

Resolution 2007-05

WHEREAS, the City Council of the town of Ashland City believes that providing safe Routes to school, within the city limits of Ashland City includes promoting the safety of children walking or biking to school which is important to maintaining the health and welfare of said citizens and students by improving pedestrian and bike facilities as well as increased education and awareness within the city limits in front of Ashland City Elementary School on Elizabeth Street;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Ashland City believes that there further exists among the citizenry a desire to increase pedestrian mobility and enhance pedestrian safety, particularly in front of Ashland City Elementary School located within Ashland City;

WHEREAS, Ashland City, Tennessee is eligible for grant funds under the State of Tennessee Transportation Safe Routes to School Program to fund both Pedestrian and bike facilities including education and awareness information and training through funds not to exceed \$250,000 which is 100% reimbursable if awarded; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Ashland city believes that the application for the said grant will promote and increase the health, safety and welfare of its citizenry of Ashland City and most importantly the children attending Ashland City Elementary School of which the said application should be undertaken.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor be authorized and directed to complete and submit an application for grant funds to the Tennessee Department of Transportation in the amount not to exceed \$250,000 to fund pedestrian and bike facilities and education and training project on Ashland City Elementary School property and within the city limits of Ashland City; and

The Mayor be authorized and directed to enter into all necessary agreements with the State of Tennessee, or any agency therein, to obtain said funding, execute improvements and obtain 100% reimbursements for work completed in conjunction with the Cheatham County School Board; and,

The local funding requirement of the total project shall be satisfied from non-obligated funds held in the city's general fund with credit for some or all money expended by the Cheatham County School Board in obtaining preliminary engineering and design plans as allowed under the grant.

Passed and so ordered this 13 day of March, 2007.

Signed:



Gary Norwood, Mayor
City of Ashland City

Attest:



Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder
City of Ashland City

Resolution No. 2007-04

A resolution requesting AT&T (formerly BellSouth) to enter into cable franchise negotiations in the city of Ashland City.

WHEREAS, AT&T (formerly BellSouth) submitted legislation for filing with the 104th Tennessee General Assembly on February 16, 2006, which was designated as Senate Bill 3210, and submitted substantially similar legislation in the 105th Tennessee General Assembly on February 14, 2007, which has been designated as Senate Bill 1933 and House Bill 1421; and

WHEREAS, this legislation would allow cable and telephone companies to bypass local governments and the local cable and video franchising process; and

WHEREAS, media reports have quoted AT&T officials as saying that the local franchise process is an impediment to competition; and

WHEREAS, the last application(s) for a cable franchise with this city took approximately _____ months from application to approval; and

WHEREAS, the current cable franchising system has served the city of Ashland City well by ensuring the city can protect its citizens, preserve its authority and that cable companies cannot "cherry pick" their customers; and

WHEREAS, additional Public, Education, and Government access venues would be of great value to the city of Ashland City; and

WHEREAS, based on the city of Ashland City's track record, AT&T could have already had their application for a franchise approved had they applied when they filed their legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND CITY:

1. That the City of Ashland City hereby goes on record as requesting AT&T to enter into negotiations for a local cable franchise in the City of Ashland City.
2. The City clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Marty Dickens, president of AT&T in Tennessee, and to each State Senate and House member representing the citizens of Ashland City in the Tennessee General Assembly.
3. That this Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the city of Ashland City requiring it.