

CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013, 6:15 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS
www.burtonmi.gov

The Special Council Meeting was called to order by Vice President Duane Haskins at 6:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellenburg, O'Keefe, Smith, Haskins and Martinbianco.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Heffner and Wells.

OTHERS PRESENT: A. Abbey, Deputy Planning Official, G. Burke-Miller, Controller, G. Kray, DPW Director, B. Bigsby, Executive Benefits Representative and S. Warren, Human Resource Director / Labor Relations.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Public Hearing regarding the erection of a 110' stealth monopole tower facility upon Parcel #59-30-300-001, wireless communication site to be located behind the South Flint Plaza. Applicant American Towers LLC f/k/a, American Towers, Inc., co-applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT & T Mobility.

PRESENTATION:

Mrs. Abbey said this tower was originally permitted and approved by the City of Flint even though the parcel number does not exist in the City of Flint so this is the tower, I believe that you guys had already known about, that came before you. At this point the tower is there, we have received little to no complaints. There was a complaint about some security lighting at the original meeting so that was something they addressed at the Zoning Board of Appeals that they are going to provide for security lighting on the facility so we believe we have taken care of the issue with the residents on that. So other than that we would like to recommend approval.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Walley Haley, 10059 Bergin Rd., Hartland, MI 48843 said our office represented American Tower for the ZBA hearing. We have been involved with this tower through AT & T. I have personally been involved with the City years ago on another sight. Also with me is Greg Mercier who is representing and works for American Tower. Obviously, our submittal was very extensive. We have a recommendation from staff for approval.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Smith said when this came before us one of the things that was shown to us was a map showing how our residents and community would benefit from a tower there as far as increasing calls. The way it was presented to us that night it made a lot of sense.

Mrs. Abbey said that was a different tower. This is the tower that already exists on the site. That was a proposed tower they wanted to put on this main site so now there will be 2 towers on the site. If you deny this one tonight they will have to remove the tower that is there.

This tower has been there 2 years already so the one you approved a month or so ago, that one was to propose to erect a new one on the same sight.

Mr. Smith asked how close together are they?

Mrs. Abbey said I think they were a hundred and some feet apart, on the same parcel.

Mr. Smith said so there is no problem at all with having the two towers?

Mrs. Abbey said there is nothing in the Ordinance that says they can't. That would be up to you guys if you decided you didn't want 2 towers. There was only the issue with the security lighting at the original ZBA hearing for the proposed tower and they have addressed that. They agreed through the ZBA to put security lighting on their structure within their facility. We do have some issues with people parking behind the South Flint Plaza and coming up behind the houses on Mandeville.

Mr. O'Keefe said Mr. Haley your group did a great job on this report that you put together. I would like to commend your people for the way this was laid out. It is in an area that not a lot of people come by but it is so well landscaped and so well camouflaged would be the best way to put it, that if you look at this picture right here it almost looks like it almost flows in with the back of the South Flint Plaza. I looked through here, I have no problems. I have no questions. With the DPW saying yes, no resident's complaints, I will be voting yes.

COUNCIL ACTION:

Ellenburg moved and O'Keefe seconded the following motion:

1. Approve and authorize the erection of a 110' stealth monopole tower facility upon Parcel #59-30-300-001, wireless communication site to be located behind the South Flint Plaza. Applicant American Towers LLC f/k/a American Towers, Inc., co-applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT & T Mobility.

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

ms