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**SUMMARY MINUTES OF A PUBLIC HEARING
OF THE CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL
ON THE UNC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2001, AT 7:00 P. M.

Mayor Rosemary Waldorf called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present were Flicka Bateman, Joyce Brown, Pat Evans, Kevin Foy, Lee Pavão, Bill Strom, Jim Ward, and Edith Wiggins.

Staff members present were Town Manager Cal Horton, Assistant Town Managers Sonna Loewenthal and Florentine Miller, Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, Assistant to the Manager Bill Stockard, Planning Director Roger Waldon, and Town Clerk Joyce Smith.

Before beginning the public hearing, Mayor Waldorf read the following statement:

I regret that enforcement of the Town's sign ordinances has distracted all of us from focusing on more important community and national issues. In that spirit, I request the members of the Town Council to join me in instructing the Town Manager to immediately suspend enforcement of the Town's sign ordinances that regulate or prohibit temporary non-commercial signs on private property unless such signs are determined, due to structure or location, to constitute a hazard to public safety. We recognize that in our country political speech has greater protection than commercial speech.

I further request the members of the Council to instruct the Manager and Town Attorney to prepare and bring to the Council for its future consideration a comprehensive report on the Town's development regulations and current ordinance development policies pertaining to non-commercial signage. This will enable the Council at some future time, at this time unspecified, to consider all of the policy, legal, and constitutional issues that pertain to these provisions of the Town's regulations.

COUNCIL MEMBER EVANS MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WARD, TO INSTRUCT THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AND BRING TO THE COUNCIL FOR ITS CONSIDERATION A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE TOWN'S DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND CURRENT ORDINANCE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES PERTAINING TO NON-COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

Regarding the recent national tragedy at New York City's World Trade Center, Mayor Waldorf commended Chapel Hill's Fire Department on its fundraising effort for people associated with the New York City Fire Department.

Mayor Waldorf noted that several people on the Town staff are in the military reserves and would therefore be subject to being called for service. She specifically mentioned Robert Borgese of the Fire Department, Sam Erwin of the Fire Department, Barry McLamb of the Fire Department, Doug Klein of the Fire Department, Mary Blevins of the Fire Department, Tony Oakley of the Police Department, and Andrew Fuentes of the Public Works Department.

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