LABOR RELATIONS - WORKSHOP

Mayor Lee told the Board that a Labor Relations workshop is being held on April 10th at the Institute of Government, and that members of the Board are invited to attend.

SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Alderman Scroggs said there has been too much speculation done with Special Use Permits after they are approved, and this should be stopped. Alderman Nassif said he agreed, that additional time can be given when necessary, but extensions for six months to a year do not have to be granted. Mayor Lee asked if Special Uses can be transferrable. Town Attorney Denny said they go with the land.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Mayor

Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES April 16, 1973

Board of Aldermen Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting on April 16, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor pro tem Smith; Aldermen Gardner, Marshall, Nassif, Scroggs, and Welsh. Also present were Interim Town Manager Levine, and Town Clerk Roberts. Mayor Lee and Town Attorney Denny were absent.

MINUTES

Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 9, 1973 as corrected. This motion was unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM, LEGISLATION

Interim Manager Levine requested that these items be placed on the end of the agenda. There were no objections.

PARKING - HORACE WILLIAMS HOUSE

Alderman Scroggs requested that this item be placed on the end of the agenda. There were no objections.

Town Attorney Denny came to the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORT TO THE BOARD - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Everette Lloyd of the Fire Department presented a report to the Board. He told the Board there had been a question about the Chapel Hill Fire Department not answering calls outside the Town. He said the Fire Department always answers any calls for help. He discussed some employees and their major duties and thanked the Board for its help in improving the department and its working conditions.

Chief Lloyd pointed out areas near Chapel Hill that are not in the fire district such as Briarcliff, The Oaks, south of Morgan Creek, and Farrington Road. He said that these areas could be annexed so they would have fire protection, but that a new fire station would have to be built in the southern area of Town in order to give protection to the County line. He said that Village West could be annexed

so that it would have fire protection. He said that a station could also be built north of Town and areas there could be annexed and served. Alderman Welsh asked if new legislation would permit special assessments for fire protection. Town Attorney Denny said yes, that under the nes legislation the County can levy a fire tax and contract with the Town for fire protection. Alderman Nassif asked which particular site the Fire Chief would prefer for a new fire station. Chief Lloyd said the southern area is preferable because the northern area of Town has some protection but the southern area has none.

Chief Lloyd said that the emergency reporting system would be an aid in providing fire services. Interim Manager Levine said she has discussed the Emergency Reporting System with University officials; that the Town has requested 25 call boxes and a base unit, but the University has not yet decided to order for the campus. Alderman Nassif asked if the call boxes will be mostly on main thoroughfares. Interim Manager Levine said it is reasonable to place the boxes on thoroughfares and on campus. Chief Lloyd said plans had been prepared for the location of the boxes, but they could be revised when the boxes are to be delivered and installed. Alderman Nassif asked if the system would be included in the 1973-74 budget. Interim Manager Levine said it will if it can be delivered during the 1973-74 fiscal year.

Chief Lloyd gave a report on the University's contribution to the Town for fire protection. He said the University should be paying 58.82% of the fire department budget based on the assessment valuation, and that last year they paid only 11.24%. He said that because of the number of fire calls the Town answers for the University the Fire Inspector should have more inspection control over construction by the University. Chief Lloyd said that during the next fiscal year the Fire Department would stress fire prevention and training. Alderman Welsh asked if Chief Lloyd would appear before the Board later to discuss fire prevention and possible legislation. She said the University should conform to Town standards. Chief Lloyd said he would like to discuss high-rises with the Board at a later meeting.

Mayor Lee came to the meeting.

He said he proposed a fire safety patrol and would like comments from the Board about it. He said he discussed it with Chief Blake who thinks it would work well and that all of his men support it. He said he thought it could be considered for revenue sharing funds, but he will put it in his budget. Chief Lloyd said this unit would not require additional personnel and would begin on a very limited basis at the University, in the CBD, and near the main headquarters area. He said that later it could be expanded to all areas of Town. He described some of the services the safety patrol would provide. Alderman Smith asked if the vehicle would be equipped to answer small fire calls. Chief Lloyd said yes, it would answer all calls and where a regular fire truck is unnecessary, it would be less expensive. Mayor Lee asked what kind of vehicle would be used. Chief Lloyd said it would be similar to an ambulance. Mayor Lee asked if there would be objections to providing medical aid training for firemen. Chief Lloyd said he would like to provide training.

Chief Lloyd described the proposed fire truck for which bids were taken. Alderman Welsh asked if this truck would be available in red. Chief Lloyd said yes. Mayor Lee complimented Chief Lloyd on his report.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mayor Lee read a letter from the Council on Aging requesting approval and support of a proposed RSVP program for Chapel Hill. Ms. Bernice Hopkins from the Council on Aging described the program. Alderman Welsh asked if the $27,000 will be requested each year. Ms. Hopkins said the program would cost that each year for the next few years. Alderman Welsh asked if the federal government is expecting to continue this program. Ms. Hopkins said they have set it up as a five-year program. Mayor Lee said he thinks all social services programs should be evaluated often in order to keep funds from being cut.

Ms. Hopkins said this program would take one year to develop, but should be re-evaluated each year after that. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif, to commit the Board for $842. for the RSVP program and approve the submission of a grant application. This motion was unanimously carried.

STATE EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION LANDSCAPE PLAN

Van Opdenbrow showed the landscape plan and said the Appearance Commission recommended approval. Alderman Smith asked what kind of lighting fixtures are proposed. Mr. Opdenbrow said most of the lights are 18 inches above ground, giving foot light only. Alderman Smith said the Planning Board should look at the lighting fixtures at the Research Triangle Park. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs, to approve the landscape plan for the State Employees Credit Union. This motion was unanimously carried.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT - EDMISTON'S, INC.

Van Opdenbrow gave background information about the Special Use Permit for Edmiston's, Inc. Mr. Henry Edmiston requested that the Board grant another six-month extension for the Special Use Permit. Alderman Welsh asked when the Special Use Permit was initially granted. Van Opdenbrow said it was issued October 11, 1971 for construction to begin within one year, by October 11, 1972, then a six-month extension was granted until April 11, 1973. Alderman Scroggs asked if a modification would be requested if the extension is granted. Mr. Edmiston said not on Phase II, but Phase I may require a modification because of a different lessor. Alderman Scroggs said the Board of Aldermen and other Boards in the Town spend too much time considering Special Use Permit for substantial modifications to be requested. Mayor Lee said he thought the Board was presented with a whole package, but now it is being changed. He said lessors should be confirmed before a Special Use Permit request is made. Alderman Marshall said she does not think this is the proper way to handle the Special Use Permits. Alderman Gardner asked if Security Building Company had any financial obligations yet. Mr. Edmiston said no but that he is to meet with prospective tenants. Alderman Smith said his concern is for the builder to build the same design that was approved. Alderman Welsh said if the project stays the same, it is acceptable, but removing Phase I is a major modification. Alderman Smith said he voted against the project initially. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, to deny the request for a six-month extension of the Special Use Permit for Edmiston's, Inc. Alderman Nassif said that the Board does not want to prejudice the project, but does not want to approve the extension. Alderman Nassif made a substitute motion, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that no action be taken on the request by Edmiston's, Inc. Mayor Lee said the Board is amenable to the project as it was approved, but is concerned with probable modifications of the plans. He said the substitute motion would permit Mr. Edmiston to come back to the Board again. Mr. Edmiston asked what steps he would have to go through. Alderman Scroggs said that this motion offers the opportunity for total modification of the plans once a tenant is found. Alderman Welsh said the site lends itself to service or office facilities. The substitute motion carried by a vote of four to two with Aldermen Welsh and Smith opposing.

Alderman Nassif left the meeting.

HUD OPEN SPACE GRANT - AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION

Mayor Lee read an Agreement To Cooperate and a resolution accepting the Agreement.

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS the Town of Chapel Hill has made an application identified as Open Space Application NC 1009 OS to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to provide a written agreement of cooperation between the Town of Chapel Hill and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill does hereby authorize and direct the Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill to execute an Agreement to Cooperate with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Board of Education in matters concerning the use of open space adjacent to schools.

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CERTIFICATE

The undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Chapel Hill does hereby certify that the resolution above was properly introduced and passed at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill held on April 2, 1973 and is duly filed in its records. The undersigned is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set his hand this _____ day of April, 1973.

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Town Clerk

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs, to adopt the resolution, as corrected, and to authorize and direct the Mayor to execute the Agreement To Cooperate. This motion was carried by a vote of five to zero.

Alderman Nassif returned to the meeting.

BID - FIRE TRUCK

Interim Manager Levine described the bids which had been received for fire trucks with and without water towers and said the Purchasing Agent recommends accepting the low bid from American LaFrance of $69,722.00 for the engine with the water tower. Mayor Lee asked how much money is appropriated in the budget for the purchase of a truck. Interim Manager Levine said that this appropriation would be included in the 1973-74 budget unless revenue sharing funds were used for it. She said that the Town must have a new fire truck because one is now twenty years old. Mayor Lee said that he thinks a truck with a water tower is needed, that there have been fires in Town in which personnel risks could have been avoided with the water tower. Mayor Lee asked what percentage the University pays. Chief Lloyd said the University pays 50 per cent. Alderman Nassif said the water tower truck can be used to fight fire in low buildings by pouring water down from above. Mayor Lee said the Board should ask the Manager to discuss high-rise buildings, relative to fire prevention, with the University. He asked how long after the bid was received does the Town have to accept it. Chief Lloyd said the low bid without the water tower required a fifteen-day limit, but the others require thirty days. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, to accept the bid for $69,722 from C. W. Williams for an American LaFrance fire truck with a water tower. This motion was unanimously carried.

BID - STREET RESURFACING

Mr. Neal Evans, Finance Officer, listed streets approved for resurfacing in the present budget. Mayor Lee said that priorities for these

improvements should be re-considered. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Scroggs, to accept the low bid of $43,264.00 from C. C. Mangum for street resurfacing. Alderman Smith asked when Church Street will be resurfaced. Alderman Nassif said the University cut the street and should pay for paving it or pave it themselves. Mayor Lee asked the Town Manager to check into this. The motion was unanimously carried.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Alderman Gardner reported on the meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council. He said that a Steering Committee with representatives from each Town, the County, the consumers, and the providers of emergency medical services is being formed. He said County Manager Gattis is handling the finances until the Council is formed, and that some funds may be requested in the future for preparation of a grant application for the funds available. Town Attorney Denny said the Board could commit itself for money to be used for a specific purpose. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the Board commit itself for up to $250. for the Emergency Medical Services Council. This motion was unanimously carried.

PARKING - HORACE WILLIAMS HOUSE

Alderman Scroggs said that the Arts Guild has a very good program and that the Horace Williams House renovation is worthwhile, but it is creating hazardous fire access problems because of the uncontrolled parking on E. Rosemary Street. He suggested that the Board request that a patrolman be assigned to control parking during house tour hours. Alderman Welsh said that permission has been granted for tours to park on Park Place, that signs have been put up to this effect. Mayor Lee asked the Town Manager to request that a patrolman be present to control parking. Alderman Smith said parking on one side of Rosemary would not be hazardous, but parking on both sides would.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Mick McMahan described recommendations Representative Hunt made to the Town concerning wording of the soil erosion bill. He said Representative Hunt said the word "landscaping" should be omitted from the bill and that utilities should be exempted from its requirements. Mr. McMahan said that utilities have not been exempted from similar bills. Town Attorney Denny said he agrees with not exempting utilities but that "landscaping" could be omitted from the bill. He said the representatives do not want local governments to have the authority to control detailed landscaping. Alderman Nassif said the word "landscaping" could be deleted, but utilities should not be exempted. He said the control of landscaping is available without the word. Mayor Lee said he would agree to eliminate landscaping from the bill, but that "land changing activities" could be included. He said he does not want to exempt utilities. Alderman Nassif moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that a letter be drafted by the Town Manager and signed by the Mayor, and sent to legislators informing them of the wording of bills in Forsythe and Builford Counties and stating that the Board strongly endorses retaining utilities in the local and state bills. This motion was unanimously carried.

REORGANIZATION

Mayor Lee said the Board could discuss reorganization at this time or at an open meeting on Thursday at 7:30 P.M. The Board agreed to meet Thursday from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. to discuss reorganization.

REVENUE SHARING

Alderman Nassif asked when Revenue Sharing would be discussed. Alderman Welsh suggested after the reorganization meeting on Thursday. There were no objections.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Howard W. Lee
Mayor

David B. Roberts
David B. Roberts, Town Clerk

MINUTES April 30, 1973

Board of Aldermen Town of Chapel Hill

The Board of Aldermen met at a regular meeting on April 30, 1973 at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mayor Lee, Aldermen Gardner, Marshall, Nassif, Scroggs, Smith, and Welsh. Also present were Interim Town Manager Levine, Town Clerk Roberts, and Town Attorney Denny.

MINUTES

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Nassif, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 16, 1973 as circulated. This motion was unanimously carried.

STREET CLOSING - HENDERSON STREET

Mr. Walter Knox of the Record Bar petitioned the Board of Aldermen to approve the closing of Henderson Street for one hour on Thursday night. He said a band would play from 9:30 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. and that the Police Department will approve a Noise Permit if the Board will approve closing the street. Interim Manager Levine said that the Chief of Police has been consistently opposed to closing streets, especially at night when it is dangerous. Ms. Levine suggested that more patrolmen would be needed on the street; that this was a request related to sales promotion by one merchant; and that there are residents who live on the upper floors on Henderson Street. Mayor Lee asked Mr. Knox if he had requested approval from other merchants on Henderson Street. Mr. Knox said no, that most merchants probably would not be open at that time of night. Alderman Scroggs said he always opposes closing streets. Alderman Smith said that a report from Chief Blake regarding the availability of officers should be considered. Mayor Lee said if the Board agrees to close the street, policemen could be requested. Alderman Welsh said there is very little downtown commercial activity after 5:00 P.M. and that she is in favor of retail sales at night. Mayor Lee said that street has been closed in the past and the merchants have cooperated. Alderman Marshall said that if the street is closed for the Record Bar, the Board will have to agree to other similar requests. Alderman Welsh agreed, but said that Henderson Street has been closed on many occasions, and that all citizens could participate in this event. Mayor Lee said he thinks the Board should always consider requests for closing streets individually. Alderman Scroggs said that this request was not inconsistent with other reasons for street closings, but he would oppose all street closing. Alderman Gardner said the Board should have more time to consider street closing requests; that this will set a precedent. Alderman Welsh said that this request is similar to other requests for closing streets for public entertainment. Alderman Smith said that a policy should be set for closing streets. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that Henderson Street be closed for one hour from 9:30 P.M. until 10:30 P.M. on May 3, 1973 with the stipulation that essential off-duty Police help be provided and paid for by the Record Bar. The motion carried by a vote of four to two with Aldermen Scroggs and Gardner opposing. Alderman Smith moved that a policy be set prior to any other street closing. The motion died for lack of a second.