

SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING

LOUDON CITY COUNCIL WITH LOUDON COUNTY COMMISSION October 29, 2012

A special called meeting of the Loudon City Council and Loudon County Commission was held on October 29, 2012 in the Commission Meeting Room at the Courthouse Annex. The purpose of the meeting was to consider legislation pertaining to the sale of property in Sugar Limb Industrial Park and inducements for "Project Sparrow."

Those present representing the City were: Mayor Judy Keller, Council members Mike Cartwright, Judy Jones, Lynn Millsaps and Jimmy Parks. Others representing the City were: City Attorney Joe Ford, City Manager Lynn Mills and City Recorder Stephanie Putkonen. The press was represented by Jeremy Styron of the *Loudon County News Herald*. A reporter from WBIR television was also present.

County Commission members present were: Chairman Roy Bledsoe, Commissioners Harold Duff, Bob Franke, Steve Harrelson, Brian Jenkins, Earlena Maples and David Meers. Also present for County Commission were Mayor Estelle Herron and Secretary Phyllis Youngblood. There were fourteen others present.

Mayor Keller called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. She turned the meeting over to County Commission Chairman Roy Bledsoe.

Commissioner Earlena Maples led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and held the invocation.

Upon the recommendation of Mayor Herron the County Commission removed the city's resolution from their agenda.

Chairman Bledsoe opened the meeting for public comments or questions pertaining to the agenda items.

Joe Malloy asked about the potential smell and noise from the industry.

Pat Hunter echoed Malloy's questions and also asked for a breakdown of the jobs. She also asked who would receive proceeds of land sale and who would pay upfront for the infrastructure.

Richard Truitt asked if the employees hired would be given any preference if they live in Loudon County.

Loudon County Economic Development Agency (LCEDA) Director Pat Phillips stated that the LCEDA Board had recommended the sale of land and inducements for the location of a European manufacturer yet to be named. He said the county would obtain two grants for infrastructure and site preparation and secure additional financing as necessary. He said the recommendation was for a fifty percent property tax abatement for ten years. He said the revenue would be sufficient to cover the debt service.

He said the City of Loudon was the fiscal agent for Sugar Limb Industrial Park and would receive the proceeds of the land sale. The county would be the fiscal agent on this project. They would secure the financing and grants to make the site "pad ready."

Phillips said the company was a minor source emissions manufacturing operation. He said there could be some noise, but the site was remote. He did not expect any significant emissions or noise from the facility.

Phillips said the employees would be seventy percent production and thirty percent clerical and management. He said the company would seek to hire the best qualified employees. He said the intent would be to hire local, but could not make any guarantees.

City Councilmember Parks asked how many people would come here with the company. Phillips responded probably fewer than four.

Chairman Bledsoe turned the meeting back over to Mayor Keller.

Mayor Keller presented for city council consideration a resolution authorizing the sale of land in Sugar Limb Industrial Park. A motion was made by Councilmember Cartwright, seconded by Councilmember Millsaps that the following resolution be passed:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-42

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF LOUDON, TENNESSEE
AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN SUGARLIMB
INDUSTRIAL PARK AND LOCATION INDUCEMENTS FOR PROJECT SPARROW**

Upon a vote, the resolution was unanimously passed.

Mayor Keller declared the resolution passed. She adjourned the city council portion of the meeting at 6:22 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor