 on Adelphia and Channel 3 on Charter Cablevision. AHTV bears no legal requirement to broadcast any type of programming that is not government sponsored, and will be committed to programming that helps residents learn more about City events, programs, and important issues within the community.

The proposed fundamental objectives of AHTV are to:

- Serve as an on-going source of government information;
- Increase public knowledge of the functions and responsibilities of city government;
- Serve as an official information center in the case of local emergency situation;
- Supply public safety awareness efforts of local Law Enforcement and Fire Departments; and
- Enhance awareness of local history, culture, issues and activities.
- AHTV is not intended to be used as a political forum or for paid advertising.

The City Manager will be responsible for programming activities and schedules in accordance with the recommended guidelines being proposed for adoption tonight by City Council. As proposed, the City Manager will reserve the right to review all programs to determine compliance with programming regulations and channel objectives.

Initially, AHTV programming will consist of the Community Bulletin Board, taped coverage of the City Council and Planning Commission meetings, and emergency information. It is anticipated that live coverage of City Council and Planning Commission meeting, as well as pre-produced programming, will be options for consideration at a later date.

The City Attorney has reviewed Resolution No. 05-1385, and the Policy for Government Access Programming for the City of Agoura Hills' AHTV, and finds the documents to be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council:

Approve Resolution No. 05-1385; APPROVING AND ADOPTING A POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT ACCESS PROGRAMMING ON AHTV, THE AGOURA HILLS CHANNEL AND ITS ATTACHMENT, THE POLICY FOR GOVERNMENT ACCESS PROGRAMMING FOR THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AHTV, THE AGOURA HILLS CHANNEL.

Attachment

