

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 8

DATE: February 21, 2006

STAFF: Elizabeth Stroh

SUBJECT

Postponement of Second Reading of Ordinance No. 010, 2006, Granting a Non-exclusive Franchise by the City of Fort Collins to Comcast of California/Colorado LLC and Its Successors and Assigns for the Right to Make Reasonable Use Of, and Erect, Construct, Operate and Maintain Through, the Public Rights-of-Way, Easements and Other Public Property Any Equipment Necessary and Appurtenant to the Operation and Maintenance of a Cable System and the Provision of Cable Services to Citizens Within the City to March 7, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends postponement of the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 010, 2006 to March 7, 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing Cable Television Franchise calls for the cable operator (Comcast) to underground its cable lines within a certain time frame after the City places electric lines underground. A question has recently been raised about the time frame allowed for undergrounding in the existing franchise, and whether or not Comcast is allowed additional time to underground its cable lines under the existing franchise. Comcast is requesting a postponement to allow more time to meet with City staff to clarify and resolve the matter before Second Reading of the new franchise occurs.

Adoption of the Consent Calendar will postpone the Second Reading of this Ordinance to March 7, 2006.