

Sussex County Council Agendas & Minutes

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, JANUARY 16, 2007

Call to Order

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Sussex County Council was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Dale R. Dukes President Finley B. Jones, Jr. Vice President

George B. Cole Member Vance Phillips Member Lynn J. Rogers Member

David Baker County Administrator Susan M. Webb Finance Director James D. Griffin County Attorney

M 040 06 Amend and Approve Agenda A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to amend the Agenda by deleting the following:

Rob Davis, Senior Planner, Utility Planning Division

1. Oak Orchard Sanitary Sewer District

A. Expansion No. 1

and, to approve the Agenda, as amended.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 041 06 Approve Minutes A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to approve the minutes of December 19, 2006.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yea.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Correspondence Mr. Griffin read the following correspondence:

CAPE HENLOPEN FOOD BASKET, NASSAU, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter in appreciation of Human Service Grant.

Correspondence DELAWARE ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN OF ALCOHOLICS,

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

(continued) **RE:** Letter in appreciation of Human Service Grant.

> REHOBOTH BEACH FILM SOCIETY, REHOBOTH BEACH,

DELAWARE.

RE: Letter to Councilman Rogers in appreciation of his support of the

Ninth Annual Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival.

M 042 06 Authorize A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to authorize an

Executive Session to be held for the purpose of discussing land acquisition.

Executive Session

5 Yeas. **Motion Adopted:**

> Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea; **Vote by Roll Call:**

> > Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

M 043 06

At 10:08 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips,

to recess the Regular Session and go into Executive Session.

Recess Regular

Session/ **Motion Adopted:** 5 Yeas.

Go Into

Executive **Vote by Roll Call:** Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Session Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Executive Sesssion

At 10:09 a.m., an Executive Session of the Sussex County Council was held in the Caucus Room of the County Council Chambers for the purpose of

discussing land acquisition. The Executive Session concluded at 10:22 a.m.

M 044 06 At 10:23 a.m., a Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to come out of Executive Session and to reconvene the Regular Session of **Come Out**

the Sussex County Council. of Executive

Session and

Reconvene **Motion Adopted:** 5 Yeas.

Regular

Session **Vote by Roll Call:** Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Delaware Electric Cooperative William Andrew, President, and Layton Wheeler, Vice President, of Delaware Electric Cooperative, were in attendance to give a presentation on the status and activities of the Company. They stated that the Cooperative is committed to "Keeping the Lights On" by providing safe and reliable service and competitive prices to their member-owners and to the communities. They stated that they are doing everything they can to stabilize the cost of power; that they propose a 5.5 percent increase on March 1st, and that even with this increase, their rates will still be lower than all other area utilities. They emphasized that the purpose of the Cooperative is to provide a service, not to make a profit; any revenue that is collected and not needed is divided among its membership as a capital credit refund.

Delaware Electric Cooperative (continued)

Sussex County Land Trust Recommendation Wendy Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sussex County Land Trust, and Roger Jones, State Director of The Nature Conservancy, were present to request a \$428,000 grant to the Sussex County Land Trust to assist with the purchase of a conservation easement on 149.9 acres known as the Great Marsh – Burton Farm LLC tract. Ms. Baker explained that the request is based on existing County funds that have been pledged by Sussex County Council for open space preservation. David Baker reported that the County budgeted \$1,180,371.00 in the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget to be used based on recommendations from the Sussex County Land Trust.

Ms. Baker requested that, if the project is approved by Sussex County Council, a payment of the \$250,000 be made to the Sussex County Land Trust as soon as possible to help facilitate the February 27, 2007 closing date, with the additional \$178,000 payment to be made by December 15, 2007. She noted that the funding could be made in one lump sum.

Ms. Baker stated that The Nature Conservancy is acquiring a conservation easement over the 149.9 acre property from Burton Farm, LLC on or about February 27, 2007 for the purchase price of \$800,000. The conservation easement value is estimated at \$1,200,000 to \$1,300,000.

Roger Jones reported that the property contains approximately 134.3 acres of well-managed mixed hardwood and pine woodland, some of it in a mature state, a 15.6-acre tilled field and approximately one-half mile of frontage along Beaverdam Creek, a tributary of the Broadkill River. The forest provides habitat for migratory and breeding birds and serves a variety of roles in protecting water quality and ecological processes in Beaverdam Creek and in the estuary downstream. Roger Jones noted that the land is contiguous to other protected properties in the Farmland Preservation Program as well as being along the American Trails Route.

Mr. Jones explained that The Nature Conservancy (TNC) will hold the conservation easement on the property. The easement includes the following retained seller rights: to manage timber, including commercial harvest timber or firewood, under plans approved by TNC; use/maintenance of an existing agricultural field comprising 15.6 acres on

the Protected Property for agricultural purposes; and the right to construct one single family dwelling occupied for residential purposes within a one-acre "homestead envelope" in the eastern portion of the property along Hudson Road, located subject to TNC approval. The residence would be limited to 2,500 square feet and a height of 40 feet from ground elevation. TNC would retain the right to review and approve forest management plans.

Land Trust Recommendation (continued) In response to concerns raised by the Council, Roger Jones stated that it would be impractical to put in any kind of public access; however, if the property were to come under fee ownership by The Nature Conservancy in the future, there would definitely be provisions made for public access.

M 045 07 Approve Contribution for Conservation A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the Sussex County Council approves a contribution of \$428,000.00 for a conservation easement for the Burton Farm LLC tract, as recommended by the Sussex County Land Trust, with \$250,000.00 pledged during January 2007 and the remainder to be funded in December 2007.

Easement/ Sussex **Motion Adopted:** 5 Yeas.

County Land

Trust

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Administrator's

Report

Mr. Baker read the following information in his Administrator's Report:

1. Jefferson Award – Frank Shade

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Frank Shade, the County's Purchasing Agent, is one of 16 local winners this year in the WBOC Jefferson Awards for Public Service. Mr. Shade received the award on January 5 in the Council Chambers by WBOC's Jimmy Hoppa. He was honored for his work on behalf of various causes and charities, including the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital and the Lower Delaware Autism Foundation. The purpose of the Jefferson Award is to encourage and reward individuals for their contributions to public and community service.

Mr. Shade is one of the original County paramedics and is currently working as the County Purchasing Agent. He also serves as President of the Punkin Chunkin Association.

We wish to congratulate Mr. Shade on this prestigious award.

2. <u>Sussex County Advisory Committee for the Aging and Adults With Physical Disabilities</u>

The Sussex County Advisory Committee for the Aging and Adults

with Physical Disabilities will meet on Monday, January 22, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sussex County West Administrative Complex, North DuPont Boulevard, Georgetown, Delaware. The media as well as the general public is welcome to attend. Included with this report is a copy of the agenda.

Administrator's Report (continued)

3. Beneficial Acceptance

The Engineering Department granted Beneficial Acceptance to The Reserves – Phase Two, Agreement No. 259, on January 10, 2007. The developer is Gary Stover, Jr., Stover Homes, L.L.C., and the project is located on Woodland Avenue in the Ocean View Expansion of the Bethany Beach Sanitary Sewer District, consisting of 15 single-family lots. Included with this report is a fact sheet on the project.

4. Delaware Department of Transportation Public Workshop

The Delaware Department of Transportation will hold a Public Workshop regarding the Western Parkway Project on January 22, 2007, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Cape Henlopen High School cafeteria. Alternatives retained for detailed study regarding the proposed Western Parkway Project, as well as a grade separated interchange at the US 9/Route 1 (Five Points) intersection, will be discussed. A copy of the public notice regarding this workshop is attached.

Paramedic Station No. 103 Lease Proposal Glenn Luedtke, Director of EMS, presented a proposal to relocate Paramedic Station No. 103 at the Stockley Center to the Country Garden Business Center on Hodges Lane in Dagsboro. Mr. Luedtke reported that their use of the current location of Station No. 103 has been rent free; however, due to changes in progress at the Stocklev Center, they have been notified that they need to vacate the location within nine months. He stated that since the opening of Medic 108 in Georgetown, the Stockley area is no longer optimum for response times and therefore, the proposed station is located in the high growth Millsboro-Dagsboro area. The proposed location would provide improved service to the surrounding areas of Frankford, Selbyville and Gumboro and it would provide improved backup to Medic 105 in Clarksville. The site would provide space for a Paramedic Unit, Reserve Unit, and a secure space for Special Operations vehicles and trailers; the addition of a second floor would provide space for an exercise facility. The monthly rental would be \$3,850.00 and would include sewer and water; the term of the lease would be five years.

M 046 07 Approve Lease

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, that the Sussex County Council approves the Lease Agreement between the J and Y Parker Family Limited Partnership and Sussex County, Delaware, for the use of

Agreement

for

the building owned by them as described therein by Sussex County EMS as Paramedic Station No. 103.

Paramedic

Station No. 103 **Motion Adopted:** 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Continuation of Public Hearing/ CDBG Program The Public Hearing was continued on the development of a Community Development Block Grant Application. The Public Hearing was held on January 9, 2007 at which time action was deferred.

Mr. Lecates, Director of Community Development and Housing, reviewed the changes he made to the Proposed Resolution entitled "ENDORSING PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING DAVID B. BAKER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS" based on the comments heard during the Public Hearing on January 9th, as follows:

Application No. 1:

Scatter Site	\$ 340,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Scatter Site – Ocean View – Pine Town	70,000	Hook-ups/Sewer & Water
Scatter Site - Delmar	20,000	Demolition
Coverdale Crossroads	75,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Rural Lincoln – Cedar Creek	100,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Rural Milton – Lucas	45,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Rural Selbyville – Pollybranch	50,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Rural Millsboro - Dagsboro	100,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Rural Seaford - Brick Yard Road	100,000	Housing Rehabilitation
West Rehoboth	50,000	Housing Rehabilitation
Administration	\$ 150,000	
Total	\$1,100,000	

(No changes were made to Application Nos. 2 through 12.)

There were no additional public comments and the Public Hearing was closed.

M 047 07 Adopt R 010 07 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to Adopt Resolution No. R 010 07 entitled "ENDORSING PROJECTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DELAWARE STATE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND AUTHORIZING DAVID B. BAKER, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS".

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

South Coastal Library

South Coastal Library Additions and Renovations (continued) Mr. Izzo, County Engineer, presented a contract proposal between Sussex County and Studio JAED for the performance of architectural and engineering work for the expansion of the South Coastal Library. He reported that the existing building is a 10,000 square foot facility. Funding for the project has been secured from the State of Delaware in the amount of \$3 million, contingent on Sussex County providing a 50 percent match. Mr. Izzo reported that the Country has already appropriated \$1.5 million through past budgets. In addition, the Friends of the South Coastal Library have committed to providing \$1.5 million.

Mr. Izzo reported that the expansion of the South Coastal Library will provide for a single-story addition of approximately 10,000 square feet. The project will encompass renovations to the existing facility to allow for a new, more efficient use of space; additional parking and site storm water management issues will also be addressed in the project.

Mr. Izzo reported that the preliminary schematics did not provide for the addition of any new services at the Library although all the existing areas were inflated to accommodate the ongoing use at the library. The Friends have expressed that the meeting facility was not sufficient and that the library should also be viewed as a cultural center. Mr. Izzo stated that they have met with the Friends and have agreed on increasing the size of the meeting room to hold approximately 125 people and to include a small stage for presentations. Mr. Izzo reported that, prior to the meeting with the Friends, the budget was \$6 million; as a result of the meeting, the budget was increased to \$6.5 million. The Friends have pledged that they could raise the additional \$500,000,000.

Mr. Izzo reminded the Council that Studio JAED was previously selected to handle most of the County's building projects. He advised that the proposed contract amount for the design of this project is \$319,000.00.

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, based upon the recommendation of the Sussex County Engineering Department, that the

Sussex County Council authorizes its President to execute an Agreement

with Studio JAED, for design services for renovations and additions to the

M 048 07 Execute Agreement with Studio JAED/

South Coastal Library, at a cost not to exceed \$319,137.26.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

South Coastal

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Library Project

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Change

Doug Stewart, Project Engineer, presented Change Order No. 3 for the

Order

South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facility, Treatment Upgrade No. 2.

M 049 07 Approve Change Order/ SCRWF

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Cole, based upon the recommendation of the County's Consulting Engineer, Stearns & Wheler, LLC and the Sussex County Engineering Department, that Change Order No. 3 for Sussex County Contract No. 02-12B, South Coastal Regional Wastewater Facilities Treatment Upgrade No. 2 with C.O. Falter Construction Corporation be approved in the amount of \$8,381.55, which increases the contract total amount, including previously approved Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 from \$15,235,786.66 to \$15,244,138.21, contingent upon the approvals of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and the Financial Assistance Branch, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

M 049 07 Approve Change Order/ SCRWF Treatment Upgrade

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

No. 2 (continued)

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Old Business/ C/Z Nos. 1595, 1596 and 1597 The Council discussed Change of Zone Nos. 1595, 1596, and 1597 filed on behalf of Blackwater Creek, Inc.

Mr. Lank, Director of Planning and Zoning, reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held Public Hearings on the three applications on September 14, 2006; on October 26, 2006 the Commission recommended that the applications be approved.

The County Council held Public Hearings on the three applications on October 3, 2006 at which time they deferred action and left the record open; at that time, the Applicant was directed to submit the school report to the Delmar School District. The Council discussed the applications again on October 17th at which time the record was left open for one week for written correspondence from the Delmar School District. On October 24th, the Council heard comments from Dr. David Ring, Superintendent of the Delmar School District.

Mr. Lank noted that two letters were received from the Delmar School District – one dated October 17, 2006 and one dated October 23, 2006.

Mr. Phillips stated that he would like the record to be closed on the three applications and that he would like additional time to review the proposed findings and conditions.

Mr. Dukes stated that he was not in attendance at the Public Hearings before the Council on October 3, 2006; however, he advised that he has since listened to the taped proceedings of the Public Hearings in their entirety and that he is prepared to participate in the vote.

M 050 07 Close Public Record/ Blackwater A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jones, to close the public record on Change of Zone Nos. 1595, 1596, and 1597 filed on behalf of Blackwater Creek, Inc.

Creek, Inc.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

M 050 07 (continued)

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Mr. Phillips requested that the three applications be placed on the January 23, 2007 Agenda under Old Business.

Old Business/ C/U No. 1716 The Council discussed the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE PARK WITH MEDICAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND RETAIL BUILDINGS TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 25.3896 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1716) filed on behalf of Andrew Lubin.

Mr. Lank, Director of Planning and Zoning, reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on the application on October 26, 2006 at which time they deferred action. On December 7, 2006, the Commission recommended that the application be approved with the following conditions:

- 1. Water shall be provided by a public central water system.
- 2. The project shall be served as part of the Sussex County West Rehoboth Sewer District in accordance with County Engineering Department standards.
- 3. The project is to be developed in phases. Phase I shall be limited to 101,560 square feet of medical or professional office space based upon the current limited sewer capacity as outlined by the County Engineering Department. Any additional phases or expansions beyond 101,560 square feet of medical or professional office space is subject to review and subsequent approval of the County Engineering Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 4. Site plan review for each phase of development shall be subject to approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 5. Construction, site work, grading and deliveries of construction materials, landscaping materials and fill on, off or to the property shall only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- 6. The offices shall be limited to business, professional or medical care of other services incidental to such a use.

- 7. Parking shall be in compliance with County ordinances.
- 8. Any retail or restaurant uses shall be limited to the pad sites located directly adjacent to Route 24. Such retail uses shall not be constructed in the First Phase; they only shall be included once the First Phase is completed and there is sufficient capacity to serve more than 101,560 square feet of space within the site.
- 9. Any restaurant proposed for one of the pad sites shall not be of a "fast food" type and is not to have a drive-thru window.
- 10. A shared "through road" to Old Landing Road shall be provided and open to public use along the boundary within the Beebe Medical Campus and shall be shown on the Final Site Plan.

The Council reviewed the proposed conditions and discussed several revisions thereto.

M 051 07 Amend Conditions Proposed by P&Z Commission on C/U No. 1716

Old

Business/ C/U

No. 1716

(continued)

A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Jones, to amend Proposed Condition Nos. 3, 6 and 8, as follows:

- 3. The project is to be developed in phases; Phase I shall be limited to 101,560 square feet based upon the current limited sewer capacity as outlined by the Sussex County Engineering Department and shall be subject to review and subsequent approval of the County Engineering Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 6. The offices shall be limited to business, professional or medical care or other services incidental to such a use.
- 8. Any retail or restaurant uses shall be limited to the pad sites located directly adjacent to Route 24.

M 052 07 Adopt Ordinance No. 1887 (C/U No. 1716) A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to Adopt Ordinance No. 1887 entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR AN OFFICE PARK WITH MEDICAL, PROFESSIONAL, AND RETAIL BUILDINGS TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LEWES AND REHOBOTH HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 25.3896 ACRES, MORE OR LESS" (Conditional Use No. 1716) filed on behalf of Andrew Lubin, with the following conditions:

- 1. Water shall be provided by a public central water system.
- 2. The project shall be served as part of the Sussex County West Rehoboth Sewer District in accordance with County Engineering Department standards.
- 3. The project is to be developed in phases. Phase I shall be limited to 101,560 square feet based upon the current limited sewer capacity as outlined by the Sussex County Engineering Department and shall be subject to review and subsequent approval of the Sussex County Engineering Department and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- 4. Site plan review for each phase of development shall be subject to approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- 5. Construction, site work, grading and deliveries of construction materials, landscaping materials and fill on, off or to the property shall only occur between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday.
- 6. The offices shall be limited to business, professional or medical care or other services incidental to such a use.
- 7. Parking shall be in compliance with County ordinances.
- 8. Any retail or restaurant uses shall be limited to the pad sites located directly adjacent to Route 24
- 9. Any restaurant proposed for one of the pad sites shall not be of a "fast food" type and is not to have a drive-thru window.
- 10. A shared "through road" to Old Landing Road shall be provided and open to public use along the boundary within the Beebe Medical Campus and shall be shown on the Final Site Plan.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Requests Susan Webb presented grant requests for the Council's consideration.

M 053 07 Councilmanic Grant

M 052 07

Ordinance

No. 1887

No. 1716)

(continued)

Adopt

(C/U

A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to give \$500.00 (\$250.00 each from Mr. Jones' and Mr. Phillips' Councilmanic Grant Accounts) to the Georgetown-Millsboro Rotary to sponsor their 2007 Festival, a fundraiser for their ongoing community service programs.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Absent; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Mr. Cole was out of the room during the vote.

M 054 07 Councilmanic Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$500.00 from Mr. Phillips' Councilmanic Grant Account to the Friends of the Millsboro Public Library to sponsor their 2007 Gala, a fundraiser for library equipment, furniture, etc.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Absent; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Mr. Cole was out of the room during the vote.

M 055 07 Community Investment Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to give \$6,000.00 (\$5,000.00 from Mr. Dukes' Community Investment Grant Account and \$1,000.00 from Mr. Phillips' Community Investment Grant Account) to the Laurel Little League for ground improvement projects.

Motion Adopted:

4 Yeas, 1 Absent.

M 055 07 (continued)

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Absent; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Mr. Cole was out of the room during the vote.

M 056 07 Community Investment Grant A Motion was made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Jones, to give \$2,000.00 (\$1,000.00 each from Mr. Dukes' and Mr. Phillips' Community Investment Grant Accounts) to the Laurel Fire Department, Inc. for fire police equipment.

Motion Adopted: 5 Yeas.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Yea; Mr. Phillips, Yea;

Mr. Rogers, Yea; Mr. Jones, Yea;

Mr. Dukes, Yea

Additional Business/ Kramer Under Additional Business, Dan Kramer questioned the Council as to why they are spending money on land preservation on a tract of land where the land owner can still harvest the trees (Burton Farm LLC).

Additional Business/ Local Law Enforcement Grant Funding Under Additional Business, Councilman Phillips advised that he has asked the County Administrator to put "Local Law Enforcement Grant Funding" on the January 23rd Agenda. Mr. Phillips noted that, currently, \$25,000.00 is given each municipal police agency, per the recommendation of their Chief of Police. Mr. Phillips stated that it seems appropriate at this time to start looking at a formula that would base the amount on a criteria, i.e. population, existing or future growth, transfer taxes based on building permits, etc. It was the consensus of the Council that the issue would be placed on the Agenda for discussion.

M 057 07 Adjourn A Motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Phillips, to adjourn at 11:50 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin A. Griffith Clerk of the Council