

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
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A public hearing was held before the Board of Aldermen October 2, 1947 for the purpose of studying the traffic situation now existing in Chapel Hill with respect particularly to parking. Several complaints had been voiced concerning the number of parking spaces on the public streets which were being used exclusively by taxicab companies.

Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and all members of the Board were present. Town Attorney Hinshaw and Town Manager Ray and the owners and operators of the four taxicab companies operating in Chapel Hill were also present.

There was some discussion as to whether the Board of Aldermen had the legal right to designate spaces on the public streets for the exclusive use of an individual taxicab company, or whether the spaces should be designated for the use of all taxicab companies for loading and unloading passengers.

After much discussion it was the consensus of opinion that requiring the taxicab companies to provide off-street parking would not relieve the parking problem to any great extent, and since the companies were providing a service to the general public, the parking spaces should be provided.

It was suggested that possibly the installation of parking meters would help to relieve the situation to some extent.

After considerable discussion of the traffic problem in general, the following resolution was introduced:

Because of the large number of automobiles now operating in Chapel Hill, because of the many narrow streets, because of the resulting hazardous traffic conditions, and because of the inadequate parking space in the business district for the legal residents of the Town, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill consider the advisability of:

(1) That parking meters be installed on both sides of Columbia Street from the Carolina Inn to the Town Hall, and on both sides of Franklin Street from the Presbyterian Church to the Elementary School.

(2) That overnight parking - from 1:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. on the above listed streets be prohibited.

(3) That parking on the following streets be restricted to one side only:

Pittsboro Street - from Cameron Avenue to the Barracks
Henderson Street - from Postoffice to Rosemary Street
Rosemary Street - from end to end
Kenan Street, Roberson Street, Mallette Street and Pine St. ✓

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(4) That each taxicab company be granted parking space equal to 1/3 of their cabs, but in no case shall a company have less than two parking spaces or more than 5.

(5) That a committee be appointed to study the above listed points and to make a report on the parking and traffic problem as a whole at the next regular meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Lanier, all members present voting in the affirmative, the resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Madry appointed Messrs. Lanier, Burch and Davis as the committee for the study of the traffic conditions.

Mr. Ray read an ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ application for a beer license from two University Law students. There was some discussion as to whether the students intended to peddle the beer in Chapel Hill, to which the Board was opposed. Action on the license was deferred until the next regular meeting, and Mr. Ray was requested to ask the students to appear at the meeting.

Mr. Ray stated that Mr. Rose had vacated the office in the Town Hall and that the Court wanted the petition removed in order to restore the court room to its former size. He also stated that Mr. Durham wanted the office for the use of the Clerk of Court and the storing of the court records. Upon motion of Mr. Burch, seconded by Mr. Hobbs, and passed, it was decided to remove the petition and restore the court room and that the Clerk of Court use the small room to the left of the court room for his office.

It was decided that the Finance Committee would meet Monday night, October 6, for the purpose of studying delinquent tax accounts.

Upon motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned.
