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GARBAGE COLLECTION

Town Manager Peck said that under the present agreement there would be no garbage collection for Chapel Hill High School or Culbreth Junior High School. Mayor Lee said that garbage collection should be made for the schools, that he felt an obligation to serve the schools in Chapel Hill. Alderman Smith said that he would not want to see the public schools jeopardized for the sanitation problem. Alderman Welsh said that the Town should pick up garbage from all the schools for the next two weeks.


INSURANCE

Alderman Coxhead said that the life and health and hospitalization insurance that the Town presently has is being reconsidered and that a committee has studied the present coverage and other possible coverage and recommends that the Town change to have Prudential Insurance for life and health and hospitalization insurance. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, to change the life and health and hospitalization insurance provided by the Town to Prudential effective September 25, 1972. Alderman Nassif said that he had always found that Blue Cross - Blue Shield provided the best hospitalization insurance. This motion was unanimously carried.

LABOR DAY

The Board of Aldermen agreed to meet at a regular meeting at 4:00 P.M. on Labor Day, September 4, 1972.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 P.M.


Mayor


Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES

August 31, 1972

Board of Aldermen

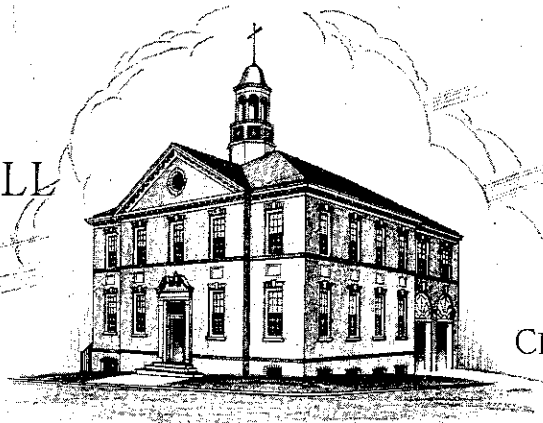
Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a special meeting at 4:30 P.M. on August 31, 1972 with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Smith, Welsh, Marshall, Coxhead, Nassif, and Scroggs. Also present were Town Manager Peck, Town Clerk Roberts, and Town Attorney Denny.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Mayor Lee said that due to the time pressure a special meeting was called to discuss the Public Transportation System to determine whether it should be on the November ballot. Alderman Nassif said that he had read the report and the survey from the Transportation Commission and the consultant and has many questions. He said that nothing on the questionnaire asked whether the people want a bus system. He said that Carrboro is not putting it on the November ballot and he does not want it on the November ballot in Chapel Hill. Alderman Coxhead said that he has been a liaison with the Transportation Commission, and that a good study has been done, but that the cost-benefit ratio is too high. He said that a public transportation system for Chapel Hill is not a priority at the present time. Alderman Smith said that his primary concern was about the fee proposed for University students. He said that he does not feel that any group should be given a privilege that the taxpayers aren't given, and that the fee needs to be reconsidered. Alderman Marshall said that she does not know how the citizens feel about a public transportation system, but thinks it should be on the November ballot. Alderman Scroggs said that he thinks the cost is too great for the system proposed. Alderman Welsh said that the public has not had an opportunity to discuss what is being planned and that the question "Do you want the public transportation system?" could be put on the ballot, and

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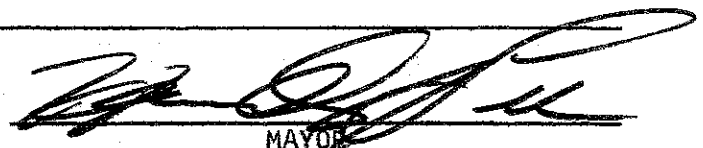
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

TO: Reginald Smith
Joe Nassif
Shirley Marshall
Alice Welsh
Ross Scroggs
George Coxhead

*out of town
will be in at 4:00 PM.*

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the Board of Aldermen have called a Special Meeting, to be held in the Municipal Bldg., at 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 31, 19 72, to discuss Public Transportation, Utilities and Redevelopment



MAYOR

ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE

We, the undersigned, members of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, hereby accept notice of a Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen, called by Honorable Howard Lee, Mayor, to be held in the Municipal Building at 4:30 p.m. on August 31, 1972.



MAYOR

Joe Nassif
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Shirley E. Marshall
R. D. Smith
George L. Coxhead
Alice Welsh

if the answer is yes then the proposal could be pursued. Lee Corum, a student on the Transportation Commission, said that the fee would not put a burden on the students and would take care of a great portion of the total cost of the system. Alderman Smith asked what the University could do about restricting cars on campus. Mayor Lee said that the restrictions would be dependent upon the transportation system provided by the Town. He said that he was surprised that the Aldermen were discussing whether a public transportation system is a priority or a need, because he thought that was agreed upon when the Commission was charged with conducting this study. He said the transportation problems in Chapel Hill are increasing, and that he is in favor of having this on the November ballot. Alderman Smith said that although the need for public transportation is great, he is concerned about the Town being able to afford to operate this system after it is begun. Alderman Scroggs said that he would like a transportation system that is more convenient than automobiles and pays its own way. Alderman Marshall asked what question would be on the ballot. Mayor Lee said the vote would be on the bond for the transportation system. Alderman Nassif said that the question could ask the voters whether they want a transportation system, and whether they would be willing to pay for it. He said that he would be willing to have those questions on the November ballot. Alderman Scroggs said that he thinks that the more people who go out to vote the less chance that the bond will pass. Alderman Welsh said that no public meeting has been held for people to come and ask questions about the system. She said a question like, "Does Chapel Hill need a transportation system?" could be put on the ballot and would not be binding. Alderman Smith said that if the system is going to be voted on, it should be on the ballot when the most people vote. He said that if it would be on the November ballot the Aldermen and the public could discuss it between now and November. Mayor Lee said that because the Aldermen do not feel ready to put this on the ballot in November the item should be on the agenda for future meetings. Alderman Coxhead moved that the proposal for a public transportation system not be put on the November ballot. This motion was not seconded. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Coxhead, that the proposal for a public transportation system as presented to the Aldermen should not be put on the November ballot. Alderman Smith said that he thought the proposal could be put on the ballot with the discussion about it used as input to determine the routes. Alderman Welsh said that there are so many items on the ballot that she does not think the public can deal with them all. The motion was carried by a vote of four to two with Aldermen Marshall and Smith opposing. Alderman Welsh said that a public transportation system should be put on the agenda for the first evening meeting in September in order to have a public discussion of it.

UTILITIES

Mayor Lee said that a recommendation has gone from the Governor's Study Commission to the Board of Governors indicating that the University should get out of the utilities business. He said that one question is whether the Town should purchase the water system or whether a utilities commission should be formed with the University, Carrboro, and Chapel Hill. Alderman Smith asked if the Town put the referendum on the ballot would the idea of the utilities commission be dropped. Mayor Lee said no, that the Board of Governors would have to decide who it wants to deal with. Alderman Welsh said that she thought that the Town could not make a decision about the water system before the Board of Governors has taken action. Alderman Nassif said that for several years there has been discussion about the University being out of the utility business and about the Town acquiring them. He said that he is concerned about the people in Chapel Hill who pay for the utilities and said that when they are sold, the rates will go up. He said that the Board needs to make it clear to the citizens what will be involved in taking over the utilities. He said that he would like to get a task force of people in Chapel Hill to study this. Mayor Lee said that there are people from Chapel Hill on the present Utilities Commission and that they have discussed questions about the rates and about the employees. He said that once the Board of Governors makes its decision it would then be appropriate to take action. He said that the Aldermen should go on record to postpone action at this time. Alderman Nassif left the meeting. Alderman Welsh said that she was in favor of the Town acquiring all of the utilities, not just the water. She sees this as becoming part of a regional utilities organization and would like the University to

consider making all the utilities available to the Town as a package deal. Alderman Smith said that he thinks the Board of Governors will act in terms of what they think Chapel Hill will prefer. He also said that he is concerned about the employees of the utilities. Mayor Lee said that the Commission has been adamant about protecting the employees and everyone has agreed to do that. Alderman Scroggs said that he would be in favor of a regional system which would include Carrboro and Hillsborough. Mayor Lee said that the Commission had not actually designated boundaries. Alderman Scroggs said that the utility service in Chapel Hill is perhaps less expensive than in other towns but the difference is probably made up in taxes to the state. He said that he would be in favor of running the electricity and telephone system on a break-even basis. Alderman Coxhead said that he would be in favor of a regional utilities commission taking over all the utilities and representing all the areas. Town Manager Peck asked if he meant that sewers would be included also. Alderman Coxhead, Welsh, and Scroggs said yes, ultimately. Mayor Lee said that the Board seems to favor the creation of the utilities commission.

REDEVELOPMENT - CBD

Mayor Lee said that Mr. James Wallace, Chairman of the CBD Study Committee, preferred not having this discussed until his study committee had met. Jim Kerr, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, said that HUD has agreed to have Chapel Hill apply to expand the present Neighborhood Development Program to the original area which was deleted and to submit an application which would also include the CBD. He said that approval of such an application would increase the amount of revenue coming to Chapel Hill through revenue sharing. Mayor Lee asked if any additional money would be required to prepare the application. Mr. Kerr said yes, \$3,000. Alderman Coxhead asked if this would mean spending a few thousand dollars now to perhaps get several hundred thousand dollars later. Mr. Kerr said yes. Alderman Smith asked if there would be funds to extend Rosemary Street if it were approved. Mr. Kerr said yes. Town Manager Peck asked what the boundaries were for the CBD. Mr. Kerr said that it would extend as far east as Henderson and would include Rosemary Street as well as Franklin. Alderman Smith asked if there would be loans for non-residential buildings. Mr. Kerr said that 3% loans were available for non-residential structures, but whether there would be funds for that this year is still to be decided by Congress. Mayor Lee said that Mr. Barnwell, Area Director of HUD, had indicated support for this program and that although there is a risk involved in submitting the application that there is better than a 50-50 chance for approval. Alderman Coxhead moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, to approve the idea and appropriate the necessary funds from the contingency fund for the preparation of an application for extending the NDP to include the CBD. Alderman Welsh said that it is inappropriate for the Board of Aldermen to take action on this matter until the CBD Study Commission has made recommendations. Town Manager Peck asked if the \$5,000 would cover the residential area and the CBD area. Mr. Kerr said no that it would just cover the CBD. Alderman Welsh asked if City Planning and Architectural Associates would do the planning for the CBD. Mr. Kerr said no, that they would just prepare the application. Alderman Welsh said that she was concerned that this not interfere with the Leary study. Mayor Lee said that the Redevelopment Commission should move ahead with the residential portion of the application and that the CBD portion could be considered at the next Aldermen's meeting when all of the Board members are present. Alderman Coxhead withdrew his motion, and asked that the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting. Mayor Lee announced that Mr. Kerr was deciding to leave Chapel Hill and urged all of the Board members to try to convince him to stay.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Mayor

Town Clerk, David B. Roberts