

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session on October 10, 1955, at 7:45 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.

Minutes of the September 12, 1955, regular meeting were read. It was ordered that minutes be corrected to show a complete legal description of the area contained in the rezoning request for West of the Bypass & South of U.S. 15; that on the request of Fowler's Food Store for drainage to the rear of the store, that the store pay the expense of the pipe under their driveway; that a second street light should be installed on Patterson Place as well as moving one back to the middle of the street. The minutes were approved as corrected, and adopted on a motion by Alderman Alexander, seconded by Alderman Strowd. The motion was passed.

ALLEY IN REAR OF 100 BLOCK & E. FRANKLIN STREET. Several merchants came before the Board of Aldermen to discuss paving and widening the alley that backs several business places. On a motion made by Alderman Robinson that Town Attorney LeGrand, Town Manager Rose, and the Finance Committee meet with Mr. Walter Creech and Mrs. Fred Coenen to try to work out a plan satisfactory to all concerned. The motion was seconded by Alderman Putnam, and passed. Town Manager Rose was also instructed to proceed with the paving of the alley at the side of the home of Mrs. D. R. Brooks. The alley is to be 12 feet wide.

AREA ADJACENT TO HIDDEN HILLS. A request was received from Collier Cobb, Jr., for a zoning change to be made on a 115 acre tract of land to be rezoned to a RA-10. This was referred to the Planning Board for their consideration on a motion made by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Alexander. The motion was passed.

REPORT OF AUDITOR. Mr. Erle E. Peacock reported that he has examined the September vouchers and found them to be in order and properly supported; that his annual audit will be completed soon; that he recommends that Mr. Rose's office mail out tax notices of delinquent taxes at least every two years. Alderman Putnam made a motion that Mr. Peacock's recommendation be approved, seconded by Alderman Wager. The motion was passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS. A report from the Recorder's Court was examined, also the consolidated report from the Fire Department.

AREA KNOWN AS GLEN HEIGHTS SUB-DIVISION. On the request as submitted by the Windsor Development Company, the Planning Board recommended approval of lots 1-8 inclusive, in Plot A, and lots 1-3 inclusive in Plot B and recommended that when final completion of the sub dividing is finished, that approval for rezoning this area from agricultural to RA-20 can be made. Alderman Putnam made a motion that the recommendation of Planning Board be approved, seconded by Alderman Alexander, and the motion was passed.

RENEWAL OF FRANCHISE OF CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT LINES, INC. Town Manager Rose informed the Board of Aldermen that Mr. Copeland, Secretary, has asked for a renewal of the Franchise for another five (5) years commencing with January 1, 1956. Alderman Putnam made a motion that the Franchise be granted as requested, on the same terms as the present Franchise. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wager, and was passed by majority vote of the Board, Alderman Robinson voting "nay". Any schedule changes are to be approved by Town Manager Rose.

ELIZABETH STREET AND OLD SECTION OF DURHAM ROAD. Town Manager Rose stated that Mr. Holloway has requested that the Town take over the responsibility of the above area; that many have used this area for dumping undesirable trash which the Town has covered up. The matter was referred to the Committee of the Whole for study and later recommendation.

THE GLEN. Residents in The Glen area have asked for a street light. This was referred to the Street Committee for investigation.

PARK IN AREA OF LITTLE RED SCHOOL HOUSE AND ROAD LEADING TO IT. Alderman Putnam made a motion that the Town accept the Park area and right-a-way to the road leading to it as soon as title is gotten and awarded the Town. Alderman Davis seconded the motion. All voted "aye", none voted "nay". The motion was passed.

SIDEWALK AT SLOAN'S DRUG STORE ON N. COLUMBIA STREET. Alderman Wager made a motion that the Town accept the following plan as determined by Town Manager Rose, Mr. John Foushee and Mr. William Sloan: Beginning at the grade at the present concrete walk at the present grade of the walk to a point between the building now occupied by John Foushee and the Tar Heel Sandwich Shop; from that point the walk would then follow a straight grade to the black top pavement of the alley that goes behind the stores. This permanent sidewalk is to be paid for by the property owners. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

VALLEY PARK ROAD. Alderman Strowd made a motion that the Town of Chapel Hill take over the Valley Park Road provided Mr. M. J. Dawson puts in a 30 foot wide roadway, to be approved by the Town Manager. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion, and it was passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Alderman Robinson said James Riggsbee requests a reflector on the end of his house on N. Graham Street; that the drinking fountain in front of the M. E. Church, protrudes out over the street and presents a traffic hazard; that speed signs should

SIX RECOMMENDATIONS OF PLANNING BOARD. Several students appeared before the Board requesting that no parking changes be made on Rosemary Street. Town Manager Rose discussed the opinions received in answer to about 138 letters mailed out to residents of Rosemary Street, and after much discussion Alderman Wager made a motion that all parking on Rosemary be prohibited from Henderson to Church Street, effective January 1, 1956. Alderman Davis seconded the motion and it was passed by majority vote.

Hillsboro Street. Alderman Putnam made a motion to remove parking on both sides between E. Rosemary Street and E. Franklin Street, effective January 1, 1956. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion, and it was passed by majority vote.

Henderson Street. Alderman Wager made a motion to remove parking on the East side, between E. Rosemary Street and E. Franklin Street, and restrict parking to a 10 minute limit on the West side, effective January 1, 1956. The motion was seconded by Alderman Robinson and passed by majority vote.

Mallette Street. Alderman Putnam made a motion to remove all parking on both sides of Mallette Street, effective January 1, 1956. The motion was seconded by Alderman Alexander, and was passed by majority vote.

Pittsboro & McCauley Street intersection. Alderman Putnam made a motion that effective January 1, 1956, all parking be removed on both sides of the street at a distance of 150 feet from the intersection. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it was passed by majority vote.

Overhead turning lane directional signs. Alderman Putnam made a motion that these signs be installed as soon as practicable, on major streets where directional arrows are presently painted on the pavement. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it was passed by majority vote. Attorney LeGrand was instructed to draw up the proper ordinances to cover these recommendations.

JOINT MEETING. A joint meeting of the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and the Board of Aldermen was set for 8 P.M., o'clock October 25, at Town Hall.

Town Manager Rose read two letters as submitted by F. Stuart Chapin and James M. Webb in reference to:

1. Revising and bringing up to date the preliminary land development plan for Chapel Hill and environs, and
2. In the extension of this work, to undertake a more refined study of suburban-commercial and industrial land needs in this area.

REQUEST TO PARK TRAILERS. On Mr. James Smith's request it was agreed that it should be set aside at this time until a more complete study could be made of suburban-commercial needs.

be placed in front of the Lincoln High School.

Alderman Wager mentioned that the shrubbery on Pittsboro and University Drive needs cutting again.

Alderman Strowd informed the Board that a Post Office employee thinks the numbers of the Town business houses are inadequately marked.

Alderman Davis said Mrs. Talbert asked when Briarbridge Valley Road would be paved.

Alderman Alexander was asked to gather any available information with regards to using women in police work to help out with crossings problems for school children. Mayor Cornwell instructed Alderman Alexander to act as chairman and asked that Mr. Rose, Putnam, and Mr. Strowd work as a Special Committee in the matter.

Alderman Alexander brought up the fact that our present traffic ordinances are conflicting as there are about twenty-eight. Town Attorney LeGrand was asked to meet with Judge Stewart and Prosecutor Denny to study this problem.

Alderman Putnam asked if the Sorority building being constructed in back of the Lutheran Church is supplying enough parking area. He also questioned about the expenses involved in the Colored Recreation Center. He mentioned that the shrubbery at the corner of Mallette and Franklin, on both sides, needs cutting again.

Town Manager Rose supplied estimated costs to paint Town Hall. As the costs showed such a large variance, Alderman Davis was asked to inquire further into the matter.

Upon a motion made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 P.M., o'clock.

Oliver K. Cornwell Mayor

Mary Lorejay Town Clerk

October 10, 1955