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NEWS RELEASE

Televised Meetings to Move to Annex While Channel 99 Control Room Is Renovated

FREDERICK, MD – May 18, 2018: Starting May 31, work to modernize the City of Frederick Channel 99 control room and equipment will require closing the City Hall boardroom to use.

Contractor Severn Integrated Systems Inc. is scheduled to start work June 4, and the City estimates work will be complete by June 25. During construction, any public meetings that the City typically has in the boardroom will move to the Municipal Annex, 140 W. Patrick St.

During this time, public meetings that normally would be televised will be aired live on the City [website](http://www.cityoffrederick.com), (<http://www.cityoffrederick.com>, under the Meeting Center dropdown), but Channel 99 will not broadcast meetings live. Meetings will be recorded as usual, and be aired later on Channel 99, and will be available as always on the website. Some program interruptions may occur during webcasts.

“As the City looks to expand its opportunities for civic engagement, these kinds of infrastructure upgrades are necessary steps to achieve our goals,” Mayor Michael O’Connor said.

“This is an exciting time for Channel 99,” said Lead Audio Visual Producer Lance Duvall, who is in charge of the channel. “I’m proud that this upgrade had unanimous approval from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. We all understand and agree that this modernization will position the audio visual office to continue its mission as an immediate source for City information, and to broaden its civic engagement operations.”

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