

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD AT 7:30 P.M. MARCH 29, 1954

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill was held at the Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock p.m., March 29, 1954, with the following present: E. S. Lanier, Mayor; Aldermen Putnam, Robinson, Wager and Burch and Cornwell; Town Attorney LeGrand, and Town Manager Rose. Absent: Alderman Davis.

At the opening of the meeting Mayor Lanier stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of determining whether to hold a public hearing on the question of adopting an ordinance to establish a Planning Board as provided in Section 3 of Chapter 527, 1953 Session Laws of N. C. It was further explained that the principle function of such a Planning Board, if it were established, would be to hold public hearings and to present, if it should decide to do so, a proposed zoning ordinance for the area described in Chapter 527, 1953 Session Laws of N. C., and it was further explained that if such a Planning Board were authorized, it would not supplant or replace the present Planning Board of the Town of Chapel Hill.

After some discussion Alderman Putnam moved that, on April 26, 1954 in the Town Hall at 8 o'clock P.M., a public hearing be held after notice as provided in Section 160-175, General Statutes of N. C., for the purpose of considering the adoption of an ordinance to establish a Planning Board as provided in Chapter 527, 1953 Session Laws of N. C., and that notice of said public hearing be published in The Chapel Hill Weekly once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to said public hearing. Alderman Robinson seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Thereupon Alderman Wager moved that at the public hearing before the Board of Aldermen the following proposed ordinance or one similar to it be considered:

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PLANNING BOARD FOR THE PROPOSED CHAPEL HILL ZONING DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill:

I. That, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 527 of the 1953 Session Laws of North Carolina, a Planning Board is hereby established for the purpose of preparing a proposed Zoning ordinance for the territory described in Section 2 of said act.

II. The Planning Board shall be designated as THE PLANNING BOARD FOR THE PROPOSED CHAPEL HILL ZONING DISTRICT, and shall consist of ten members. Five members shall be citizens and residents of the Town of Chapel Hill and shall be appointed by the Board of Aldermen; five members shall be citizens and residents of the territory surrounding the town, as described in Chapter 527 of the 1953 Session Laws, and shall be appointed by the Orange County Board of Commissioners. Each of said members shall be appointed for a term of one year and shall be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur for the period of the unexpired term.

III. Within thirty days after appointment, the Planning Board shall meet and elect a chairman and create and fill such other offices on the Board as it may determine. The term of the chairman and other officers shall be one year, with eligibility for reelection. The Board shall adopt rules for transaction of its business and shall keep a record of its members' attendance and of its resolutions, findings, and recommendations, which record shall be a public record. All of its meetings shall be open to the public. There shall be a quorum of six members for the purpose of taking any official action required by this ordinance.

IV. The creation of this Planning Board shall have no effect on the Town Planning Board of Chapel Hill heretofore created by ordinance of the Town of Chapel Hill dated March 10, 1948, which Board shall continue in existence and shall have all powers and duties heretofore granted to it.

V. Should any part of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

VI. This ordinance shall have no effect upon any existing ordinances of the Town of Chapel Hill and shall be in full force and effect from and after the day of 1954.

Alderman Cornwell seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10 o'clock P.M.

M. Cornwell

Edmund S. Faine Mayor

Thos. Rose Acting Clerk