

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CHAPEL HILL PLANNING COMMISSION AND STATE PLANNING BOARD
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Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and the following Aldermen were present: P. L. Burch, R. J. M. Hobbs, E. S. Lanier, F. O. Bowman, and R. B. Fitch. Members of the Town Planning Commission present were, Collier Cobb, Jr., L. J. Phipps, W. M. Prince, H. G. Baity, and J. P. Harland. Members of the State Planning Board present were Felix A. Grisette, Managing Director, J. L. Hales, Assistant Director, Guy E. Whitman, Edward A. Conover, and John A. Parker. Mr. George C. Franklin of the North Carolina League of Municipalities was also present. Others included Town Manager Hihson, Town Attorney Hinshaw, and Thos. D. Rose, Engineer of Gilbert C. White Company.

The purpose of this meeting was to hear the report and recommendations of the State Planning Board arising from a survey which they recently made of the Town.

Before beginning this discussion, other matters pertaining to town affairs were presented. An application from June C. Merritt, for permission to operate two taxicabs in Chapel Hill, was read to the Board. Mr. Merritt requested that he also be designated two parking spaces on the south side of West Franklin Street, just west of the intersection of Kenan and Franklin Streets. It was the opinion of the Board that parking in this section may cause bad traffic conditions after the opening of the new bus station, and if the new permits were granted, parking space should be designated only until the opening of the bus station; at which time the parking situation of all taxicabs would again be considered. Alderman Burch made a motion to grant the two permits, and to approve the use of the two parking spaces requested only until the opening date of the bus station. Seconded by Alderman Lanier and unanimously passed.

Mr. Vobb stated that there were certain sections of the town located in the fire district that were not under the jurisdiction of the Local Planning Commission with respect to the construction of business buildings. Alderman Hobbs made a motion to require that all plans for business buildings within the city limits be submitted to the Planning Board for approval. Seconded by Alderman Bowman and unanimously passed.

The members of the State Planning Board gave very interesting reports on the recent survey made of the Town. Discussions, led by Mr. Grisette, Hales and Franklin, gave considerable attention to the proposal of extension of the Town limits, and the advantages and disadvantages of such extension were discussed at length. Mr. Hales stated that a complete written report would be submitted at an early date.

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Mac Wilkie
Clerk