DEPARTMENTAL INTERVIEWS

Alderman Nassif asked that a letter be written to the Recreation Commission members inviting each one to attend the meeting which had been scheduled for the Recreation Director.

DOGS

Alderman Coxhead reported a complaint about dogs on Vance Street and asked about the Town ordinance on dogs. This was briefly discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 P.M.

Mayor

Town Clerk David Roberts

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting at 4:00 P.M. on March 2, 1970 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Bernholz, Prothro, Nassif, Smith, Coxhead and Scroggs. Also present were Town Manager Peck, Town Clerk Roberts and Town Attorney Denny.

MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif to approve the minutes as corrected. This was unanimously carried.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wesley Wallace, Planning Board member, read a statement concerning a charge in The Chapel Hill Weekly that the Planning Board was holding a closed meeting during a meeting of the Zoning Subcommittee.

Bill Scarborough, Chapel Hill Weekly reporter, submitted an oral petition requesting that no meetings of any board, commission or subcommittee be closed. It was agreed that this would be discussed further at the end of the regular agenda.

STINSON STREET EXTENSION

Mr. Edwin Caldwell, Sr. asked the Town to take over maintenance of a street west of Columbia Street, approximately aligning with Stinson Street, serving his property. He said that this street was 20 feet wide, as wide or wider than Cotton, Brooks and Chapel Street. Alderman Coxhead asked if the tax map didn't show this as a 10 foot street and questioned inadequacy of a 20 foot street. Alderman Scroggs asked if it was possible to get a 30 foot right-of-way? Mr. Caldwell said that he might but maybe could not. Mayor Lee suggested that this be referred to the street committee. Alderman Bernholz moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif to refer this matter to the street committee for study and report. Alderman Scroggs asked Mr. Caldwell to speak to the other property owners along the street about obtaining additional right-of-way. The motion was unanimously carried.

HOUSING BOARD OF APPEALS

Alderman Nassif asked that the nomination of members to the Housing Board of Appeals be delayed. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Prothro to delay nominations until the meeting of March 16, 1970. This was unanimously carried. The following persons were suggested for membership but this was not considered to be a nomination. By Alderman Bernholz, Jerome Adams; Alderman Prothro, Mrs. Ann Blalock; Alderman Coxhead, George Tate, Eddie Mann, Jr., Roy Spratt, Phil Rominger and R. B. Fitch, Jr.

CONTRACT-HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The Town Manager explained that the Highway Commission wanted contracts with municipalities to do certain portions of the maintenance work such as signs, painting and traffic signals. He told the Board that the Town was in a position to do some of the minor painting but did not want to enter into any of the other fields. The proposed contract calling for Town maintenance of stop bars and arrows and crosswalks was read by the Town Attorney. Alderman Prothro introduced the following resolution. Adoption of the resolution was moved by Alderman Nassif and seconded by Alderman Smith. This was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Prothro and a motion was made by Alderman Nassif that it be adopted; this motion was seconded by Alderman Smith, and upon being put to a vote was unanimously carried;

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission, pursuant to the provisions of G. S. 136-41.3 and G. S. 136-18, proposes to contract with the Town of Chapel Hill for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within this Municipality and for which this Municipality shall be reimbursed by the State Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry out the aforesaid policy and the responsibilities of Commission under the General Statutes, and to promote the public interest and general welfare of the Municipality, it is necessary for the Municipality to enter into a contract for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality is hereby formally authorized to enter into a contract with the State Highway Commission for the maintenance of Traffic Control Devices on the State Highway System streets within the Municipality, and that the Mayor and Clerk (or Manager) of the Municipality be and it is hereby empowered to sign and execute the required Agreement between the Municipality and the State Highway Commission.

This Resolution passed and adopted the 2nd day of March, 1970.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Lloyd was asked by the Board to discuss with them the needs and plans of the Fire Department of the next several years. He outlined for the Board the existing facilities and personnel and equipment and said that he felt that additional men were needed at the Number 2 and 3 stations, that three men on each shift at each station would be good and that four would be better. He said that a fire alarm was needed, particularly for the University and the Central Business District. He said that he expected to ask for five additional men next year, including a training officer with the title of Assistant Chief and money for an alarm system. The need for the purchase of land for future fire stations north and south of Town was discussed. Alderman Nassif asked about the asignment of ambulance service to the Fire Department? Chief Lloyd said that this was not really a fire department function but could be housed there if the duties and responsibilities were fully understood. Alderman Smith asked about Fire Department morale? The Chief said it was pretty good at this time and that the pay and hours had done much to improve it.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Bill Scarborough told the Board that he had just happened on a meeting of the Zoning Subcommittee of the Planning Board on Friday and that practically the whole Planning Board was there and were discussing with Mr. Owens one of the matters that had come before the Board Tuesday night and that he was told it was a closed meeting. Mr. Wallace in his statement had indicated that he was told it was a closed meeting in a joking fashion and invited to attend. Alderman Smith said that all meetings should be open. Alderman Scroggs said that meetings of the Planning Board Subcommittee were not private

but the nature of the meeting prevented any announcement to the public and that the work could not be accomplished if there was public participation. He said that it had been agreed in the past that if there was a meeting of a committee of the whole of the Planning Board that the Weekly would be notified. Mr. Scarborough said that the newspaper needed complete information or they would print the articles on what information was available. Alderman Nassif said it was an encouraging sign that a large number of the Planning Board were interested enough in the problem to attend a committee meeting. Alderman Coxhead moved to table this petition, stating that it had had adequate discussion. Mayor Lee suggested that all Town meetings were open and that this was apparently an unfortunate misunderstanding and that he did not feel there was any reason to take any action at all on the request. No action was taken.

STREET COMMITTEE

The Town Manager asked for a meeting of the Street Committee to discuss some traffic recommendations.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEEDS

The Police Department was asked to defer their discussion of their future needs originally scheduled at the meeting of March 9, 1970 until a later date because of the length of that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

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Town Clerk David Roberts

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a special joint public hearing with the Planning Board at 7:30 P.M. on March 9, 1970 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Nassif, Scroggs, Coxhead, Smith and Bernholz. Alderman Prothro was absent. Planning Board members present were Shearer, Welsh, Mitchell and Hemmens. Also present were Town Manager Peck, Town Clerk Roberts and Town Attorney Denny.

PUBLIC HEARING

TURNKEY HOUSING-ROBERSON STREET

Mayor Lee called the hearing to order and called on Arthur Cogswell to explain the two projects advertised for this time. Mr. Cogswell, using models and maps, explained a 15 housing unit for the elderly proposed as a turnkey project on Roberson Street between Cameron Avenue and Franklin Street. He discussed the siting of the buildings on the lot in order to save the trees and explained to the Board the planting plan. No one spoke for or against the project. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs to refer this to the Planning Board for study and recommendation. This was carried by a vote of four (4) to nothing (0) with Alderman Nassif abstaining because of financial interest in the project.

TURNKEY HOUSING-PRITCHARD AVENUE

Mr. Cogswell then explained the project on Pritchard Avenue consisting of 15 units of turnkey housing on the east side of Pritchard Avenue immediately south of University Garden Apartments. He told the Board that they proposed to pave, curb and gutter that section of Pritchard Avenue extending southward from the University