

**City of DuPont
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2003
7:00 p.m.**

Call To Order: Mayor Drost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Chief Pohl led the flag salute.

Roll Call: Those present were Councilmembers Bartro, Jenkins, McAuliffe, Potts, and Young.

Staff Present: City Attorney, City Administrator, Director of Planning and Economic Development (DPED), Director of Public Works and Building (DPWB), Police Chief, Fire Chief, Accountant II, and Administrative Receptionist.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. Bartro/McAuliffe 4/0 motion carried. Councilmember Young abstained from the vote.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- March 11, 2003 – Regular Council Meeting Minutes;
- Finance Report – March 25, 2003;
- Approval of Claim Vouchers List – March 25, 2003;
- Re-appointment of Penny Coffey to the Planning Agency;
- Authorization to renew an agreement with Pierce County for a Communications Maintenance Program;
- Final approval of the Barksdale Avenue Lift Station Modifications.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent agenda. Bartro/Potts 4/0 motion carried. Councilmember Young abstained from the vote.

Mayor's Report:

- Yellow ribbon available in the foyer;
- Town Hall Meeting March 29, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Senator Shirley Winsley will speak on Identity Theft;
- The Steilacoom Historical School District will hold a meeting at Saltar's Point Elementary to discuss a resolution to include the City of DuPont in their school boundary on March 26, 2003, at 7 p.m.;
- A Resolution will be presented at the April 8, 2003, Council Meeting to support the school district petition;
- Announced that the Volksmarch was successful despite the low turnout due to the situation in Iraq and weather (estimated attendance of 500).

City Administrator's Report:

- The City has increased public safety officers visibility in the community;
- Update on \$1.00 Police cars (not an option at this time);
- Thanked the Mayor for her time and efforts as Mayor.

Old Business:

Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code-First Reading

DPED Clarke provided background information on the proposed ordinance highlighting changes to the Land Use Code.

Greg Moore (Quadrant Corporation) expressed his support for the proposed changes stating that the revised code would help make DuPont competitive with other jurisdictions.

Michael Rabstoff (Miravest Inc. broker/developer) stated that unusual codes and restrictions, such as presently are in place, discourage other brokers and potential buyers. *Dan Whitaker (Quadrant Corporation)* concurred with Mr. Moore and Mr. Rabstoff, and expressed his support for the proposed ordinance.

Will Shenkel (300 Barksdale Ave) expressed concern for only allowing written public comments and for continuing to make changes to the Land Use Code without increasing economic development.

Mayor Drost recessed the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Jim Hills (202 Brandywine Ave) expressed his support for businesses that would bring the City revenue through B&O taxes. He encouraged attendance at the school board meeting at Saltar's Point Elementary.

Penny Coffey (1235 Kincaid St) stated that the Planning Agency agreed that they wanted to create a business friendly community and felt that could be accomplished by removing certain code restrictions.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt an Ordinance of the City of DuPont, Washington amending sections 25.20.050, 25.25.060, 25.30.060, 25.35.060, 25.50.020, 25.50.040, 25.55.040, 25.70.070(12), 25.150.020, 25.150.050, 25.175.010(3), and 25.175.020(4)(c)(iv) of DuPont Municipal Code Title 25, The Land Use Code; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date, with the exception of Section 5, DMC Section 25.50.020(1)(f). Potts/Jenkins 4/0 motion carried. Councilmember Young abstained from the vote. Ordinance No. 03-736

A motion was made and seconded to postpone consideration of Section 5 to the April 8, 2003, City Council Meeting. Potts/Bartro 4/0 motion carried. Councilmember Young abstained from the vote.

New Business:

Resolution extending the Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast Puget Sound Inc.

Accountant II Pierce provided background information on the extension of the cable franchise agreement. She asked for a recommendation from Council on increasing the franchise fee from 3% to 5% as authorized by the adoption of Ordinance No. 98-616. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a Resolution extending the current franchise agreement between Comcast of Puget Sound, Inc. a.k.a. Comcast f.k.a. AT&T Broadband. Bartro/Jenkins 4/0 motion carried. Councilmember Young abstained from the vote. Resolution No. 03-268

An Ordinance adding GIS fees to the Fee Schedule-First Reading

John Miller provided background information on the proposed ordinance. Second and final reading at the April 8, 2003 Council meeting.

Public/Council Comment:

Darrell Reeck (2237McDonald Ave) suggested that the City contact local Comcast management and negotiate better services.

Councilmember Young requested that everyone keep the Military Troops in their thoughts and prayers.

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Bartro/McAuliffe 5/0 motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Penny Drost , Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Erin Larsen
Administrative Receptionist