

## MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Board of Aldermen met at a Special Meeting on November 21, 1961, at 8:00 P.M. o'clock with the following present: Mayor McClamroch; Aldermen Giduz, Robinson, Page Strowd, Walters and Wager, and Town Manager Peck. Members of the Planning Board present were: Pearson Stewart, Jim Wallace and Charles Turner.

Mayor McClamroch stated that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to meet with the officials of Duke Power Company and the University to discuss a possible alternate route for the high voltage loop line now proposed.

A large group of interested persons appeared before the Board. Mayor McClamroch requested that the spokesmen for Duke Power Company and the University sit at the table with the Aldermen.

Mr. William I. Ward, Jr., Charlotte counsel for Duke Power Company discussed the three studied routes; the first effected Mason Farm area, and State owned property cannot be condemned by a power company. 2. Along a proposed thorofare which was later dropped by the Highway Commission from the thorofare plan. 3. The present proposal which seems to be the most practical but which leaves about eight properties over which they have been unable to buy right of ways, but which could be taken by condemnation procedure. This proposed line, he calimed would effect the fewest properties.

Mr. J. A. Branch, University official, stated that the Advanced Planners of the University has approved this proposed line; that power is definitely needed; that the first line proposed would seriously effect the Mason Farm area that might some day serve as a second Campus; that this controversy, he believes, lies between the private property owners and Duke Power Company.

Several persons in the audience spoke, saying that the matter should be between Duke Power Company and municipal authority.

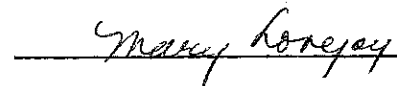
Mr. Jim Wallace of the Planning Board stated that electric transmission line construction should be governed by an ordinance, and no disposition of this case should be made until the Planning Board can complete future planning, including Bayberry Road, which is included in the area through which the loop line would run.

The Board questioned the feasibility of an alternate route which might be less damaging and which would involve less litigation, mindful of holding the values of this community, if possible. Mayor McClamroch asked Duke Power counsel to make a further study of alternate routes and meet with the Board of Aldermen again at which time information and facts from Planning Board's investigation into the matter, could be considered. Mr. Ward expressed his willingness.

Adjournment at 10:24 P.M.



Mayor



Town Clerk

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