

AT A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF JAMES CITY, VIRGINIA, HELD ON THE 25TH DAY OF APRIL, 2001, AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM, 101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

John J. McGlennon, Chairman, Jamestown District
Bruce C. Goodson, Vice Chairman, Roberts District

Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Berkeley District
James G. Kennedy, Stonehouse District
Ronald A. Nervitt, Powhatan District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator
Frank M. Morton, III, County Attorney

B. BOARD DISCUSSION

1. Christopher Newport University Educational Foundation, Inc., Revenue Bond Financing Application Request

Mr. Wanner introduced William L. Brauer, Executive Vice President of Christopher Newport University (CNU), and George Cousolk, Board Counsel.

Mr. Wanner stated that Christopher Newport University Educational Foundation, Inc. (CNUEF) has applied for a revenue bond of up to \$8 million worth of bonds for the acquisition of properties in the City of Newport News for student housing, parking, and university-related activities.

The CNUEF Bond Counsel approached James City County for revenue bond financing because the City of Newport News would exceed its debt limit with this request. Mr. John McDonald, County Financial Manager, advised CNUEF Bond Counsel that the County has no plans to issue such debt this year.

CNUEF Bond Counsel filed an application with James City County's Industrial Development Authority (IDA) which approved the request, subject to Board approval, at a special meeting on April 18, 2001.

IDA and staff recommend adoption of the resolution authorizing the issuance by the IDA of up to an \$8 million industrial development revenue bond for CNUEF.

The Board, staff, and representatives of CNUEF discussed the logistics of the request, the limits to approve other nonprofit bond requests this calendar year, and the impact the bond issuance may have on the IDA.

Mr. Nervitt made a motion to adopt the resolution.

On a roll call, the vote was: AYE: Kennedy, Nervitt, Goodson, McGlennon (4). NAY: Harrison (1).

2. Citizen Survey for the Comprehensive Plan Review

Mr. Marvin O. Sowers, Director of Planning, gave an overview of the background for the request of the administration of the Citizen Survey and requested feedback from the Board with guidance for the type of survey to conduct, mode of conduct for the survey, and the scale for conducting the survey.

The Board and Dr. Thomas M. Guterbock, Director of the Center for Survey Research, University of Virginia, discussed the purpose of the citizen survey, the mode by which the survey would be conducted; designing the survey; factors to consider in assessing survey questions; the cost of creating, conducting, and interpreting the survey; utilizing a focus group to complement the survey.

The Board, consultant, and staff discussed utilizing a phone survey, including business and customers of the County that may not reside here but do interact with the County; survey focus as a vision for the County vs. a report card survey; the nature of questions posed in surveys; number of individuals to contact with the phone survey.

Mr. Sowers stated that the Citizen Survey will be brought back before the Board in the summer.

Mr. McGlennon recommended Board members forward possible survey questions to staff for consideration in incorporation into the Citizens Survey process.

Mr. McGlennon recessed the Board for a break at 5:27 p.m.

Mr. McGlennon reconvened the Board at 5:40 p.m.

3. New Town/Crossroads Area 2001 Update

Mr. Wanner gave an overview of the proposed development of the New Town over the next 30 years and what has transpired over the past three years.

The Board, staff, Mr. Michael Fox, and Mr. Paul Gerhardt, Attorney, discussed the number of dwelling units in the proposed Virginia United Methodist Home project; commercial square footage in New Town; water usage; tax rates within New Town; anticipated population demographics for the area; zoning triggers for development; change of the name to "New Towne;" and clearer definition of the geographic area called New Town.

The Board requested information on the traffic through and around New Town, the employment profile, and why place New Town at this location.

Mr. Wanner stated that traffic improvements are planned for the area.

Mr. Home stated the placement of Route 199 into the area spurred the planning to control the intense commercial development on the site.

The Board and staff discussed affordable housing within New Town.

4. Newport News Baseball Stadium Request for Participation

Mr. Wanner stated that the City of Newport News is requesting \$30,000 in annual funding for a regional baseball stadium to bring minor league baseball to the area.

The Board felt the County has other priorities and could not support the Newport News request.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to adjourn.

On a roll call, the vote was: AYE: Harrison, Kennedy, Nervitt, Goodson, McGlennon (5). NAY: (0).

Mr. McGlennon adjourned the Board at 6:15 p.m.

Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board