

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
AND ZONING COMMITTEE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL  
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and the following members of the Board were present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Fitch and Lanier. Members of the Zoning Committee present were Mr. Pickard and Mr. Graves.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the facts pertaining to the request of the American Legion to have Rosemary Street rezoned from Residence Zone B to Business Zone 2.

Mr. Phipps stated that the legion had an offer from a corporation to buy the present site of the Legion Hut if the property was put in a business zone. He stated that the Legion owned all the property in question except forty feet belonging to J. B. Goldston. He also stated that the present building was inadequate to take care of the membership at its meetings, and they desired to build a larger building on the property they recently purchased. Mr. Phipps stated that he felt that additional business zones were needed and since the south side of Rosemary Street was already in business zone, the other side should also be placed in a business zone.

Mrs. S. J. Brockwell opposed the petition on the grounds that it would cheapen the residential property already located on the street, and stated that she felt the property in business zones that was unused should be taken up before going into a residential zone. Mr. Bush stated that he was opposed to the change because of the past conduct at the Legion Hut.

Mr. Graves stated that the question in his mind was whether the interest of the town demanded a business zone there. He pointed out that North Columbia Street had been placed in business zone and additional business could go on West Franklin Street.

After much discussion, Mr. Patterson recommended that action be deferred until a full vote of the board could be obtained.

After the adjournment of the public meeting the Board discussed other matters.

Mr. W. S. Crawford came before the board to request that he be allowed to complete his house at 106 Carr Street as originally planned for apartments. He stated that three apartments had been completed before the property was put in Zone "A", and he felt that he could be permitted to finish the house according to the original plans. After some discussion, Alderman Burch recommended that the original three apartments remain as housekeeping units, and the two other recently built apartments be converted into rooms with no housekeeping units. Alderman Hobbs made a motion to accept Mr. Burch's recommendation, seconded by Alderman Lanier and unanimously passed.

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Mr. Phipps asked the Board to consider the possibility of allowing trailers to park on property in town during the present emergency. Alderman Hobbs stated that the University was planning to build another trailer camp and he felt that allowing trailers in town was not necessary at the present time. Mr. Phipps also requested the board to consider setting up another residence zone in which an apartment house of four or five apartments could be constructed. The Board stated they would take the matter into consideration.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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