

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2000, 6:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Meeting was called to order by Vice President Bob Centilli, at 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brawner, Centilli, Cross, Martinbianco, Tinnin and Wells.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor C. Smiley and G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Consider an application for a wireless communication system (cell tower) WSC #00-01 by Voice Stream Wireless, 12170 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48153, at a proposed location on Brabbs Street unimproved right-of-way/part of Lots 4 & 5 Dumler Acres.

PRESENTATION:

Clarence King, P.O. 347, Auburn, representative of Voice Stream Wireless, formerly Omni Point Communication, gave a presentation. He indicated that the company was a GSM carrier known worldwide. They have been in Michigan for three years building this particular system. They have completed about 90% of the system along I-69 from Port Huron to Flint. From Flint, it has built up to Saginaw and Bay City and across to Lansing. The cell tower is needed to complete the coverage in this area. The FCC sold the licenses for these projects through auctions. It is mandatory that this telephone system be completed within five years. The company requested a 200-ft tower, but that was not possible due to an airport in Davison. The mono-pole designed tower will be approximately 150-ft. tall with landscaping and a cyclone fence at the base of the tower. The tower will be located on city owned property per city ordinance requirements and be able to accommodate two co-located providers.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Cross asked if it was possible for the company to co-habit the existing tower on Belsay Road. In addition, he wanted to know if this would be a breakaway tower, what the company was called and if the cohabit fees would go to Voice Stream Wireless or the city.

Mr. King indicated that the Belsay Road tower site wouldn't provide the sufficient optimal coverage that was needed. It will be a collapsible tower as required in the cell tower ordinance. The company is called Voice Stream Wireless, which was previously called Omni Communication. The company will lease the property from the city and Voice Stream will collect fees from the collocations. The collocation payments would be used for capital expenses and to recoup rental fees.

Mr. Martinbianco wanted to know if the facility would be reasonably fenced and what kind of security was planned.

Mr. King said the tower would have a cyclone fence with a padlocked gate. The climbing pegs will be removed from the tower to prevent anyone from climbing on it. They have not had any vandalism at their other sites. The tower is low voltage.

Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on ownership of the site.

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In reference to the facility portion of the application, Mr. Martinbianco asked for clarification on Roadrunner being the Lessor.

Mr. King said at the time the application was submitted Roadrunner still had ownership of that parcel of land. He believed that the city recently acquired the property.

The Mayor felt the application could be amended to reflect the city's ownership of the property and that it would be collecting the revenue from the tower.

Mr. King didn't have any problem with amending the application to reflect the change in ownership.

A brief discussion continued in reference to the fencing, landscaping and the selection of the site.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION ACTION:

Moved by Mr. Martinbianco, seconded by Tinnin to amend Item #1 to reflect that the Leasee is Voice Stream Wireless and the Lessor is the City of Burton, per approval of the city attorney. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Martinbianco moved and Brawner seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize an application for a wireless communication system (cell tower) WSC #00-01 by Voice Stream Wireless, 12170 Merriman Rd., Livonia, MI 48153, at a proposed location on Brabbs Street unimproved right-of-way/part of Lots 4 & 5Dumler Acres and amend the application to reflect that the Leasee is Voice Stream Wireless and the Lessor is the City of Burton, per the approval of the city attorney.
Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Gayle Webster
City Clerk

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