

For many years, the city has provided to ICCA, who in turn transferred to CMN, half of the funds the city receives from PEG (public, government and education access) fees. At the May 3, 2010 meeting, the Mayor presented to City Council the concept of retaining the half PEG fee, believing that citizens would be best served if PEG funding remained with the City of Rochester Hills (for use on our government access channel). Residents interested in participating in public access may contract with CMN on an individual basis. This was the first time in several years that this discussion had been brought forward to City Council for direction and clarification.

At that meeting, Administration was given direction by City Council to provide this funding to CMN at this time. Based on this direction, it would be proper and appropriate to incorporate this appropriation request into the city's budget, which it currently is not.

It was too late for this appropriation to be included with the second quarter budget amendment; therefore, we are including the appropriation in the city's third quarter budget amendment which will be presented to City Council at its October 3 meeting for consideration.

State law requires that before an appropriation is made, that the appropriation, i.e. an expense, must be included in an approved and adopted budget. The third quarter budget amendment will satisfy this requirement by providing the appropriation into the city's budget, and upon passage, will allow the city to disperse funding to bring us up to date with CMN.