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September 28, 1927

There was a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill at 5 P. M., Mayor Council presiding and the following Aldermen present:- Messrs. G. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, B. S. Thompson.

The Manager presented an application from Mr. Cameron McRae to be allow to construct a filling station on his property on East Franklin Street near the McRae building and a petition for the placing of a gasoline tank on the sidewalk in front of his property . After much discussion and upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Braune, the following resolution was duly adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

SECTION 1. That the application of Mr. Cameron McRae for the construction of a gasoline filling station and the placing of gasoline dispensing devices on the sidewalk on Franklin Stteet is hereby denied, and the Manager is instructed to so inform Mr. McRae.

The Manager reported that in accordance with instructions from the Board of Aldermen he had for presentation to the the Board a petition from the property owners on the North side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets in connection with a petition to move the curb on this street a petition for the consturction of concrete sidewalks by the Town and carrying with it a request that the Town pay 50% of the total cost of the construction. The Manager stated further that in the designing of this work, he had found that it would not be advisable to move the curb further than 5 ft. toward the building line and stated that by moving the curb 5 ft. it would be possible to provide adequate drainage for all buildings on this block into the curb and also possible to save a great amount of the present sidewalk construction.

Upon motion of Alderman Braune, seconded by Alderman Hogan, the following resolution was duly adopted , all the Aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor, to wit:- Alderman G. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan, and B. S. Thompson, the said resolution being as folllows:

Whereas it appears to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that a petition has been lodged with the Clerk of the said Board requesting that certain local improvements be made on the

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North side of Franklin Street from Columbia to Henderson Streets, the said improvement to consist of the construction of concrete sidewalks thereon about 16 ft. in width, the same being constructed in such a manner so as to extend from the buildings to the curb, in connection with another petition signed by the property owners for the moving of the curb on this side of the said Franklin Street and the pavement of additional portion of the portion of the street, the said improvement to include all grading and the instruction of storm drains where necessary; and whereas

AND WHEREAS, from the certification of the Clerk this day submitted, it appears that the said petition in every particular conforms to the requirements of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, 1915, and amendments thereto (Consolidated Statutes 2703 etse), and is signed by a majority of the property owners representing a majority of all the linear feet of frontage on the said street; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

SECTION 1. That the said petition is hereby determined to be sufficient and in full conformity with the provisions of the law above referred to.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby instructed and authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to have the said improvements made in accordance with contracts and previous resolutions of this Board.

SECTION 3. That fifty (50) percentum of the total cost of the said improvement, exclusive of such costs as are incurred at street intersections, shall be especially assessed against the property owners of all the abutting property on said street, proportionately, as provided by law, and that the assessment hereby provided for shall be payable in ten equal annual installments, being payable with the municipal taxes, beginning with the year 1928 and ending in the year 1937.

SECTION 4. That assessments shall be made, as provided in Section 3, against the owner of their property, and notice shall be given when such assessment shall be made as required by law; and these notices shall be published as required by the said law and such publication shall constitute notices to all property owners as required by the said provision of the law above referred to.

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The Manager then presented to the Board of Aldermen a petition from the property owners on the North Side of Franklin Street between Columbia and Henderson Street requesting that the curb and gutter moved on this street toward the building line approximately 5 ft. and that additional space be paved in the traffic portions of this street. Upon motion of Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Connor, the following resolution was adopted, all the aldermen present voting in the affirmative therefor, to wit: Messrs. E. M. Braune, P. L. Burch, M. E. Hogan and B. S. Thompson: The following resolution being as follows:

Whereas, it appears to the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that a petition has been lodged with the Clerk of the said Board requesting that certain local improvements be made on the North side of Franklin from Columbia to Henderson Street, the said improvement to consist of the moving of the north curb about 5 ft closer to the North property line, thereby increasing the width of the traffic portion of the street by this amount and decreasing the width of the sidewalk, or if it should be found impossible to move the present curb and reset the same in the correct position, to have a new curb constructed at the place indicated; and to further improve the said Franklin Street within the limits designated by the construction of a rigid type pavement of standard design between the newly established curb and the present pavement, (this being about 5 ft. in width), said improvements to include all grading and constructions of storm sewer and drains where necessary:

And whereas, from the certification of the Clerk this day submitted, it appears that the said petition in every particular conforms to the requirements of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of North Carolina, 1915, and amendments thereto (Consolidated Statutes 2703 etse), and is signed by a majority of the property owners representing a majority of all the linear feet of frontage on the said street; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL:

SECTION 1. That the said petition is hereby determined to be sufficient and in full conformity with the provisions of the law above referred to.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is hereby instructed and authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to have the said improvements made in accordance with contracts and previous resolutions of this Board.

SECTION 3. That (50%) fifty percentum of the total cost of the said improvement, exclusive of such costs as are incurred at street intersections, shall be especially assessed against the property

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SECTION 4. That assessments shall be made, as provided in Section 3, against the owner of their property, and notice shall be given when such assessment shall be made as required by law; and these notices shall be published as required by the said law and such publication shall constitute notices to all property owners as required by the said provision of the law above referred to.

The Manager then brought up for discussion the proposition of street lighting and recalled to the Board that when the curb was moved and the electric light poles taken down there would be nothing from which to hang the present street light, and stated in this connection that the University had enough underground cable on hand to put in a white-way system along this street and that the University was willing to lend the Town this cable. After much discussion and upon motion of Alderman Hogan, seconded by Alderman Braune, a resolution was adopted instructing the Manager to request the University to install the cable before the concrete sidewalk was laid.

There being no further business, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill adjourned at 8:30 P. M.

Zep. P. Council, Mayor

Samuel Johnson, Clerk