

Minutes Regular Meeting
Board of Aldermen--Chapel Hill, N. C.
February 8, 1954

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held in the Town Hall on February 8, 1954 at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present were Mayor Lanier, Aldermen Wager, Davis, Burch, Putnam, Cornwell and Robinson, Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Manager Rose.

The minutes for the regular meeting of January 25, 1954 were approved as read and amended.

The matter of an Ordinance concerning bus stops in Chapel Hill was brought up. Mr. Al Muirhead, of the Chapel Hill Transit Company, submitted a map showing locations where he would like to have the Transit Company buses stop. Mr. Putnam moved that the proposed ordinance, along with the map be referred to the Town Attorney, Town Manager and Mr. Muirhead for further study. Mr. Robinson seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose presented the Health Department report and the Police and Clerk of Court report for the month of January.

Mr. Cornwell moved the following Resolution be adopted. Mr. Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

WHEREAS, the alley or driveway, approximately thirteen feet in width, located on the north side of Cameron Avenue between South Columbia Street and Mallette Street, sometimes called "School Lane" or "Fetzer Lane", which leads from the northern edge of Cameron Avenue to the property occupied by the Chapel Hill Grade School, has been for many years used generally by the public as a means of ingress and egress to and from Cameron Avenue and Chapel Hill Grade School; and,

WHEREAS, in numerous deeds relating to properties adjoining said driveway or alley on both sides thereof, the owners of said properties have referred to it as a public way; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill now desires to accept formally such dedication to public use;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Chapel Hill, acting through its duly constituted Board of Aldermen, that the dedication to public use of the aforesaid alley, walkway, driveway or lane sometimes known as "School Lane" is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the official name of said alley, walkway, driveway or lane shall be School Lane.

This the 8th day of February, 1954.

Mr. Putnam moved that the Town Attorney draft an ordinance concerning School Lane, that there be no parking in the Lane. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. LeGrand presented the following ordinance concerning ice boxes.

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ABANDONED
AND DISCARDED ICE BOXES, REFRIGERATORS
AND OTHER CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, instances have occurred, in a number of cities, of death due to suffocation of children in abandoned, unused and discarded ice boxes, refrigerators and other containers having air-tight doors, which, when closed cannot be opened from the inside; and,

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, such abandoned, unused and discarded ice boxes, refrigerators and other containers constitute a menace and hazard to the lives of children, and that it is necessary for the preservation of the safety of such children and the public health and public welfare that such abandonment be declared unlawful, and that an Ordinance regulating such abandonment should be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, in meeting
assembled on the 8th day of February, 1954:

Section I. That it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to place, keep, leave or maintain in any location accessible to children, any abandoned, unused or discarded ice boxes, refrigerators or other containers having an air-tight door and being equipped with a lock, clasp, or snap-lock or other device securing said doors which, when so secured, may not be released or opened from the inside of such ice boxes, refrigerators or other containers; Provided, however, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to any ice box, refrigerator or other container from which the door-securing device has been removed or rendered inoperative, nor shall the provisions thereof apply to any such ice box, refrigerator or other container which has been so secured by locking or chaining or otherwise as to prevent the opening thereof, or if opened, the closing thereof.

Section II. Any violator of this Ordinance or any provision or part thereof shall be subject to a penalty of twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars, and each day that this Ordinance or any portion thereof is violated shall be considered a separate offense and violation, and be subject to the same penalty.

Section III. Any Ordinance in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section IV. This Ordinance is adopted in the interest of the public safety and public welfare, and shall be in force and effect from and after the 9th day of February, 1954.

Mr. Burch moved the adoption of the Ordinance with a \$25.00 fine. Mr. Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. LeGrand read a letter from the League of Municipalities pertaining to parking places for trailers.

Mr. Rose read a letter from the University^(Action) Bank about sharing the Town's deposits. Mr. Robinson moved that the University Bank be made one of the approved depositories for the Municipal funds, subject to the fulfilling of necessary requirements for handling such funds. Mr. Putnam seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose read a letter from the Planning Board pertaining to people making U turns on Main Street. 7

Mr. Rose read a letter from John T. Manning about the Milner-Freeman property line controversy on Tenney Circle. The matter was referred to Mr. Rose to make a suitable reply to Mr. Manning.

Further information on the revaluation of real estate in Chapel Hill was presented by Mr. Rose.

The Board received a request from the people on Cottage Lane for a street light. Mr. Putnam moved the light be authorized. Mr. Burch seconded the motion and it was passed.

Mr. Rose brought up the matter of the cost of improvements to the curb in the business block between Sloan's Drug Store and the Post Office. It was decided the improvements should be charged to the Powell Bill Fund.

The matter of the plan for the University to lower the sidewalk on East Franklin Street near the Morehead Planetarium down to street level was discussed. Mr. Cornwell moved that the Board be in agreement with the change. Mr. Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Rose presented estimates on costs of repairs to the Negro Recreation Center. Mr. Burch moved that the Town get an itemized statement of each item and then eliminate ones not wanted. Mr. Putnam seconded his motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson brought up the matter of paving sidewalks. Mr. Putnam moved that the Town Attorney check the charter to see what can be done about sidewalks, and report at the next meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion and it was passed.

Upon motion by Alderman Burch, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m. o'clock.

After hearing the minutes for the meeting of February 8, 1954, read on motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Wager, the minutes were approved by vote of the Board of Aldermen this the 22nd day of February, 1954.

Elwyn S. Davis Mayor

Dorothy D. Hrabak Town Clerk