

MINUTESBoard of AldermenTown of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting at 4:00 P.M., September 21, 1970 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Coxhead, Bernholz, Nassif, Smith, Scroggs and Welsh. Also present were Assistant Town Manager Honeycutt, Town Clerk Roberts, and Town Attorney Denny. Town Manager Peck was absent.

MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14, 1970 as corrected. This was unanimously carried.

FIRE DISTRICT REMODELING

The Board discussed the recommendations on the fire district of the Building Inspectors, Fire Chief and Fire Inspector with them at this time. The Board felt that for remodeling a building that the plans of an architect or engineer were not necessary but detailed plans should be submitted so that the building inspectors and the Fire Commissioner could tell if all of the regulations were met. There was some discussion on various points of the recommendations. The Board felt that it was not their desire to get rid of all frame buildings in the fire district. They felt that a well maintained building was good for the character of Chapel Hill, but that when a building became delapidated that it should come down. The Fire Chief felt that it would be good for the fire rating to get rid of all frame buildings in the fire district. Mayor Lee said that he thought a task force was in order here to study the recommendations and look at the situation from different points of view so that a more complete report could be made to the Board. Alderman Welsh asked if not tearing down the frame buildings in the CBD would effect the fire rating? Chief Lloyd said that this would not make that much difference. Mayor Lee then appointed Alderman Nassif as head of the task force along with the Fire Chief and the building inspectors as members to study the recommendations and incorporate priorities into these.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Alderman Welsh said that she felt that such a committee is highly desirable and long overdue but that any such committee was probably not being formed soon enough. She was concerned over the possibilities of the committee having a more encompassing outlook on the status of women. She would like to see the committee take on various specific items in Chapel Hill as well as a range of possibilities in the Triangle area. She suggested appointing a committee to study the areas of discrimination for a report back to the Board before an ordinance establishing the committee was passed. Alderman Nassif said that all boards created by the Board of Aldermen were advisory and could do no more than advise. Alderman Coxhead said that he was ready to discuss and possibly vote on the ordinance at this time. He said that the committee should be mainly concerned with the problems in Chapel Hill. Alderman Welsh said that the committee should look at more than just Chapel Hill problems. Alderman Smith agreed but he added that all recommendations should be concerning Chapel Hill only. Alderman Welsh said that the committee would be too restricted. Alderman Bernholz asked what the powers this committee would have. Town Attorney Denny said that they could have no more powers than those powers the Board delegated. Alderman Bernholz said that there were many changes that needed to be made in the area of the status of women. He pointed out that there are times when an organization can hurt the very cause it wishes to help by making a formal organization out of it. Mayor Lee then read the ordinance. Alderman Smith asked if the ordinance should not be circulated before it was voted on. Aldermen Coxhead and Scroggs said that they were ready to vote on it. Alderman Scroggs said that he saw Alderman Welsh's point but raised the question of what it would really do for these women if they did establish a committee for them. Alderman Welsh said that there was not enough clarity in the ordinance as it was presented to them at

this time. She felt that a committee should study this ordinance for a couple of weeks and come back with a recommendation. Alderman Welsh then moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to form a committee to study the implications and the effectiveness of such a committee on the Chapel Hill area and report back to the Board its decision. Alderman Nassif asked what this committee would do. Alderman Welsh said that the committee would establish whether or not the committee on the Status of Women was needed. Alderman Bernholz suggested that worthwhile time might be spent talking to different organizations in Chapel Hill to get their reaction to such a committee. Alderman Bernholz said that it would be good for citizens to express their views to the committee in the next two weeks. The motion passed 5 to 1 with Alderman Coxhead opposing. It was decided that Mayor Lee and Alderman Welsh would appoint a committee to report to the Board on October 12, 1970. Alderman Scroggs charged the committee to answer one question: What can the Board specifically contribute to their cause.

LOADING ZONES

Alderman Welsh said that there were several areas in town which were in dire need of loading zone space, particularly on Henderson Street, in front of the Thrift Shop, and near the Zoom-Zoom. She also stated that there was much illegal parking beyond the CBD and that there was a traffic problem on Cameron Avenue. She said that perhaps the Town should limit parking to certain areas at certain times of the day on Cameron Avenue. She also said that the Town should look into the possibility of different rates for parking tickets. Chief Blake was in attendance and was asked what he thought about these problems. He suggested increasing or extending the loading zones in front of the theaters on Franklin Street. He said that it would be good to extend the loading zone for the Zoom-Zoom and on Henderson Street also. Mayor Lee asked for a specific recommendation from Chief Blake concerning these areas. Alderman Nassif said that the Town definitely needed to extend the loading zones. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to get a specific recommendation from the Chief of Police for the Board's next meeting. This was passed unanimously. Chief Blake pointed out that parking meter ticket fines in Raleigh were \$1.00 or \$5.00 and that Durham had only the \$1.00 or they take a person to court. Alderman Smith then asked Mr. Denny what legal procedures the Board could take to increase the fine for parking tickets. Mr. Denny said that the Board could amend the ordinance. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to have a report from Chief Blake on the parking meter fines as soon as possible. Alderman Bernholz asked about towing. The motion was amended so that towing would be included in this report. The motion passed unanimously. Mayor Lee stated that it looked as though the Town of Chapel Hill needed a traffic engineer. Alderman Nassif said that if we get one, we should look for one who is very much aware of pedestrian traffic too.

GARBAGE CANS

Mayor Lee read the ordinance on garbage cans. Alderman Scroggs moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to circulate the ordinance for the Board's consideration and that it be on the agenda for the next meeting. This passed unanimously.

At this time Alderman Nassif was excused from the meeting.

FARRINGTON HILLS SUBDIVISION

Harry Palmer, Town Planner, gave the history of the transmittal from the Planning Board concerning the Farrington Hills Subdivision. Alderman Scroggs moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to uphold the recommendation of the Planning Board which was as follows: 1) that the preliminary plat be approved for Lot 61 only. 2) That the remainder of the preliminary plat be disapproved. 3) That the developer present a plan showing how the remaining lots shown on the preliminary plat could be connected to the Morgan Creek sewer outfall. 4) That the final plat for Lot 61 be approved. The motion passed 5 to 0.

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Recreation Commission recommended Robert Culton, Alton Pons and John Pyecha to fill two vacancies on the Commission. Alderman Welsh nominated Mrs. Charles Lassiter and Mrs. George Clifford. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs to close the nominations. This passed 5-0.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The three nominees for appointment to fill one vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, C. O. Cathy, Sterling Stoudemire, and Kathryn Klingberg, were voted on at this time. Kathryn Klingberg was voted to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment by a vote of 3 to 2.

Alderman Scroggs was excused at this time.

Alderman Coxhead said that he felt the Board was weakening other boards appointed by them by not placing persons who were nominated by the boards membership. Alderman Welsh said that the Board of Alderman should help determine the composition of these other boards. Mayor Lee pointed out that the Board of Aldermen reserves the final say-so in all appointments and that this is known by the appointed boards.

BUS FRANCHISE

Mayor Lee said he would like someone from the public transportation commission present before discussing a franchise to the Raleigh City Coach Lines, Inc. for service on the University campus. John McMurray from the University student body was present and said that the students wish to cooperate with the Town in their endeavor to get a public transportation system for Chapel Hill. Mayor Lee read a letter from the Raleigh City Coach Lines, Inc. They were asking for a franchise so that they would not have to charge the University students an increased rate. Alderman Bernholz said that he would like to see representatives of the company at the meeting. Mayor Lee said that he did not desire to have two franchises in the Town. Alderman Bernholz pointed out that the students were being caught in the middle between the University and the Town. Alderman Coxhead moved to grant the franchise on a limited basis. Alderman Bernholz said the Board should postpone all action until more principals could be present. Mayor Lee said that it would be good for the Board to consider this and go ahead because of the time factor. Alderman Bernholz moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to consider this at the next meeting. The motion failed to pass because of a 2 to 2 tie with Alderman Coxhead and Smith opposing. Mayor Lee asked that copies of the proposed ordinance be circulated for the next meeting.

HILLSIDE DRIVE-STREET NAME CHANGE

Mayor Lee read a resolution. Alderman Bernholz moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to adopt the resolution. This passed 4 to 0.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that the following streets shall have the names indicated:

Hillside Drive, the street extending from Farrington Road south-westward to Summit Road shall be known as Hillside Drive;

That any portion of the street known as Mason Farm Road lying east of the 15-501 Bypass shall be known as Old Mason Farm Road;

That portion of Mason Farm Road lying west of the 15-501 Bypass and extending to Manning Drive shall be known as Mason Farm Road.

This shall become effective September 21, 1970.