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Suffolk Web Streaming Begins Tomorrow

SUFFOLK, Va. (June 30, 2009) Beginning Wednesday, Suffolk residents will be able to watch local City meetings broadcast live on the Internet. Users can also replay all or part of those meetings at their convenience through a link on their City's web site www.suffolk.va.us by clicking on the television icon.

Suffolk will officially launch its new web casting technology at the July 1st City Council Work Session at 4 p.m. followed by the City Council meeting at 7 p.m. This technology will also enhance the accessibility of Municipal Channel 8 programming to citizens who may not have local cable programming.

"We are very excited to launch this technology", advised Debbie George, Director of Media and Community Relations. "It will make city government more accessible and convenient for our citizens," she added.

Currently the City televises the regular City Council and Planning Commission meetings. These meetings can be accessed live at their regularly scheduled time. City Council meetings will also be archived and available for viewing shortly after the meetings conclude. The new service includes streaming software to capture, manage, store and distribute online video recordings. In addition, the video player window includes the meeting agenda with direct links to access specific agenda item discussions within the archived meeting.

The new on-line service is powered by San Francisco-based Granicus, Inc., the premier provider of government webcasting and public meeting management solutions to over 500 government agencies spanning 45 states across the nation.

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