

LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION
STATE OF TENNESSEE
COUNTY OF LOUDON
October 29, 2012

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JOINT SESSION WITH LOUDON CITY COUNCIL

- (1)**
Opening of Meeting
- BE IT REMEMBERED** that the Board of Commissioners of Loudon County convened in a Special Called Session in Loudon, Tennessee on the 29th day of October, 2012. The **Honorable Roy Bledsoe** called the meeting to order.
- Commissioner Maples** opened the County Commission Meeting, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and gave the invocation.
- (2)**
Roll Call
- Present were the following Commissioners: **Jenkins, Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, and Harrelson: (7)**
- The following Commissioners were **Absent: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**
- The Commission currently has a **vacant seat: (1)**
- Thereupon **Chairman Bledsoe** announced the presence of a quorum.
- Present was the **Honorable Mayor Estelle Herron.**
- (3)**
Agenda Adopted As Amended
- Chairman Bledsoe** requested that the October 29, 2012 Special Called Meeting Agenda be adopted.
- Mayor Herron** requested that the Loudon City Council Resolution shown at the bottom of the agenda be removed for action of the Council.
- A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to adopt the Agenda as amended.
- Upon voice vote the motion **Passed** unanimously.
- (4)**
Comments: Agenda Item
- Chairman Bledsoe** asked that any visitor wishing to address the Commission regarding the item on the agenda come forward.
- Joe Malloy** came forward to express his specific concerns about the project: will it require waivers of EPA standards; will it smell; and will it make a lot of noise.
- Pat Hunter** had the same concerns as Mr. Malloy and asked about the roughly 180 jobs anticipated, how many would be production; management; office staff. She also asked about the starting salaries and benefits being offered. Her other question was who gets the money from the sale of the land – Loudon County or Loudon City? She also asked who was going to pay the upfront money for the infrastructure costs – Loudon County or Loudon City?
- Richard Truitt** asked if they were planning to hire people who live in Loudon County. He feels that if the County taxpayers are paying for the industry to locate here, they should get preferential treatment for the jobs being offered.

Loudon County Economic Development Agency Director – Pat Phillips

Director Phillips introduced the representatives of the Project who were in the audience. He gave a briefing of the plans for the project, including construction and preparation costs, and described the financial obligations and proposed split between the County and Loudon City. These are shown on one of the attachments to the Resolution. He stated that the Company planned to hire people it felt were the most qualified for the roughly 178 positions and the workforce would be about 70% production and 30% management, office and other support personnel. The identification of the Company has not been made at this time but is anticipated from the Company in about two weeks. This is the Company’s first U.S. operation. In response to the questions from the audience, he said they were not anticipating strong odors or loud noise or significant emissions issues associated with this facility. In response to the question regarding who’s paying the upfront infrastructure cost, he said that the County would pay 63.5% and the City would pay 36.5% as shown on one of the Resolution attachments.

**(5)
Action and
Adjournment of
Loudon City Council**

The Loudon City Council took action on their Resolution and adjourned.

Loudon County Commission Chairman Bledsoe asked for the Commission’s response to the following:

**(6)
Sale Of
Property
For Project
Sparrow
Approved**

1. A Resolution of the Loudon County Commission Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property in Sugarlimb Industrial Park and Location Inducements for Project Sparrow.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Harrelson** with a second by **Commissioner Jenkins** to approve this resolution.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Meers, Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Harrelson, and Jenkins: (7)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**
The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat: (1)**
Therefore the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (7,0,2,1)**

**(7)
FIDP For
Project Sparrow
Approved**

2. A Resolution of the Loudon County Commission Authorizing the Submission of a Fast Track Infrastructure (FIDP) Application to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development on Behalf of Project Sparrow.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Franke** with a second by **Commissioner Harrelson** to approve this resolution.
Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Maples, Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Harrelson, Jenkins, and Meers: (7)**
The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**
The following Commissioners were **Absent: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**
The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat: (1)**
Therefore the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (7,0,2,1)**

(8)
SIA For
Project Sparrow
Approved

3. A Resolution of the Loudon County Commission Authorizing the Submission of a State Industrial Access Road (SIA) Application to the Tennessee Department of Transportation Pursuant to the Industrial Highway Act of 1959 to Extend Henry Drive in Sugarlimb Industrial Park on Behalf of Project Sparrow.

A **motion** was made by **Commissioner Maples** with a second by **Commissioner Meers** to approve this resolution.

Upon roll call vote the following Commissioners voted **Aye: Franke, Bledsoe, Duff, Harrelson, Jenkins, Meers, and Maples: (7)**

The following Commissioners voted **Nay: (0)**

The following Commissioners were **Absent: Yarbrough, and Miller: (2)**

The Commission currently has a **Vacant Seat: (1)**

Therefore the Chairman announced the motion **Passed: (7,0,2,1)**

(9)
Adjournment

Chairman Bledsoe asked if there were any further comments and, upon receiving none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

There being no further business, a **motion** being duly made and seconded, the October 29, 2012 Special Called Meeting stood adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

COUNTY MAYOR