

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on May 14, 1956, at 7:30 P.M., o'clock at Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Wager, Strowd, Robinson, and Putnam; Town Attorney LeGrand, and Town Manager Rose. Absent: Aldermen Davis and Alexander.

Minutes for the Public Hearing held on April 9, were approved and adopted as read on a motion by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

Minutes for the Regular Meeting held April 9, were approved and adopted as read on a motion by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Strowd.

Minutes for the Public Hearing held on April 27, were approved and adopted as read on a motion by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Robinson.

GREATER CHAPEL HILL FIRE DISTRICT. Mr. E. A. Cameron came before the Board and stated that in the event the proposed areas are annexed, there will be need for discussion of Fire Protection problems in the Greater Chapel Hill Fire District. Mayor Cornwell appointed Alderman Wager, Strowd and Putnam as a special committee to work with Messrs. Hobbs, Merritt, and Cameron, the Fire District Commissioners.

Mr. John Ewing presented a second petition opposing the request of Crowell Little to rezone the area fronting on the Durham Chapel Hill Highway. The petition was signed by Mary Chandler, Paul McCauley, Louis Poe, and William McCauley, Jr., who represented that they owned 25% of the property directly opposite the area to be rezoned. After much discussion, Town Attorney LeGrand informed all present that more evidence of ownership would be necessary, that there was also the question as to whether it is incumbent upon the property owners, or the Town to supply the information. Alderman Wager said in view of the fact that Mr. Gladstone will have a report on "Land Use", within a few days, the matter should not be hurried, but given proper consideration. Alderman Strowd moved that a special called meeting be held to consider this matter, seconded by Alderman Putnam, and passed.

Town Manager Rose informed the Aldermen that he has two letters requesting that the Board of Aldermen reconsider their rezoning requests. Because these letters had not been received in time to comply with the requirements of having been received three weeks prior to the meeting, such letters will be considered at the meeting to be held on the 4th Monday in August.

SUB-DIVISION REQUEST. Town Manager Rose read a request from Mrs. Lovie Lloyd, 116 Mallette Street, who wants to sub-divide a lot 100 feet x 206 feet. Alderman Strowd moved that the request be referred to the Planning Board, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed.

A letter was received from Guy B. Phillips regarding the removal of parking on the remainder of East Rosemary Street, also a verbal request made by Collier Cobb about the area around the Lutheran Church. Mayor Cornwell suggested that requests be made an order of business for June meeting; that the balance of Rosemary Street be considered for no parking, at that time. Alderman Putnam made this a motion, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was passed.

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR RESIGNS. Town Manager Rose advised the Board that Mr. Ray Warren has resigned as Electrical Inspector. Alderman Putnam moved that the resignation be accepted, seconded by Alderman Robinson, and passed. Alderman Strowd moved that Mr. F. C. Morrow be appointed as electrical inspector, seconded by Alderman Putham. This will become effective June 1, 1956. The motion was passed.

MONTHLY REPORTS. The Auditor's report was not heard, as Mr. E. E. Peacock was absent. The report from the Health Department was examined, also the report from the Recorder's Court. The Police Department and Fire Department reports were missing.

COENEN-CREECH DEED & LETTER IN CONSIDERATION. Town Manager Rose read a letter to be mailed to Mrs. F. E. Coenen and Walter Creech in reference to the deed to alley property. The Board authorized Town Attorney LeGrand and Town Manager Rose to approve this agreement letter, subject to the necessary corrections.

CEMETERY DEEDS. Town Attorney LeGrand discussed the matter of deeds or 99 year leases to New Cemetery Plots. Alderman Putnam moved that the Cemetery Committee and Town Manager Rose meet with the Old Cemetery Committee and work out a proper form to be used, seconded by Alderman Strowd. The motion was passed.

Alderman Putnam moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKING ON RANSOM STREET
BETWEEN CAMERON AVENUE AND MCCAULEY STREET

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF CHAPEL HILL:

That from and after the 1st day of July, 1956, it shall be unlawful to park an automobile or vehicle or any kind on either side of Ransom Street between Cameron Avenue and McCauley Street in the Town of Chapel Hill.

II

Each and every violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by fine of \$1.00.

III

All laws and clauses of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 14th day of May, 1956.

seconded by Alderman Wager. The motion was unanimously passed.

William S. Stewart, Judge of the Chapel Hill Recorders Court, informed the Board that in order to have good records that will be handed down through the years, Clerk of Court, B. J. Howard should have some clerical help; that the Court collects considerable monies; and that the duties have become too heavy for one person to keep the records that are necessary. He was asked to consult with Town Manager Rose.

Alderman Putnam moved that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, bond anticipation notes of the Town of Chapel Hill of the aggregate principal amount of \$40,000 have been issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized by the ordinance hereinafter described and said notes are payable May 25, 1956, and the Board of Aldermen desires

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to provide for the issuance of \$35,000 Bond Anticipation Notes to provide funds for the payment of said outstanding bond anticipation notes: NOW, THEREFORE,

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

(1) The sum of \$35,000 shall be borrowed by the Town of Chapel Hill, pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, 1921, of North Carolina, as amended, for the purpose for which bonds are authorized to be issued by the ordinance entitled "An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$60,000 of bonds of the Town of Chapel Hill for the construction of curbs and gutters", adopted by the Board of Aldermen of said Town on the 10th day of August, 1953, in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the sale of the bonds authorized to be issued by said ordinance.

(2) Negotiable notes of said Town of the aggregate principal amount of \$35,000 shall be issued for all moneys borrowed pursuant to this resolution. Each of said notes shall be dated May 23, 1956 and shall bear interest at a rate which shall not exceed six per centum (6%) per annum, payable at maturity, and shall be payable on November 23, 1956.

(3) Said notes shall be issued in such denominations and in such form and shall bear interest at such rate as may be determined within the limitations prescribed by this resolution, by the officers authorized to execute said notes. The Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute said notes. Each interest coupon shall be signed by said Town Clerk.

(4) The Mayor and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized to make application to the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for its approval of said notes, in the manner prescribed by the Local Government Act. Said Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell said notes in the manner prescribed by said Act. Said notes, when they shall have been sold by said Commission, in the manner provided by law, and when they shall have been executed in the manner prescribed by this resolution, shall be turned over to the State Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, for delivery to the purchaser or purchasers to whom they may be sold by said

Commission.

(5) The moneys raised by the issuance of said notes shall be applied to the payment of said outstanding \$40,000 bond anticipation notes payable on May 25, 1956.

seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was unanimously adopted.

BATTLE LANE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS. A delegation of residents of the area around Battle Lane, Senlac Lane and Hooper Lane appeared before the Board of Aldermen with Colonel Burns acting as spokesman. They requested that something definite be done about the hazardous traffic situation in that area. After much discussion it was decided to wait until Mr. Babcock's report has been received, and then try to do something definite.

CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT LINE. Town Manager Rose read a letter in which the Chapel Hill Transit Line would like to abandon the 6:30 P.M., trip into Carrboro because of lack of passengers.

PLANNING BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT was examined by the Board of Aldermen.

Town Manager Rose read a letter from the Planning Board concerning what they considered a technical violation of the Town's Zoning Ordinance in the sign at the corner of Columbia and Franklin Streets on the property adjoining the Baptist Church; also that Rosemary Street should be posted for a speed limit not to exceed 25 MPH.

AWARD OF STORM SEWER CONTRACT. Town Manager Rose informed the Board that The Sherrill Paving Company of Winston-Salem, N. C., was the low bidder on the contract. Alderman Putnam moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the following contract be awarded for Storm Sewers in accordance with bids submitted, and that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the contract in the name of the City, when same shall have been approved by the Town Attorney.

To the Sherrill Paving Company, Inc., of Winston-Salem, N. C. in the amount of \$28,329.00

seconded by Alderman Wager. The motion was unanimously passed.

TAX COLLECTOR. Town Attorney LeGrand informed the Board that in order to proceed on tax suits, that a Tax Collector should be named to serve during the absence of Mrs. Ruth Ward, who is on a leave-of-absence; that such suits would need the signature of a Tax Collector. Alderman Wager moved that Town Manager Rose be authorized to sign as Tax Collector, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed.

REPORT ON TREES. Town Manager Rose said he is pleased to report that near 40 trees have been planted; that they are in good growing condition; that saw dust mulch will be placed around them and they will be kept watered.

Eight members of the Board of Aldermen made reservations to attend the meeting and dinner of the League of Municipalities at the Colonial Inn at Hillsboro on May 23.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Wager said he would like to see Briarbridge Road surfaced, and that the large bush at the corner of Pittsboro Street and W. University Drive needs trimming again.

Alderman Strowd stated that he would like to see "One Way" traffic North

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on the lane by the Presbyterian Church from East Franklin to Rosemary Street. He also believed as there are no sidewalks on the left side of North Street between Columbia and Henderson Streets that the parking should be changed to opposite side. This was referred to the Street Committee. Alderman Wager stated that the no parking stretch at the McCauley/Pittsboro Street intersection should be 20 feet from the intersection so as not to obscure the vision at that point. Alderman Robinson moved that traffic lines be placed at Graham and Franklin Street, seconded by Alderman Putnam. The motion was passed. Alderman Putnam moved that parking be reversed on Henderson Street between Rosemary and North Street, seconded by Alderman Robinson. The motion was passed. Alderman Putnam stated that the Colored Recreation Center needed two outside water fountains.

It was stated that Mayor Todd, of Carrboro would like to have a committee meet with their committee to consider a traffic light at Merritt Mill Road. Mayor Cornwell appointed Aldermen Putnam, Strowd, and Robinson as a special committee to meet with Mayor Todd's committee.

On a motion by Alderman Putnam, seconded by Alderman Strowd, and unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M., o'clock.

Olin K. Cornwell Mayor

Mary Honeyay Town Clerk

May 14, 1956

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Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill, N. C.

The Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen met jointly on May 22, 1956, at 8:00 P.M., o'clock in the Town Hall with the following present: Mayor Cornwell; Aldermen Putnam, Robinson, Alexander, Strowd, and Wager. Absent: Alderman Davis and Town Attorney LeGrand also the following members of the Planning Board; Messrs. Conner, McClamroch, Potter, Cole, Royall, Chapin, Umstead, Cleaveland, and Womble. Absent: Mr. Lowe.

The purpose for which this meeting was called was to discuss "Land Use" with consultant Robert Gladstone, and "Traffic Problems" with consultant W. F. Babcock.

Mr. Gladstone supplied maps and a comprehensive study of Commercial Areas for Chapel Hill and Environs. He particularly stressed the fact that ribbon or strip development is not good, or sound development, and recommended that unified commercial development be studied for areas around Chapel Hill; that areas might be handled through special permits, such plans being elastic to allow some deviation from the original plans.