

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 24, 1998**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Work Session – Planning & Permit Center Work Program.
9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Approval of Transfer of Cable Franchise Agreement from Summit Cable Television to Millenium Digital Media Systems.
9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Receive Recorded Motion from the Planning Commission and Set Public Hearings for the Possible Adoption of the City of Mount Vernon's Development Standards and the City of Anacortes' Development Standards.
10:00 a.m. – Noon	Countywide Planning Policy Committee Meeting, Skagit Council of Governments Office, 204 Montgomery Street, Mount Vernon.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT FROM SUMMIT CABLE TELEVISION TO MILLENIUM DIGITAL MEDIA SYSTEMS.

Dave Fleming, Risk Manager, reviewed a resolution transferring the ownership of Summit Cable Television to Millenium Digital Media Systems. Mr. Fleming advised that this agreement would be in effect for 15 years, and is advisable due to the constant change in technology.

Nancy Irvine, Director of Summit Cable Television for Western Washington, reviewed the transfer of the franchise to Millenium and the resultant new company structure. She explained that this transfer would be invisible to employees and customers alike.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the need to provide a government access channel to the Upriver area for coverage of the Commissioners' meetings. A discussion ensued regarding such coverage. Ms. Irvine assured the Board that Millenium wants to make this happen, and that holding up the transfer will not benefit either side. She agreed to make every effort to make the government access channel available.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution granting the request for transfer of Franchises 11782 and 12123. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. 17225**)

RECEIVE RECORDED MOTION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND SET PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON'S DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND THE CITY OF ANACORTES' DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, presented the Board with copies of two recorded motions from the Planning Commission regarding the adoption of the Cities of Mount Vernon and Anacortes' Development Standards for their urban growth areas (UGA).

She briefly explained the history of the interim ordinances passed six months ago and the interlocal agreement with each of the cities.

Ms. Smith explained late comments received by the Friends of Skagit County (Friends), indicating that they did not feel they had adequate time to review the documents in this matter. Friends also felt that the cities had not implemented their ordinances under the Growth Management Act. Ms. Smith reviewed where the City of Mount

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Vernon had in fact implemented their ordinances under GMA. Ian Munce, City of Anacortes, also testified that Anacortes adopted their development regulations under GMA.

Ms. Smith reviewed specifics of the development standards with both cities, including the Planning Commission's concern about landowners in the urban growth areas not being able to complete land divisions under the adopted Development Standards, which are in conflict with the provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Smith advised that the Planning Commission deliberated and felt that they would be depriving people of a viable alternative.

A discussion ensued regarding the Planning Commission's deliberations.

Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, suggested that the Board set a date to review this matter, and that the Planning Commission recorded motion be reviewed by legal counsel. He explained that the Planning Commission has set a condition in their motion that would compel the Board to change an Interlocal Agreement. He advised that it is unclear whether the City of Mount Vernon would agree to such a change.

It was decided to review this matter on Tuesday, December 1, 1998, at 9:00 a.m., during the regular Planning & Permit Center agenda.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a Resolution authorizing a public hearing for Supplemental Budget, with the public hearing to be held on December 8, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. 17226**)

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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ATTEST:

Patti J Chambers

Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners