

SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL - GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE, MAY 20, 1997

Call to Order The regular meeting of the Sussex County Council was held Tuesday, May 20, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Sussex County Administrative Office Building, Georgetown, Delaware, with the following present:

Dale R. Dukes	President
George J. Collins	Vice President
Finley B. Jones	Member
Lynn J. Rogers	Member

The meeting was opened by repeating the Lord's Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

M 228 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Collins, to
Approve approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion Adopted by Voice
Agenda Vote.

M 229 97 A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to
Approve approve the minutes of the previous meeting, dated May 13,
Minutes 1997.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Absent; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

Corre- Mr. Bayard, County Attorney, read the following correspondence:
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FRANCES ROACH, MILFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter of appreciation to Community Development & Housing for home improvements.

COURTLAND AND NORMA SIPPLE, GREENWOOD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter of appreciation to Community Development & Housing for home improvements.

ROBERT DELGADO, SEAFORD, DELAWARE.

RE: Letter of appreciation to Community Development & Housing for home improvements.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION, WEST TRENTON, NEW JERSEY.

RE: Notice of Commission Meeting and Public Hearing.

RDA
Loan
Resolu-
tion

Mr. Baker, Finance Director, presented for Council's consideration a RDA Loan Resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving and/or extending its County Airport and Emergency

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Operation Center's Communication System. The County is proposing to raise a portion of the cost of these projects by issuing bonds in the principal amount of \$750,000, at a maximum interest rate of five percent, for a maximum of forty years.

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Approve
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tion

A Motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the Sussex County Council approves a Loan Resolution authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring, constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its County Airport and Emergency Operation Center's Communication System, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000, at an interest rate of a maximum of five percent for a maximum of forty years.

Motion Adopted: 4 Yea, 1 Absent.

Vote by Roll Call: Mr. Cole, Absent; Mr. Rogers, Yea;
Mr. Jones, Yea; Mr. Collins, Yea;
Mr. Dukes, Yea

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Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, read the following information in his County Administrator's Report:

1. Troop 4 Status Report - Month of April

The following hours of duty and enforcement were compiled by the uniformed patrol officers at Troop 4, Georgetown, Delaware, during the month of April, 1997:

Total Hours on Duty	3,639.0
Hours Assisted Other Agencies	54.5
Total Traffic Arrests	903
Total DUI Arrests	45
Accident Reports: Property Damage	45
Personal Injury	<u>14</u>
Total Accident Reports	59
Criminal Arrests: Felony	23
Misdemeanor	<u>96</u>
Total Criminal Arrests	119
Total 10-29 P's (wanted persons)	46
Total Number of Complaints	685

2. Extended Hours

The following activities took place during the extended hours on Wednesday, May 14, 1997:

(a) Treasury Division - No activity;

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- (b) Utility Billing Division - No activity;
- (c) Clerk of the Peace - One wedding license issued between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. and three wedding licenses issued between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.;
- (d) Planning and Zoning - No activity from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., three building permits issued between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.;
- (e) Assessment Division - One tax release issued after 4:30 p.m.;
- (f) Recorder of Deeds - No activity from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., two recordings between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and two phone calls and one inquiry between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

3. Assessment/Zoning Policy

As a result of the County's policy requiring properties to be assessed as they are zoned, the following names have applied for down-zoning:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Square Area</u>	<u>Zone/Zone</u>
Ethel C. Graham	135.00 Acres	GR to AR-1
Howard W. Pepper	37.80 Acres	C-1 to AR-1
Frank and Ruth Morris	15.10 Acres	GR to AR-1
Richard and Grace Millman	111.56 Acres	GR to AR-1
Jessica and Jason Moore	0.50 Acres	C-1 to AR-1
James R. Schrappler	39.27 Acres	GR to AR-1
Donald and Jean Lankford	10.88 Acres	GR to AR-1
Bennett Farms, Inc.	138.14 Acres	GR to AR-1

We have had indication from other property owners that they intend to apply for down-zoning. County policy was established to allow anyone who wishes to down-zone to an AR-1 to apply without having to pay a filing fee until June 30, 1997.

Trimper Family Foods, LP, located on Route 113 has elected to stay C-1 and have their property assessment changed. Several other property owners have been notified and have not responded. Once the 30-day notification has expired, the assessments will change to reflect the zoning and a notice of change of assessment will be sent to the property owners.

4. Prayer Breakfast Reminder

The Sussex County Council Prayer Breakfast will be held on Monday, June 2, 1997, at the Delaware Technical & Community College, Jack F. Owens Campus, Higher Education

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Building. There are still 25 tickets available at a cost of \$10.00 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Carol Lewis at 855-7801. The breakfast will start at 7:30 a.m.

This year's speaker will be Dr. Benjamin S. Carson, Sr., Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Medical Institution. Dr. Carson is well-known in many circles as one of the most respected pediatric neurosurgeons in the world and as one of the most inspiring speakers who views life from a Christian viewpoint.

5. Memorial Day Holiday

County offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, 1997, to allow employees to observe the Memorial Day holiday. There will not be a Council meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 1997. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday, June 3, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Proposed Fiscal 1998 Budget Mr. Stickels, County Administrator, submitted to Council the Proposed Annual Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 1998 along with his Budget Letter, which he reviewed extensively. Mr. Stickels encouraged Council to review the proposed budget carefully prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for June.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1998". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ANNUAL SERVICE CHARGES, ANNUAL ASSESSMENT RATES FOR COLLECTION AND TRANSMISSION AND TREATMENT, AND CONNECTION CHARGES FOR ALL SUSSEX COUNTY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER DISTRICTS". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

Proposed Ordinance Mr. Dukes introduced the Proposed Ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE TO GRANT A CONDITIONAL USE OF LAND IN AN AR-1 AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PRODUCE, FLOWERS AND PLANT SALES TO BE LOCATED ON A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LITTLE CREEK HUNDRED, SUSSEX COUNTY, CONTAINING 16,417 SQUARE FEET, MORE OR LESS". The Proposed Ordinance will be advertised for Public Hearing.

M 231 97 Adjourn A Motion was made by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. Motion Adopted by Voice Vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin A. Griffith
Clerk of the County Council