$16_{\mathrm{The\ meeting\ adjourned\ at\ l1:10\ P.M.}}$ 

Mayor

Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES

Board of Aldermen

Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting at 4:00 P.M. on May 3, 1971 with the Following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Smith, Bernholz, Nassif, Coxhead, Welsh and Scroggs. Also present were Town Manager Peck, Town Clerk Roberts, and Town Attorney Denny.

#### MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 26, 1971 as circulated. This was unanimously carried.

## SPECIAL USE MODIFICATION

Mr. Henry Edmiston asked the Board for modification of the Special Use Permit for Elkin Hills. He told the Board that this had been corrected by eliminating the service station and that he felt that it met the objections expressed by the Board to the other plan for development. Attorney Denny told the Board that as this matter was up in the air, having been neither approved nor denied by the Board because of a two to two vote that a modification was acceptable at this time. Alderman Scroggs moved, seconded by Alderman Coxhead to accept this as a petition and refer it to the Planning Board for study and recommendation. This was carried by a vote of four to nothing with Aldermen Nassif and Bernholz abstaining because of financial interest in the project.

#### LEASED PARKING

Mr. Ralph Taylor told the Board that he wanted to build a building on a small lot on the southwest corner of Columbia and Rosemary, but did not have room enough for parking. He said that he had several alternatives for providing parking, but would like some time to decide which was the best possibility, and asked that he be allowed to lease parking on the Town parking lots for asmuch as five years. The Town Manager explained that he has advised Mr. Taylor that temporary parking for six months to a year might be worked out, but he did not feel that he could make any such agreement for three or five years. Alderman Bernholz said that he felt this should be considered in more detail at the following meeting. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs to place this on the Agenda for the May 10, 1971 meeting and include all necessary information with the Agenda. This was carried by a vote of five to nothing with Alderman Nassif abstaining because of financial interest in the project.

#### GARBAGE COLLECTION

Mayor Lee read a letter from Mrs. J. B. Balentine complaining about garbage service. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to receive this and refer it to the Town Manager. This was unanimously carried.

# LETTER OF SUGGESTIONS

Mayor Lee read a letter from Mrs. Phyllis Carter, making several suggestions to the Board. Alderman Bernholz moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to receive this letter as information and suggestions. This was unanimously carried.

Mr. Phil Schinhan asked to be allowed to explain to the Board the financial situation of the Drug Action Committee. He told the Board that the first treasurer, Vance Barron, had misunderstood the proceedures for obtaining payment and that Jor Hakan, who succeeded him, had never found out what was needed and that Thomas G. Hurysz, present tresurer, was trying to get things straightened out. He noted that the acceptable proceedure seemed to be to submit payrolls to the Town immediately after payment and be reimbursed for them. He said the fact that the July and August payrolls of 1970 had not been submitted in this manner was because of the misunderstanding, and that he would like payment for them at this time. He noted that these payrolls amounted to a little over \$5,000.00 and that the Town had a little over \$2,900.00 left in this appropriation, and said that he would like to have the total balance of the appropriation paid to the Drug Action Committee at this time to meet their needs. He said that they had borrowed money for operation, and that this was due. He also told the Board that he understood that \$12,000.00 had been appropriated by the Town, but that the budget showed \$11,000.00. He offered to make a complete report to the Board at a later date concerning the operation of the project. Alderman Nassif said that he thought \$12,000.00 had been appropriated. Alderman Scroggs said that \$1,000.00 had been cut from the original \$12,000.00 at the time that there was a general cut in the budget. Mr. Schinhan said that they had counted on a carry-over from the previous year. There had been a \$1,000.00 appropriation in 1969-70 of which only \$359.18 had been spent. Alderman Denny said that the Board could approve this payment in spite of the time delay in submitting it. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to approve the payment of the unexpended balance in this appropriation account to the Drug Action Committee to satisfy a portion of the July and August, 1970 payroll. This was unanimously carried.

Dr. Senior told the Board that the Genisis House has now been approved as a tax-exempt organization, that this year had been primarily funded by the Episcopal Diocese but that it may request appropriation from the Town next year and that Switchboard would definitely request an appropriation from the Town. He estimated that the cost of Drugs saved by Switchboard over the past few months has been about \$10,000.00. Mayor Lee complimented Dr. Senior and Mr. Schinhan on the accomplishments of Genisis House and Switchboard.

## DOGS

The Town Manager reported on the part-time use of the dog catcher in Carrboro and the possibility of a joint Carrboro-Chapel Hill dog catcher for nest year. Alderman Smith asked that funds for a dog catcher be put in the 1971-72 budget with a truck and necessary equipment, to operate with Carrboro if possible. Alderman Coxhead suggested a cost sharing with Carrboro according to the ratio of their tax accessments, similar to the way the bus cost was shared. Alderman Smith asked that a letter be written to Carrboro making this suggestion and to the County concerning the facilities in the County Dog Pound.

## CHURCH STREET EXTENSION

The Town Manager explained the offered dedication of the 30-foot right of way north of McMaster Street, stating that the present dedication was so unclear and that persons proposing development of the land to which this was in access were trying to clarify it and that an offer of dedication had been made by the widows of the persons involved in the original development. Alderman Coxhead said that he felt this should be accepted. Alderman Bernholz asked if the Town generally accepted streets without investigating the title. Attorney Denny said that the Town always assumed that there was proper ownership when a dedication was made. Alderman Bernholz asked if this could cause any difficulties? Mr. Denny said that if the Town opened the street and the title was improper that the owners could request compensation. Mayor Lee asked if this was in the NDP area? Yes. Alderman Scroggs asked if there was any other access to the William Norwood property? No. Attorney Denny noted that the deed referred to the street as did an old unrecorded map. Alderman Scroggs said that the Board should in no way try to cut off access to the interior lot. Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs to accept this

dedication. Alderman Bernholz asked if non-acceptance at this time would cut off the chance of the Town ever acquiring this right of way. Attorney Denny said that it might eliminate any claim the Town has at the present time based on the deeds and the old map. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh to delay, and asked that the Town Attorney check the deeds of the Burnette and Norwood properties, on either side of this proposed dedication. Alderman Welsh asked that all adjacent property owners be notified of the proposed action. This motion was unanimously carried.

## TAX SALES

Dave Roberts, Tax Clerk, recommended to the Board that the date for tax sales be set for June 14, 1971. He noted that unpaid taxes would be advertised for four weeks beginning May 16, 1971. Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Smith to set the date for tax lien sales as June 14, 1971. This was unanimously carried.

#### PLASTIC BAGS

Alderman Welsh said that the Town's trash ordinance encouraged the use of plastic bags. She felt that the Town should not encourage the use of any plastic, that it is non-biodegradable, that it should promote paper bags. She asked that the director of Public Works make a recommendation of the best means of handling this problem. She said she was definitely not advocating loose leaves and trash. Alderman Scroggs said the plastic bag had the big advantage of being water-proof, and that in a sanitary land fill they would offer less problems than plastic bottles and other such pieces and would not be much more of a problem than heavy paper bags. Alderman Bernholz had said that he had had lots of complaints about this particular ordinance, and felt that paper bags were not satisfactory, that he preferred loose leaves or permanent containers. The Town Manager explained the purpose of requiring use of containers, plastic bags or other, except during the season when it was economical to operate the leaf loader. Alderman Welsh said that all she wanted was some research on this problem.

#### BUS STOPS

Alderman Bernholz questioned the status of the sections covered by the bus stop ordinance now that the signs were down. The ordinance provided for no parking but there were no signs stating this, so the Board asked that these spaces be left as is at the present time, but that no tickets should be issued for parking in these areas.

# TRAFFIC ON SEWER RIGHTS OF WAY

Alderman Coxhead asked that an ordinance be prepared prohibiting unauthorized motor vehicles, including motorcycles and mini bikes from being used on any of the Town's sewer rights of way. He asked that this be placed on the Agenda for May 10, 1971.

#### **BICYCLES**

Mayor Lee announced that May 8, 1971 was to be Bikology Day, and that there would be a bicycle parade starting from the Old Well at 12:30.

#### MORGAN CREEK SEWER

Alderman Welsh asked that some action be taken to correct the situation at the culvert across Morgan Creek from the Barnetts. It is ponding water behind it and the condition of Mr. West's bank. Alderman Nassif said that just an engineer cannot tell what should be done at the bank and that Alderman Nassif wanted an expert called to investigate this.

## CODE DIVISIONS

Alderman Scroggs referred to the chapters in the Code (6-21 and 13-2) discussed at the previous meeting and asked that an ordinance be prepared to make the necessary changes in these ordinances, and that it be returned to the Board at the May 10, 1971 meeting.

## DAVIE CIRCLE

Alderman Smith asked that there be some follow-up on the complaints of the one-way traffic on Davie Circle.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 P.M.

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#### MINUTES

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The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting at 7:30 P.M. on May 10, 1971 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Nassif, Scroggs, Smith, Welsh, Bernholz, and Coxhead. Also present were Town Manager Peck, Town Clerk Roberts, and Town Attorney Denny.

## MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Bernholz to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 1971 as corrected. This was unanimously carried.

## ELECTION RESULTS

Mayor Lee read the report of the Board of Canvasses on the election for Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen.

Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs that this report be received. This was unanimously carried.