



Legislation Text

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**City Council Meeting Date:** January 16, 2018

**To:** Mayor and City Council  
City Administrator

**From:** Kurt Wolf, IT Manager

Consider resolution authorizing extension of current Charter Spectrum cable contract

**Action Requested:**

The Northfield City Council approves a resolution extending the existing cable franchise agreement with Charter Spectrum until the end of the calendar year 2018.

**Summary Report:**

The current Charter Spectrum cable television contract, signed in February 2003, is a 15-year contract, and will expire on February 18, 2018. Staff plans to ask for an extension of the current contract until the end of the calendar year 2018. During 2018, a new contract with Charter Spectrum will be written to reflect current technology needs. We have contracted with Brian Grogan, attorney for Moss and Barnett, for his expert guidance in writing a new contract with Charter Spectrum. <http://www.lawmoss.com/brian-t-grogan/>

The current Franchise fees raised annually from the Charter contract are approximately \$200,000, and are spent on a number of different items, including AV Technician Pat Rosenow's wages, Granicus and Laserfiche software fees and support, the Council Chamber upgrades, professional services for NTV's services, Link Center contract payments and HCI Youthprise contract payments. Please see the attachment Communications Fund Annual Trends for more information.

**Alternative Options:**

N/A

**Financial Impacts:**

We do not expect any financial impact with the extension of the existing contract.

**Tentative Timelines** The existing Charter Spectrum contract will be extended until December 31, 2018.