



CITY OF  
**MUKILTEO**

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City Council Land Use & Economic Development Committee  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017  
Special Meeting Time: 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
Executive Conference Room

## Meeting Report

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members:** Councilmember Emery, Councilmember Cook, Councilmember Alternate Wheeler and Mukilteo Chamber President and CEO Martin

**City Staff:** Community Development Director Love and Assistant Planner Almgren

**Absent:** Councilmember Whelpley

**Meeting Objective:**

**1. Approve Meeting Notes of January 18, 2017 meeting**

The January meeting minutes were not approved and will be included in the next agenda packet materials.

**2. Election of Officers**

Richard Emery will serve as the 2017 Land Use and Economic Development Committee Chair and Christine Cook will serve as the Vice-Chair.

**3. Alliance for Housing Affordability**

Chris Collier, Program Manager for the Alliance for Housing Affordability, provided an overview of the Alliance's past and future work plans.

**4. Discussion on the Art Funding Ordinance and Parks Plan**

City staff met recently to review the draft Art Funding Ordinance that was recommended by the Parks and Arts Commission. In reviewing the proposed draft, there appeared to be several gaps in the ordinance with little guidance on how the code was to be implemented. Specifically, the ordinance needs definitions and clarification on the types of projects would be subject to paying into the Arts Fund including the threshold for renovation and maintenance projects. Discussion also ensued on what the cumulative effect of the ordinance would have on City projects and how it would affect the overall capital projects budget. The Committee recommended that the ordinance be reviewed further by the Parks and Arts Commission before it is forwarded to the full Council. Review topics should include: cumulative effect on the City budget, definitions, project

size or dollar thresholds for contributing to the fund, type of projects subject to the ordinance, and costs to manage the program.

**5. Wireless Communication Facility Code Amendment**

The City of Mukilteo's current WCF land use regulations were adopted in 1998 based on the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. With the growth of the wireless communication industry since 1996, there have been further federal actions related to the siting of WCF. The FCC has time frames for processing of WCF's permits as well as limits on local government permit authority on certain wireless facilities. It is time for the City to update its code to make it current with FCC requirements.

In addition to updating the Code with regards to FCC regulations, many WCF carriers are looking at new technologies that can accommodate the 5G network. This new technology consists of placing small cells nodes on existing utility poles, light poles, or new poles to create a network that provides consistent service across a targeted area. There is currently widespread pressure to deploy these small cell facilities throughout Puget Sound in order to prevent slow data speeds, increased video buffering times, disruption to video calls, connection problems and dropped or incomplete calls. To better understand what the small cell wireless providers are proposing, the City became part of a consortium comprised of approximately twenty-five (25) cities put together by the law firm of Ogden Murphy Wallace. The consortium is working together to create model ordinances that will address the needs of the providers for their small cell deployment while protecting the best interest of the cities.

The Committee requested to be kept up to date on the state and federal legislation that is currently working its way through the legislature.

**6. Meeting Time**

The Committee members requested that their regular meeting time be changed from 5:50 pm to 4:30 pm.