



**To:** MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item #:** IV.F.

**From:** Scott H. Neal, City Manager

**Action**

**Discussion**

**Date:** December 2, 2104

**Information**

**Subject:** Cable Franchise Transfer

### **Action Requested:**

Schedule Public Hearing for December 16, 2014 to Consideration Application of Cable System Franchise from Comcast of Minnesota, Inc. to Midwest Cable, Inc.

### **Information / Background:**

The City has received a request by Comcast of Minnesota to transfer the cable system franchise currently held by Comcast to Midwest Cable, Inc. Legal counsel for the Southwest Cable Commission (SWCC) has reviewed the transfer request and has pronounced it to be sufficient for the purpose of scheduling a public hearing in order for the City Council to formally consider the request.

The request will be considered by the Southwest Cable Commission at their regular meeting on Wednesday, December 3. The Commission is charged with forming and forwarding a recommendation to the five member cities (Edina, Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Hopkins and Richfield) for consideration by the respective City Councils. Each City Council must take its own action on the transfer request.

At this time, the only action expected of the Council on December 16 is to host a public hearing on the request. It is anticipated the Council will be asked to make a decision on the transfer request in January 2015.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the requested action to schedule a public hearing on the request to transfer the City's cable system franchise from Comcast of Minnesota to Midwest Cable.