



Huntsville, Alabama

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Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 1/22/2026

File ID: TMP-6414

Department: Legal

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution consenting to the Assignment or Transfer of Control of City cable franchisee Knology of Huntsville, Inc., from WideOpenWest Inc. to Bandit MidCo, Inc.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: NA

City Cost Amount: NA

Total Cost: NA

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: NA

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: NA

Resolution #: NA

Location: (list below)

Address: NA

District: District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

Additional Comments:

RESOLUTION NO. 26 - _____

WHEREAS, Knology of Huntsville, Inc. a Delaware corporation authorized to do business in the State of Alabama (“Knology”), and its predecessor(s)-in-interest have installed and operated a cable system in the public rights-of-way of the City of Huntsville, Alabama (“City”), and provided cable service to City residents and businesses pursuant to a franchise granted by the City by Ordinance 86-21, adopted January 23, 1986, embodied in a franchise agreement between the City and Knology’s predecessors-in-interest, dated March 7, 1986, and extended by Ordinance 08-278, adopted March 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Knology has applied to the City for a renewal of its cable franchise to use the public rights-of-way in the corporate limits of the City in order to construct, operate, and/or maintain a cable system to provide cable service to subscribers in the City within its franchise area; and

WHEREAS, while the cable renewal has been pending, Knology has continued to operate its cable system to provide cable service to subscribers in the City within its franchise area; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 22, 2025, the City of Huntsville, Alabama, received an FCC Form 394, Application for Franchise Authority Consent to Assignment or Transfer of Control of Cable Television Franchise, and accompanying exhibits (“Transfer Application”), seeking the City’s consent to the transfer of control of Knology that would result from a transaction between WideOpenWest Inc., Knology’s current ultimate corporate parent, and Bandit MidCo, Inc.(the “Transaction”); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the Transaction, WideOpenWest, Inc., will become a subsidiary of Bandit MidCo, Inc., and thus Bandit MidCo, Inc., will become the new ultimate parent of Knology, but Knology will continue to hold its cable franchise with the City , and operate pursuant to its terms; and

WHEREAS, Knology has agreed to extend the time period within which the City has to consider and act upon the Transfer Application until and including January 22, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the City and Knology have agreed on the terms of a renewal cable franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is scheduled to consider adoption of an ordinance granting Knology a renewal cable franchise at its January 22, 2026, meeting; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama is desirous of giving its consent to the Transfer Application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Huntsville, Alabama as follows:

1. That the City of Huntsville, Alabama, as franchise authority, hereby consents to the transfer of control of Knology from WideOpenWest, Inc., to Bandit MidCo, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

a. Knology accepts and agrees to abide by the terms of the *Cable Franchise Agreement between the City of Huntsville, Alabama, and Knology of Huntsville, Inc.* to be entered into by and

between the City and Knology (“Franchise Agreement”) and referred to and approved in City Ordinance 26-37, adopted January 22, 2026;

b. Knology executes and delivers an executed version of the Franchise Agreement to the City on or before January 20, 2026; and

c. The Transaction shall be consummated on substantially the terms set forth in the Transfer Application.

2. That the Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, is hereby authorized and directed, for and on behalf of the City of Huntsville, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing consent. The City Clerk is authorized to attest thereto.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2026.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this 22nd day of January, 2026.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville,
Alabama