BARCLAY ROAD

Mayor Lee read a proposed ordinance prohibiting driving across the median on Barclay Road. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Bernholz to adopt the ordinance as read. This was unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO DRIVING ON THE MEDIAN ON BARCLAY ROAD

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill:

SECTION I.

That from and after the 12th day of October, 1970, it shall be unlawful to drive an automobile or vehicle of any kind on the median of Barclay Road except at designated crossovers between Airport Road and the Western Corporate limits.

SECTION II.

All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 12th day of October, 1970.

COLONY COURT

Mayor Lee read a petition from residents on Colony Court objecting to pedestrians using Colony Court as an access to Granville Towers. Alderman Scroggs said that he understood there had been trouble with motocycles using Colony Court as an entrance and running up the bank onto the parking lot. The Town Manager was asked to send a copy of the petition to the management of Granville Towers and to check on the situation and report. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Bernholz to request a report on this matter in the near future. This was unanimously carried.

STAFF WORK

Alderman Nassif made a statement requesting more complete staff work prior to Board meetings. Alderman Welsh said that she felt there should be more maps used particularly that a zoning map should be posted for all hearings and discussions of zoning matters. Alderman Scroggs said he felt that the Board sometimes burdened the Town staff with trivia. Alderman Bernholz supported Alderman Nassif position.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 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., October 19, 1970 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Welsh, Scroggs, Smith, Coxhead, Bernholz and Nassif. 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 of the meeting of October 12, 1970 as corrected. This was unanimously carried.

STREET PETITION

Edwin Caldwell was not present at the meeting to present his petition so no action was taken.

NCBCBS-SPECIAL USE

Mr. Hill read a letter to the Board of Aldermen from the North Carolina Highway Department with the following recommendations:

- 1) The extension of the access road proposed along the Boulevard to Lakeview Drive.
- 2) That the entrance to the north employee parking lot be relocated to connect to the access road rather than to Lakeview Drive.
- 3) That no change be made in the proposed entrance to Lakeview Drive from the south parking lot.
- 4) That the Highway Department improve Old Chapel Hill Road east of Lakeview Drive to improve the site distance at this intersection.
- 5) That no connection be made between the service entrance from Old

Chapel Hill Road and the parking lots.
Mr. Hill told the Board that if the Highway Department could not find the money to improve the site distance on Old Chapel Hill Road east of Lakeview Drive that NCBCBS would finance this improvement. Mr. Hill also agreed to connect the north and south parking lots as recommended by the Planning Board.

Mr. Palmer, referred to a discussion with the Highway Department about the effect of the possible I-40 construction between Durham and Chapel Hill on these entrances. If constructed in the corridor shown as the western alternative, the interchange might require some change in the Lakeview Drive intersection with 15-501. This is still a possibility only and no designs have been prepared and was not felt that there was reason to hold up the project because of this.

Alderman Nassif said that he agreed with the Highway Commission recommendation that the service drive not be connected to the parking lot but thought that the same reasoning should apply to the access connecting the parking lot to the main visitor entrance onto the Boulevard.

Alderman Scroggs moved, seconded by Alderman Coxhead to adopt the following:

- 1) That this use if developed according to the plans submitted would not materially endanger the public health and safety;
- That the use meets all required conditions and specifications;
- 3) That the use will not substantially injure the value of adjoining or abutting property;
- 4) That the character of the use if developed according to plan would be in harmony with the area in which it is located and in general conformity with the plan of development of Chapel Hill.
 5) That a substantial beginning be made on the project within five
- (5) years, and all work shall be completed within ten (10) years of the date of approval;6) That the plans as submitted by NCBCBS, including site plan
- received September 1, 1970, revised to meet the recommendations of the Planning Board and the Highway Department concerning entrances and elevations, also received September 1, 1970, be approved and the special use granted. This motion was unanimously carried.

GARBAGE ORDINANCE

The Town Manager told the Board that the proposed ordinance still required revision on several points and that he would like to have an opportunity to work further with the Town Attorney on this. Alderman Bernholz asked that paragraph C on page 3 be clarified. The Manager was asked to have a copy of this with the agenda for the meeting of October 26, 1970.

FIRE DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION POLICY

Alderman Nassif asked that this be held until further discussion could be had between himself, the Building Inspector, the Town Attorney and the Town Manager.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Alderman Welsh nominated Mrs. Adelaide Walters and Mrs. Paula Goldschmidt. Alderman Scroggs moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh that the nominations be closed. This was unanimously carried. The Board then voted on the nominations with the following results: For a term ending December 31, 1972, Mrs. Adelaide Walters; for terms ending December 31, 1971, Dr. John Boswell, Mrs. Jean Lenski, Mr. William Davis, Rev. S. Helton and Mr. James Godwin.

TRUCK BIDS

The Town Manager reported on the result of bids for five trucks in the Public Works Department, recommending the low bid in each case that met the specifications. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh that these recommendations be accepted and that the bids for the pickups from Downtown Dodge Agency in Durham be accepted; and the two larger trucks from Miller Truck Sales and Service of Durham, and for the garbage body from Worth Keeter, Inc. of Charlotte. This was unanimously carried.

VISUAL SURVEY

Alderman Nassif asked what progress had been made on the visual survey as he felt this was important in considering the standards for remodeling in the fire district. He said that it was his understanding that considerable time had been approved for this project in the budget. It was agreed that half the time of one Planner was allocated to the Appearance Commission but without any allocation for projects by the Appearance Commission. Dr. Cohn, chairman of the Appearance Commission, said that they had anticipated that this survey might take seventy man days and he agreed to increase the priority on it. He said that he hoped it would be started within a month. Alderman Scroggs said he hoped this survey would be based on the 1966 survey and not be repetitious. Alderman Smith asked for a report of the proposed program for the survey when this is available.

CONTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Alderman Nassif said that he favored six of the proposed amendments but opposed the amendment providing for the re-organization of State government because it was unclear how it would effect the University. He moved to support all of the amendments with the acception of this one. There was no second. Mayor Lee said that he did support the re-organization amendment. Alderman Nassif said that he had no objection to the re-organization but that he was afraid it might hurt the universities. Alderman Welsh asked what action was expected from the Board? Mayor Lee said that the League of Municipalities was particularly interested in resolution number 4 which would improve the operation of local government and that it felt the Board should take a strong stand in support of this. He then read a resolution supporting this particular amendment. Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to adopt the amendment as read. This was unanimously carried. Mayor Lee then asked Alderman Bernholz to be prepared to discuss the other six amendments at the October 26, 1970 meeting.

RESOLUTION URGING ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the 1969 General Assembly passed an act submitting to the voters of North Carolina in November, 1970, amendments to Article V of the State Constitution relating to State and local finance; and

WHEREAS, adoption of these amendments will relieve the serious impediments caused by the present restrictive and archaic limitations, and will enable local governments to more effectively provide municipal services to the public,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill strongly urges all voters of the Town to vote for Constitutional Amendment Number 4 revising those portions of the present or proposed State Constitution concerning State and local finance.

Adopted this 19th day of October, 1970.

Mayor

Danie Roberts

Clerk

TRAFFIC LIGHT TIMING

Alderman Scroggs told the Board that there had been three citations issued recently that he knew of in which the driver claimed that he could not have stopped safely prior to entering the intersection and yet could not clear the intersection before the light turned red. Alderman Scroggs used a diagram to show that, with a safe stopping distance, and the timing currently used on most of the traffic lights in Town, that under certain circumstances a car traveling at the legal speed limit could not either safely stop or clear the intersection. He recommended that the Highway Department be requested to investigate and change the timing on the lights so that cars could clear the intersection prior to the light changing to red. He said that this would mean a shortening of the green portion of the cycle but that he felt this would be a help both to safety and to the problem of the police department in determining when a citation should be given. He said that the present yellow cycle ranged from 2.8 to 4 seconds and that in most cases a 1 to 2 second increase would take care of the matter. He said that a survey made by him indicated that most cars attempted to stop and that there were violations by only about 2 per cent of the drivers. He said that the police chief agreed with his analysis and that he would like to be able to stop cars from running red lights. Town Attorney Denny said that there was some discrepancy as an intersection was defined in some cases as an extension of the curb line or other traveled way of the street and in other cases the right-of-way line. He felt that this should be clarified. Alderman Scroggs said that he felt the pedestrian crosswalk should be included within the intersection for this purpose. Mayor Lee asked that Alderman Scroggs and the Town Manager pursue this with the State Highway Department. Alderman Nassif said that he felt that this would not increase the capacity of the intersections and the synchronizing lights would help a little but not much and felt that it was time to consider one-way streets. Alderman Scroggs agreed.

LIBRARY BOARD-RESIGNATION

Mayor Lee read a letter from Miss Cornelia Love, resigning from the Library Board. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Bernholz to accept the resignation with regret and write to Miss Love thanking her for her efforts in behalf of the Library Board. This was unanimously carried. At the request of the Library Board, nominations were held until the Library Board had met in early November.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT WORK PROGRAM

Alderman Welsh asked why the annual report for 1969-70 had not been completed? Mr. Palmer explained that because of the number of requests from the Board of Aldermen that the Planning Board had assigned it somewhat lower priority than some of the other matters. Alderman Welsh pointed out that it was due in May according to the ordinance and suggested that work be started soon on next years report. Mr. Palmer said that he hoped to have records so that there would be a cumulative report and in the future would be comparatively easy to prepare the annual report. Alderman Nassif said that he generally agreed with the proposed work program and the fact that there was a large backlog of work to be done. Alderman Scroggs said that he felt this was a chore and suggested that the detail be kept to a minimum. Alderman Coxhead asked why the report was even necessary? Alderman Welsh said that it was useful both to the Aldermen and the Planning Board and could contain much information for reference, policy and general philosophy of the decisions made.

OFF STREET PARKING

The Town Manager told the Board that the off street parking fund would be able to pay off \$11,000 in bonds on December 1, 1970 and asked that he be authorized to call this many bonds. Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif that the next 22 bonds, valued at \$11,000, be called effective December 1, 1970. This was unanimously carried.

AIRPORT COMMITTEE

Mayor Lee reported that Mr. William Green, director of public relations for Duke University, had been appointed to membership on the Airport Committee.

CIVIL DEFENSE

Mayor Lee said that he had received a report from the Civil Defense director who would like to make his report to the Board of Aldermen November 9, 1970.

NDP

Mayor Lee said that the Citizens Group for Action had agreed on an addendum to the application for NDP, that any changes were so slight that it had not been necessary to call an additional public hearing or even bring them before the Board of Aldermen and that he had hopes for a financing of the project in the near future.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 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 7:30 P.M., October 26, 1970 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Scroggs, Nassif, Smith, Welsh and Bernholz. Alderman Coxhead was absent. Also present were Town Manager Peck and Town Attorney Denny.

MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif that the minutes of October 19, 1970 be approved as distributed. This was unanimously carried.

MODIFICATION-BOOKER CREEK APARTMENTS

Mr. Fields, representing Bobby Roberts, asked that a modification to the approved special use permit for Booker Creek apartments be considered at this time. He said that there had been a change in the plans regarding: 1) use of horizontal siding instead of vertical siding; 2) elimination of a closet overhang over the front doors; 3) use of brick instead of wood on the end walls. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to receive the petition and hear it at the end of the agenda with the comment that it may have to be sent to the Planning Board for study and recommendation. This was unanimously carried.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Alderman Bernholz discussed the amendments which would be voted on at the election, November 3, 1970. He supported the amendment allowing three-fifths of the General Assembly to call a special session, the elimation of the minimum exemptions on state income taxes, the elimination of the requirement that a voter must be able to read and write, the re-distribution of escheats to all state education institutions of higher learning and the general revision to revise certain language in the constitution. He said that he could not support the re-organization of state administration because it was vague, particularly as it affected higher education. He did not discuss the amendment affecting state and local finances as this had been discussed and approved by the Aldermen at the previous meeting. Attorney Denny said that the amendment concerning income tax deductions would allow simplification of the income tax return. He noted that all except the local government would become effective July 1, 1971 if approved