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PUBLIC SAFETY/EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JANUARY 28, 1991

At a meeting of the Public Safety/Education Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, held in the Board of Supervisors meeting room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on January 28, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ann B. Kavanagh, Chairman  
Betsey W. Brown  
James F. Brownell  
H. Roger Zurn

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Kavanagh called the meeting to order.

IN RE: HUNTING RESTRICTIONS

Mrs. Kavanagh stated that proposed hunting regulations must go to the public hearing process, be adopted, and then be incorporated into the current County Weapons Ordinance. The State Game Commission requires that in order to accomplish this, the County's proposed regulations must be sent to the State Game Commission before May 1, 1991, in order to be included in the 1991 State law. Mrs. Kavanagh added that potential problem areas were east of Goose Creek in and near heavily populated areas.

Mrs. Brown expressed two constituent concerns regarding the use of firearms on large parcels of private property.

Mrs. Terrie Short, resident of Ashburn Village, spoke regarding persistent problems on property adjoining Ashburn Village which is owned by Intertech. She said that the property was uninhabited and not policed, and both hunters and young children used the same area for different activities. The property was posted with "No Trespassing" signs, but they were often removed soon after being placed.

Mrs. Billie Hetzel, resident of Purcellville, expressed concern for the safety of residents and domestic animals when hunters shoot near her property.

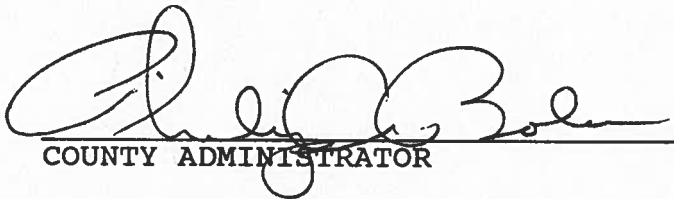
A lengthy discussion ensued on various types of firearms, their capabilities, and definition of the area proposed for the new ordinance.

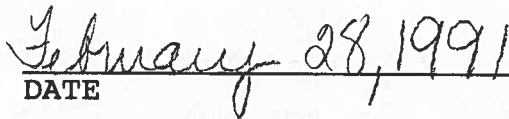
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Mr. Brownell moved that the Committee recommend approval by the full Board of the proposed amendment to Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County, Weapons and Explosives. Seconded by Mrs. Brown. The motion passed 4-0-0. It will be placed on the February 5, 1991, Board agenda.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kavanagh adjourned the meeting.

  
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FEBRUARY 25, 1991

At a meeting of the Education/Public Safety Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on February 25, 1991, at 8:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Ann B. Kavanagh, Chairman  
Betsey J. S. Brown  
James F. Brownell

ABSENT: H. Roger Zurn

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Kavanagh called the meeting to order.

IN RE: FIRE AND RESCUE EMERGENCY SERVICES PLAN

William Goldfeder, Director of Fire and Rescue Services, presented a brief overview of the Master Plan developed by the volunteer community and the Department of Fire and Rescue.

Leo C. Kelly, Vice Chairman of the Commission, discussed the Service Plan, the recruitment and retention goals, volunteer stations within planned communities, planning for Leesburg substation, and the development of standards for apparatus.

Mr. Kelly expressed the primary goal as the attainment of one system providing services through independent fire and rescue companies with career support to those companies.

Mrs. Kavanagh commended the Department for their dedication.

Mr. Brownell moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board meeting of March 19, 1991, acceptance of the Fire and Rescue Emergency Services Plan. Seconded by Mrs. Brown. The motion passed 3-0-1, Mr. Zurn absent.

IN RE: FIRE AND RESCUE COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 1992 BUDGET

Raymond Muth, Fire Council member, reviewed several items in the 1991 and 1992 budgets.

Leo C. Kelly, Vice Chairman, discussed justification of all increments of the proposed budget individually.

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Mr. Goldfeder demonstrated by tape recordings the positive impact of the ongoing progress of the rural street naming effort.

Mrs. Kavanagh thanked the Commission for their presentations.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kavanagh adjourned the meeting.



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April 3, 1991

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EDUCATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
LOUDOUN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JUNE 17, 1991

At a meeting of the Education/Public Safety Committee of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, held in the Reception Room of the County Administration Building, 18 North King Street, Leesburg, Virginia, on June 17, 1991, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ann B. Kavanagh, Chairman  
James F. Brownell  
H. Roger Zurn  
Betsey J. S. Brown

IN RE: CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Kavanagh called the meeting to order.

IN RE: FIRE AND RESCUE FEES - EXEMPTION OF PLACES OF WORSHIP

William Goldfeder, Director of Fire and Rescue, discussed the User Fee Schedule which was developed at the request of the Board of Supervisors. He stated that Mrs. Brown had requested exemption of places of worship from the user fees. He further commented that the loss of revenue would amount to approximately \$5,200 annually if the suggestion were accepted.

Mr. Zurn expressed concern that to comply with this request could conceivably set a precedent, and he asked what the revenue would be from all non-profit institutions annually. Staff was unable to respond to the inquiry with an accurate dollar figure.

Mr. Brownell indicated that several religious groups had questioned the Fire and Rescue Services user fee schedule for inspections of their properties.

A resident representing Lovettsville Lutheran Church spoke in opposition to the \$75 inspection fee for places of worship.

Mrs. Kavanagh stated that she had had several requests with regard to inspection fees, as well as other fees.

Mr. Zurn did not feel that the County could exempt religious institutions only from the user fees, without exempting all non-profit institutions.

Mr. Brownell moved that the Committee recommend to the full Board to treat religious organizations differently and reduce the inspection fee from \$75 to \$50. There was no second to the motion.

Mr. Zurn moved that the current fire prevention code fee schedule remain in effect with no exceptions granted. Seconded by Mrs. Kavanagh. The motion passed 2-1-1, Mrs. Brown absent.

IN RE: SCHOOL SITE SIZE REQUIREMENTS - GENERAL PLAN

Carroll Laycock, Chairman of the School Board, expressed appreciation to the Board of Supervisors regarding adoption of school site sizes in March 1990. He discussed County Planning Commission's recommendation of minimum school site sizes in the General Plan proposal which were not comparable to those recommended by the County School Board and the Board of Supervisors. He felt that Planning Commission had been guided by the State Board of Education's recommended acreage figures.

Richard Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Support Services, discussed, with illustrations, the rationale used in the existing 20, 35, and 70-acre site size requirements. He cited several considerations such as floodplains, wetlands, traffic patterns, site preparation costs, safety (including during sporting events), and positioning the components of a school on a particular parcel of land, as pertinent factors in determination of the sizes.

Edward B. Hatrick III, Superintendent of Schools, briefly discussed the concept of multi-story schools. He did not believe Loudoun County should build multi-story schools until further urbanization occurs or other influences dictate it. One reason was the need for providing handicapped access to all levels without the use of elevators.

Dr. Hatrick discussed the pros and cons of land proffers from developers as opposed to per-unit contributions. He felt that the schools' requirements were greater and more varied than in the past, and therefore the land proffer was a preferable option to per-unit dollar contributions by developers. He pointed out that even with recent contributions of park land in Loudoun County, there still existed the need for recreational space within school properties.

Harry E. Bibb, Associate Superintendent, Instruction and Elementary Education, described cooperative arrangements in place between individual schools and Parks and Recreation activities.

James Stup, Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the positive aspects of having shared community-based recreation on school sites.

Mr. Zurn expressed concern that the County might jeopardize future proffers in other areas such as fire and rescue, public safety, or recreation, by committing future land contributions before needs are identified.

John Merrithew, Planner, Comprehensive Planning, stressed that the Planning Commission was attempting to establish a balance by negotiating proffers on a case-by-case basis. The Commission was developing guidelines to seek a means to distribute proffer packages among all needed services.

Mrs. Brown stated that she felt the procurement of adequate school sites should be a top priority.

Pam Bower, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, said she had discussed this issue with Mike Chandler, Facilitator for the General Plan Worksessions, and Dr. Chandler felt that school site sizes should be incorporated into General Plan discussions.

Mrs. Kavanagh suggested that the Education/Public Safety Committee not take a position at this time, but that the discussions continue in the context of General Plan Worksessions. She added that the School Board might wish to take advantage of the opportunity to speak at the July 10, 1991 Public Hearing, or subsequent meetings on the General Plan.

IN RE: BICYCLE SAFETY COURSE IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND BICYCLES  
ON ROUTE 7

Lt. Randall Quesenberry, Sheriff's Department, discussed the background of problems encountered with bicycle riders on major roads in the County. He described the proposal for basic bicycle safety to be taught in the County Middle Schools.

Mrs. Brown suggested that possibly donations of some type could be raised from participants of special biking events which use the W&OD Trail, and Lt. Quesenberry responded that this has been attempted without very much success.

Mrs. Kavanagh suggested that perhaps the Sheriff's Department and school officials could work together to develop a bicycle safety program. She asked the Sheriff's Department to prepare a memorandum for the County Attorney requesting that options be researched.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Kavanagh adjourned the meeting.

  
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