

A RESOLUTION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF TOWN RESOURCES FOR CONSIDERATION OF CAROLINA NORTH (2004-04-14/R-14)

WHEREAS, the current planning for the proposed Carolina North development assumes the closing of the Horace Williams Airport; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has required that the Horace Williams Airport remain open until at least January 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the health care of thousands of North Carolinians throughout the State depends on the continued vitality of the AHEC program that flies out of the Horace Williams Airport; and

WHEREAS, State law requires that prior to any move of AHEC from the airport, the Chancellor of UNC consult with the Joint Legislative commission on Governmental Operations regarding the feasibility, cost, and impact on the effectiveness of AHEC's services; and

WHEREAS, UNC, UNC Hospitals, and the Legislature have not resolved the long-term question on the location of AHEC's airport; and

WHEREAS, in planning activities for the Horace Williams property, the Town has expended tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars over the past decade in working toward unrealized plans for the Horace Williams property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council directs the Council and Town staff to be extremely cautious with the allocation of Town resources toward the proposed Carolina North project until UNC, UNC Hospitals, and the Legislature have resolved the status of the airport.

This the 14th day of April, 2004.