

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF ALDERMEN TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL
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A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held at the Town Hall Friday, March 5th at 4:00 P. M. Mayor Madry presided over the meeting and the following members were present: Aldermen Burch, Hobbs, Lanier, Fowler, Davis and Fitch.

The Committee, composed of Aldermen Burch, Lanier, and Fowler, recommended to the Board that an off-premises beer license be granted to Edwin Katzin and Marvin Miller. Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Burch and passed, the Town Manager was instructed to issue the license.

Mr. J. A. Williams presented a request of the University that the Board of Aldermen adopt a resolution closing University Drive from Pittsboro Highway to Pittsboro Street in order that the space could be used in the proposed expansion of the University facilities. Upon motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Lanier, all members present voting in the affirmative, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina has requested that University Drive be closed from South Columbia Street (State Highway No. 75) to Pittsboro Street, in order that the space may be utilized for the expansion of the plant of the University in accordance with a general plan for the expansion and improvement of the facilities of the University, for which the General Assembly of North Carolina has made large appropriations, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has never acquired a right of way for University Drive from the State of North Carolina or the Trustees of the University of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of the Board of Aldermen of Chapel Hill the closing of University Drive from South Columbia Street (State Highway No. 75) to Pittsboro Street is necessary in order that the University of North Carolina may properly develop its plant and facilities and is further of the opinion that the best interest of education in the State of North Carolina and the best interest of the Town of Chapel Hill will be served by cooperating with the State of North Carolina and the University of North Carolina in making the space now used as a street, and known as University Drive between South Columbia Street (State Highway No. 75) and Pittsboro Street, available for the construction of buildings in the extension of the plant and facilities of the University of North Carolina

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that University Drive be and is hereby closed from South Columbia Street (State Highway No. 75) to Pittsboro Street; that any interest which the Town of Chapel Hill and the public generally may have acquired in and to that portion of University Drive between South Columbia Street and Pittsboro Street from usage or otherwise is hereby relinquished and abandoned to the State of North Carolina and to the University of North Carolina.

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In a written statement submitted to the Board, the Street Committee recommended that the two recent applications for taxicab permits be denied on the grounds that public need did not warrant additional taxicabs at the present time. Mr. Lanier made a motion that the application of T. E. Best, t/a City Cab Company for two taxicab permits be denied. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Mr. Lanier made a motion that the application of T. W. Cannada, Jr. and Eugene Petty for two permits also be denied. Seconded by Mr. Hobbs and passed.

The Zoning Board attended this meeting for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the request of Mr. B. W. Clark for a permit to build four two-family apartments on his lot on the East side of Church Street. The Zoning Board met in private session and upon motion of Mr. McClamroch, seconded by Mr. Thompson, voted to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that an exception be made in the zoning ordinance and that Mr. Clark be granted a permit for the four houses. The Zoning Board also considered the request of Mr. M. B. Garrett for permission to convert a garage studio on his lot on Vance Street into living quarters for his son. Upon motion of Mr. McClamroch, seconded by Mr. Graves and passed, the Zoning Board recommended to the Board of Aldermen that Mr. Garrett's request be granted subject to the approval of all owners of property adjacent to the property of Mr. Garrett.

After hearing reports of the Zoning Board, the Board of Aldermen, upon motion of Mr. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. Fitch, authorized, by a unanimous vote, that a permit be granted to Mr. Clark for the construction of the four houses.

Action on Mr. Garrett's request was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

Considerable discussion was held on the new planning and zoning Board ordinance, but no action was taken.

Upon motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.