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MINUTES

Board of Alderman

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Board of Aldermen met at a Public Hearing on September 12, 1955, at 7:30 P.M., o'clock in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Wager, Strowd, Davis, Putnam, Robinson, and Alexander; Town Attorney LeGrand, and Town Manager Rose.

PORTHOLE RESTAURANT'S REZONING REQUEST. Due to the fact that University representatives could not attend this meeting, Alderman Putnam made a motion that action be deferred until the October meeting, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was passed.

REQUEST FOR REZONING WEST OF THE BYPASS & SOUTH OF U.S. 15. The recommendation of the Planning Board to rezone from R.A-20 and Agricultural Districts to Suburban Commercial District the area described as follows: Beginning at a point on the western right of way of the Bypass (U.S. 15) 430 feet north of where Booker Creek crosses the Bypass, thence in a westerly direction 363 feet along a line perpendicular to the Bypass to the point where this line intersects with Booker Creek, thence along Booker Creek in a northeasterly direction to the point where the Creek crosses the southern right of way of the Durham Highway, thence in an easterly direction along the Durham Highway right of way to the point where it intersects with a county road, thence in a southeasterly direction along this county road to the point where it intersects with the Bypass, thence in a southerly direction along the Bypass approximately 1,057 feet to the point of beginning. Alderman Putnam moved that the recommendation be adopted, seconded by Alderman Davis. All voted "aye", none voted "nay". The motion was passed. Working
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen followed the Public Hearing with the above members being present.

Minutes for the August 8, 1955, were approved as read and adopted on a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Wager. All voted "aye", none voted "nay". The motion was passed.

Mr. J. E. Smith came before the Board of Aldermen requesting permission to park four trailers on his premises located near Merritts Filling Station, off Pittsboro Road. Such area is now under RA-10 zoning. He stated that he would supply the necessary septic tank as approved by the Health Board; that his purpose is to help students secure an education by having reduced living expenses. Alderman Davis made a motion that Mr. Smith's request be referred to the Planning Board. Alderman Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed.

PETITION OF C.M. MAYSE FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE ONE TAXICAB. This permit requested permission to operate one taxi-cab on an independent basis. Alderman Robinson moved that the request be tabled until further investigation to establish a need, might be studied. Alderman Putnam seconded the motion and it was passed.

On the request as submitted by Mr. Thurman Atkins of the Hollywood Cab Company for permission to operate one (1) additional taxi-cab to their fleet of five taxi-cabs, on a motion made by Alderman Alexander that the request of the Hollywood Cab Company be allowed, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and the motion was passed.

Town Manager Rose presented two petitions for curb and gutter, one for property owners on Sunset Drive, the other for North Graham Street. Alderman Strowd moved that Town Manager Rose investigate these petitions as to 51% of the property owners signing the petitions, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed.

AUDITOR'S REPORT. Mr. Erle E. Peacock reported to the Board of Aldermen that he has examined the July and August vouchers and found them to be properly supported and in order; that his Annual Audit is well under way and he hopes it will be ready to report on at the next Board meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS. Reports from the Police Department, Recorder's Court, and Fire Department were examined.

Alderman Wager moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Local Government Commission of North Carolina has informed the Board of Aldermen that it has sold, in the manner prescribed by law, the \$47,000 Equipment Bonds, \$40,000 Storm Sewer Bonds and \$15,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds of the Town of Chapel Hill, Dated June 1, 1955, authorized by bond ordinances adopted by the Board of Aldermen on March 28, 1955, and that the contract of sale contemplates that said bonds shall bear interest as hereinafter provided; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

(1) Said \$47,000 Equipment Bonds shall consist of forty-seven bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, numbered from 1 to 47, inclusive, in the order of their maturity, and shall bear interest as follows: (a) the bonds numbered from 1 to 27, inclusive, at the rate of 3% per annum, and (b) the bonds numbered from

28 to 47, inclusive, at the rate of 2 1/4% per annum.

(2) Said \$40,000 Storm Sewer Bonds shall consist of forty bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, numbered from 1 to 40, inclusive, in the order of their maturity, and shall bear interest as follows: (a) the bonds numbered from 1 to 6, inclusive, at the rate of 3% per annum, (b) the bonds numbered from 7 to 23, inclusive, at the rate of 2 1/4% per annum and (c) the bonds numbered from 24 to 40, inclusive, at the rate of 2 1/2% per annum.

(3) Said \$15,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds shall consist of fifteen bonds of the denomination of \$1,000 each, numbered from 1 to 15, inclusive, in the order of their maturity, and shall bear interest as follows: (a) the bonds numbered from 1 to 3, inclusive, at the rate of 3% per annum, (b) the bonds numbered from 4 to 9, inclusive, at the rate of 2 1/4% per annum and (c) the bonds numbered from 10 to 15, inclusive, at the rate of 2 1/2% per annum.

Alderman Putnam seconded the motion, and the motion was adopted. Those voting for the motion were Messrs. Wager, Strowd, Davis, Putnam, Robinson and Alexander. No one voted against it.

Mrs. D. R. Brooks appeared before the Board of Aldermen requesting that something be done about the alley to the side of her home. There are many large holes which in wet weather retain muddy water that is in turn thrown up against her house by constant traffic to and fro in the alley. Town Manager Rose and Town Attorney LeGrand were instructed to try to work out an adequate plan to remedy or to alleviate this problem.

REFUNDS APPROVED. Town Manager Rose informed the Board of Aldermen that Mr. M. L. Thompson has been erroneously charged with 1953 sewer rental in the amount of \$12.00. Alderman Alexander made a motion that the proper voucher be drawn for this refund, seconded by Alderman Davis. The motion was passed. Mrs. Susie Snipes has been erroneously charged with sewer rent in the amount of \$52.28. Alderman Robinson moved that the proper voucher be drawn for this refund, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed. M. P. Cleveland Gardner is entitled to a refund in the amount of \$7.60 due to duplication in listing. Alderman Putnam moved that the proper voucher be drawn, seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion was passed.

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STREET LIGHT NEEDED. That a street light is badly needed at the end of McDade Street was discussed. Alderman Robinson moved that the University be instructed to install such light, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed unanimously.

There was much discussion with regard to Parking Tickets fines. A suggestion that the parking fines be raised to \$2.50 was made by the University. Mr. Herbert Wentworth acting as a spokesman for the merchants, said the merchants would like to be considered in this problem.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN DATE OF RECORDER'S COURT SESSION. As statistics show that traffic accidents are less on Tuesday, many of the State Highway patrol men take their day off and are not available for court testimony; that it would be a saving to the Town not to have to house and feed prisoners taken over the week end, the extra day, Mr. William Stewart requested that Monday become the day for Chapel Hill Recorder's Court to be heard. Alderman Putnam made a motion that Monday be the day so designated, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was unanimously passed.

There was discussion of the Planning Board's six recommendations contained in Mr. Babcock's report on "Thoroughfare Planning and Traffic Operations". It was decided that copies be mailed out to the members of the Board of Aldermen for study.

AWARD FROM NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL. Town Manager Rose read a letter received from the Department of Motor Vehicles informing the Town of Chapel Hill that as the Town has not had a traffic fatality for the years of 1953 and 1954, they have framed a certificate of award in recognition of this record; that a public ceremony for the presentation is requested. All present were in favor of having this date set to suit the Mayor and Chief of Police of Chapel Hill.

NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY expressed their pleasure on receiving again this year, the same amount as contributed to them last year.

LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE. The matter of the Park near the Little Red School and the road to it, was again discussed. The matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole for further consideration.

ANNEXATION OF RIDGEFIELD. The Board received a formal request that the area known as Ridgefield be considered for annexation. Alderman Wager moved that a public hearing with reference to the possible annexation of the Sub-division known as Ridgefield, be advertised for October 24th, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was unanimously passed.

REQUEST FOR OUT-OF-TOWN FIRE PROTECTION. Mr. John Foushee's request that the Town of Chapel Hill's fire department answer out-of-town calls to fires within one thousand (1,000) feet of the Town limits was disallowed.

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REPAIRS AT NEGRO COMMUNITY CENTER. Alderman Robinson moved that the Board go ahead with the replacement of the much needed window panes. Seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed. Other needed repairs to be studied later by the Committee of the Whole.

SIDEWALK ON NORTH COLUMBIA STREET. Town Manager Rose advised the Board that he has met with Mr. John Foushee and Bill Sloan with regard to the method of installing sidewalk along their buildings on North Columbia Street. Alderman Wager moved that Mr. Foushee, Mr. Sloan and Town Manager Rose meet with the Street Committee, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and the motion was passed.

SEWER LINE ON BROOKSIDE DRIVE. The request that sewer line be installed on West end of Brookside Drive to serve several new homes was discussed. Alderman Putnam made a motion that Mr. Rose be instructed to proceed with this work, seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion was passed unanimously.

DRAINAGE ON GIMGHOUL ROAD. On the request of Miss Pearl Fishel for installation of pipe for drainage on Gimghoul Road, Alderman Putnam moved that the request be disallowed as at this time, seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion was passed.

DRAINAGE IN REAR OF FOWLERS FOOD STORE. The request made by Fowlers Food Store for relief from storm drainage at the rear of their store on W. Rosemary Street, was discussed. Alderman Strowd moved that Town Manager Rose be instructed to install approximately 400 feet of storm sewer to help overcome this problem, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed. That Fowler Food Store pay the cost of the pipe under their driveway, was included in the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Wager spoke about the street light on Patterson Place which was formerly moved. That same should be moved back again, and an additional light be installed in that area.

Alderman Alexander stated that W. P. Jordan of Henderson Street has requested that a street light be placed on Henderson Street between Rosemary and North Street as that area is very dark. He also brought up the matter of police on duty at schools, at times of heavy traffic, and stated that it has left a very unsatisfactory condition in the police office as there is no one to answer emergency calls other than the one man at the desk. He suggested that perhaps women could be deputized and uniformed for these duties, working through the P.T.A. Town Manager Rose was asked to ascertain what can be done.

Alderman Putnam asked concerning the status of curb and gutter, and sidewalk petitions for N. Columbia Street. Town Manager Rose explained that there has been some question as to actual frontage of street; that Surveyor Leonard is working on it; that there are several other petitions to be considered and hoped to handle them together. Alderman Putnam also mentioned about tree boughs on Pritchard and Carr Streets. Town Manager Rose said about a month ago that considerable trimming was done. Town Manager Rose was asked to check about a street light on Short Street between Church Street and Pritchard Avenue.

Alderman Robinson mentioned the need of a street light at North Graham and Rosemary Street, at the corner, also about the speeding auto traffic which endangers life and limb.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 P.M., o'clock.

Oliver K. Cornell

Mayor

Mary Lovejoy

Town Clerk

September 12, 1955

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

On September 12, 1955, at a regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Alderman Wager moved and Alderman Putnam seconded the motion that the following Notice to The Public be published once a week for four (4) successive weeks (September 23, 30, October 7 and 14):

The public will take notice that on the 24th day of October, 1955, at 7:30 o'clock P.M., in the Chapel Hill Town Hall, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, N.C., will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance annexing to the Town of Chapel Hill the territory described as follows:

Beginning at the extreme East Corner of the present corporate limits of the Town of Chapel Hill, N.C., where Bolin Creek and Battle Brook join, at the Eastern edge of the right-of-way of the Bypass on U.S. Highway 15-501, running thence with the Eastern edge of said right-of-way North 12 degrees 34 minutes East 497 feet to a point of curvature on the Eastern edge of the said Bypass right-of-way; thence continuing Northeasterly with the curvature of said Bypass 379 feet to a point of tangency of the Bypass; thence with the Eastern edge of the said right-of-way of the Bypass North 9 degrees 29 minutes East 1,417.8 feet to a corner; thence South 81 degrees 66 minutes East 635.5 feet to a corner; thence South 9 degrees 26 minutes West 2,426 feet to the center of Bolin Creek; thence with the center of Bolin Creek upstream approximately 686 feet to the point of beginning.

When their names were called, all Aldermen voted "yes," and the motion was declared passed.

Mary Lovejoy
Town Clerk