

Rough-in trip	\$ 1.00
All other trips	1.00
Fixtures	1.50
Change of service	5.00
Outlets 1-10	2.00
11-20	2.60
21-30	3.20
31-40	3.80
41-50	4.90
51-60	5.00
61-70	5.60
71-80	6.20
81-90	6.80
91-100	7.40
100 and over	.06/each

SECTION III

This ordinance shall become effective from and after the first day of July, 1975.

SECTION IV

All ordinances and portions of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 27th day of June, 1975.

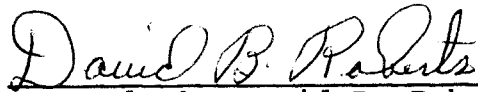
Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the ordinance be adopted as read. The motion was unanimously carried by roll call vote with each member of the Board of Aldermen answering aye.

Town Attorney Denny said that incorporated in the budget is an increase in Sanitary Landfill rates. He said that he has an ordinance prepared for adoption; however, Carrboro and Orange County should be notified of this change before the Board adopts the ordinance. Alderman Cohen said that this ordinance should be adopted as soon as possible.

As there were no other items to come before the Board at the Special Meeting of June 27, 1975, the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.



Mayor, Howard N. Lee



Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, MONDAY, JULY 7, 1975, AT 7:30 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on July 7, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The roll was reported as follows:

Present:	R. D. Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
	Gerald A. Cohen
	Thomas B. Gardner
	Shirley E. Marshall
	Sid S. Rancer
	Alice M. Welsh

Absent:	Howard N. Lee, Mayor
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A quorum of the Board was present and in attendance at the meeting. Also present were Town Manager C. Kendzior, Town Clerk D. Roberts and Town Attorney E. Denny.

Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the minutes of the meeting of June 23, 1975 be approved as corrected. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Alderman Cohen moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the minutes of the special meeting of June 27, 1975 be approved as corrected. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Taxi Franchise--Petition

Mr. James M. Tatum representing Mr. Ken Pasour, read a petition for a franchise to operate a taxi company in and about the Town of Chapel Hill. Mr. Pasour is operating the Tar Heel Cab Company, and needs to receive the franchise in his name, since it is in another name at the present time. Town Attorney Denny said that the Board may take initial action at this meeting, with final action being taken at the next regular meeting. He said that Mr. Pasour has made inquiry through Town Clerk's office and has found that the franchise is in name; he would like to continue the operation of the taxi company under his own name without interruption. It takes two regular meetings of the Board for the approval of a franchise to become final, and an interim operation permit is requested. Mr. Tatum said that the taxi business depends on regularity of service, and that Mr. Pasour cannot afford to stop operation for the interim period. He said that the ownership has been transferred twice without petitioning the Board for an interim license. He said that Mr. Pasour has acquired the business recently and is planning to expand it. Mayor pro tem Smith said that he requested some time ago that a discarded automobile body be removed from the property from which the taxi company operates, but that it is still there. Mr. Pasour said that he has signed the required form for its removal, and has been told by various Town employees that it will be removed, but so far it still has not been removed. Mr. Kurt Jenne, Assistant Town Manager for Community Development and Services, said that the Building Inspection Department has checked the matter, and that Public Works Department waits until a certain number of vehicles need removal before a crew is sent out. Mayor pro tem Smith asked whether Town has a taxi inspection program. Alderman Welsh asked that decision in the matter be postponed until the meeting of July 14, 1975. Mr. Tatum said that, of the five taxis named in the petition, two have been operated by Mr. Pasour personally in Charlotte, and the other three are being acquired from the Checker Distributing Company. Town Attorney Denny said that Board needs to take some action before Town Clerk can issue a permit; it would be best to permit the issuance of a temporary permit until July 21, 1975. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the matter be considered at the next meeting of July 14, 1975, and that a temporary permit for operation of a taxi service at 610 West Franklin Street until July 21, 1975 be issued. Alderman Gardner said that the matter of taxi inspection has come up previously, and requested that Police Department provide some information on the inspections being carried out. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Glass Recycling--  
Scout Project

Mr. Jim Mackorell, Scoutmaster of Local Troop 39, said that he is present to clear up any misunderstanding that may have occurred because of an article printed in The Durham Sun Newspaper on July 4, 1975, involving the Scouts' glass recycling. He distributed copies of the article and plans of a proposed glass recycling depot to Board. He said that the scouts are interested in recycling and have recycled over four hundred tons of glass for the community. He said that the scouts are working with Town administration, and that Town Manager Kendzior is cooperating to allot a 24 by 48 site on the Plant Road Town property where the new glass depot could be erected. Once the allotment is approved, construction can begin and the new depot may be ready for operation within a month. The new depot would increase the efficiency and improve the appearance of glass recycling. In response to questions from Alderman Welsh, he said that, once the Plant Road site operations are relocated, the glass depot is also prepared to relocate; the proposed depot is meant to serve only the short term needs at the Plant Road site. He said that an engineering firm is working on the plans, and the depot is designed for safety in existence in the flood plain area. Mayor pro tem Smith asked about the future plans of the proposed structure. Mr. Mackorell said that Scouts will be willing to

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dismantle and remove the building when necessary, but that the cement slab will have to remain. Alderman Welsh said that the building could remain on the site if the Town could find it useful for another purpose. Mr. Mackorell said that the scouts will furnish all the labor and equipment for the depot, but would like to have Town continue furnishing electricity.

West Franklin Street--  
Parking

Alderman Welsh petitioned the Board that a discussion of removal of parking on the corner of West Franklin Street and Kenan Avenue be placed on agenda under 6d. Alderman Gardner moved, seconded by Alderman Cohen that the petition be received and the matter placed on the agenda as indicated. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Transportation Department--  
Winter Routes

Alderman Welsh petitioned the Board that a discussion be placed on agenda under 5e of what direction Board should give to Transportation Advisory Committee in reviewing the winter routes, studying ways to improve the transfer system, and the feasibility of utilizing other means of transportation. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the petition be received and the matter placed on the agenda as indicated. Said motion was unanimously carried. Alderman Marshall asked Town Attorney whether a recommendation on TAC resolution will be ready soon. Town Attorney Denny said that he has not yet been contacted by Mr. Silver regarding the matter; since his return he has also received a memorandum from Mr. Lathrop on the matter.

Recycling--Paper Purchases

Ms. Jane Sharp, chairman of Recycling Implementation Committee, thanked the Board for appropriating \$500 to use for buying 100% recycled paper; the first purchase has been paper for bus schedules. Ms. Sharp asked whether the \$500 is intended to be used for buying as much recycled paper as possible, or whether it is to be used for bulk purchases, such as paper for bus schedules, which could permit purchase of more 100% recycled paper. Alderman Cohen said that the intent of his motion was to ask for a separate bid on recycled paper on the next bus schedule order, with the money used to fill in for the extra cost of about 10% as long as the funds last. Alderman Welsh said that the appropriation also indicates Board's willingness to have Town use recycled paper. Alderman Marshall requested that a record be kept by the Town on paper purchases, and that Board be informed by the administration of what recycled paper has been bought and when the \$500 has been spent. Ms. Sharp said that the Committee will undertake to keep track of the purchases and will keep the Board informed. She said that the Board will also be shown the text at the next Board meeting of brochure on recycling to be published, to give the Board an opportunity to make suggestions and revisions.

House Bill 6860--  
Mass Transit

Town Manager Kendzior petitioned the Board to place on the agenda consideration of request from American Public Transit Association for communities to contact their federal representatives regarding HB 6860, which would end excise tax on fuel, parts, and lubricating oil used by urban mass transit carriers. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Cohen, that the petition be received, and matter placed on the agenda under 6e. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Street Department  
Asphalt--Bids

Town Manager Kendzior petitioned the Board to postpone the consideration of bids for Street Department asphalt supplies to the meeting of July 17, 1975. Alderman Cohen moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the petition be received, and consideration of the matter postponed until the meeting of July 14, 1975. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Sewer Assessment--Purefoy  
Road, Whitehead Circle  
and Chase Avenue

Town Clerk Roberts said that the cost figures for sewer assessment on Purefoy Road, Whitehead Circle, and Chase Avenue are ready for Board consideration. Alderman Welsh asked whether the matter can be acted on without placing it on the agenda earlier. Town Attorney Denny

said that it is up to the Board how the matter is handled; he suggested that the Board might wish to discuss the matter at this meeting, but delay final action. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the matter be placed on the agenda under 5f for discussion without action. Said motion was unanimously carried.

ECOS Meeting

Mayor pro tem Smith announced that ECOS will be hosting a meeting on the environmental impact of I-40 in Orange County on July 14, 1975, at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room, and urged that as many Board members attend as possible.

Delta Upsilon Special Use Permit--Communication

Mayor pro tem Smith said that he has a letter from Mr. Thomas Q. Reefer, which has also been sent to Mr. Jonathan Howes, Chairman of the Planning Board; Mr. Mike Jennings, Planning Director; and the president of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, with the request that the letter be read at this meeting. Town Attorney Denny said that this communication will not be material to the decision made by the Board regarding the Special Use Permit, since the Public Hearing is over and the Board cannot take additional evidence. Mr. Gardner suggested that the letter be circulated to all Board members.

Board of Adjustment--Vacancy

Mayor pro tem Smith announced that Board of Adjustment has a vacancy created by the June 30, 1975 expiration of Ms. Katherine Klingberg's three year term. The Board of Adjustment was notified of this vacancy, and should submit nominations for the regular July 14, 1975 Board meeting. There is also one County vacancy on the Board of Adjustment; the County has been notified of this.

Planning Board--Vacancy

Mayor pro tem Smith announced that the Planning Board has a vacancy created by the June 30, 1975 expiration of the five year term of Mr. George C. Hemmens. The Planning Board was notified of this vacancy and should submit nominations for the regular July 21, 1975 Board meeting. There is also one County vacancy on the Planning Board; the County has been notified of this.

Plumbing Board of Examiners--Vacancy

Mayor pro tem Smith announced the June 30, 1975 expiration of terms of all three members: Mr. William E. Huskey, Mr. Martin Sparrow, and Mr. William Marks.

Switchboard--Budgetary Request

Ms. Suan Furches, Director of Switchboard, distributed to Board documentation in support of their request for funding, and indicated a number of people in the audience connected with the program who wish to speak. Ms. Furches said that Switchboard is a seven-year-old service agency operating a 24-hour crisis intervention and counseling service, primarily for drug-related problems, but covering also other problems. Mr. David Galinsky, chairman of Switchboard Task Force, said that Switchboard has been available to people who tend not to use other services in the community. He said that state funding of Orange-Person-Chatham Mental Health Center has been reduced to two positions with local matching funds, but that the needs for the service continue. State funding of Switchboard has been substantially reduced also, making local support of particular importance. In reply to questions from Alderman Marshall, Mr. Galinsky said that apparently cutbacks in funding over the state as a whole have not been great, but that the most seriously affected areas have been the Piedmont and Triangle areas, Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro, and Chapel Hill. He said that federal funds in state were not greatly reduced, but that these are mostly used in eastern and western parts of the state. He said that Switchboard is the only drug program in the three county areas still receiving state funding. Alderman Gardner asked whether Switchboard has received any communication from State about the cut in funding. Mr. Galinsky said that the three-County Mental Health Board has received a telegram notifying of the cut, but that no specific information has been provided to date. Alderman Gardner said that Switchboard has given the Board extensive documentation, and asked that

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Board be given more time to consider this before any action is taken. Mr. Galinsky said that the report was intended to give the Board a background on Switchboard's activities, and also includes some supporting letters from people who have found its activities useful. Alderman Welsh said that she is impressed with the austere budget proposal, with the major part of it directed toward people who need help. Mr. Galinsky said that the staff has been working more than full time and they have agreed to take substantial pay cuts and be paid at half-time salaries until sufficient funds become available from other sources. Alderman Welsh said that she does not know how the funds allocated to Switchboard previously by Town have been used. She said that Town can legally provide funds for rent, utilities and for matching state funds for staff salaries, and asked whether the matter of how the allocated funds would be spent has been discussed with Town Manager. Town Attorney Denny said that Town funds have contributed to staff salaries. Alderman Cohen asked whether Switchboard had any indication from Drug Authority that a cutback in funds might be possible. Mr. Galinsky said that the program proposal was presented to the Drug Authority in late March, and that early indications were that they program was being received favorably and that it would be funded at the same level as last year, but the final outcome was different. Alderman Welsh said that it seems that Switchboard has broadened its emphasis over the years from being children-oriented towards being more general-public oriented. Mr. Galinsky said that Switchboard has increased its activities with other agencies, such as the Mental Health Center, Rape Crisis Center, Social Services Department, and many other groups. He said that the present activities include those carried out in 1969, with many others added over the years. He said that Switchboard provides help for about fifty long-term clients who cannot make it on their own, and who have been turned away by other agencies. He said that Switchboard could be a telephone crisis center only, but then it would lose much of its effectiveness. Alderman Welsh said that there has been a lack of communication between Town administration and Switchboard, and asked whether the communication process could be improved without injuring the program. Mr. Galinsky said that he does not feel that maintaining better communications would be a problem; the lack of it has been caused mainly by a sense on Switchboard's part that there is no communication with the Human Services Department and that communications are getting funnelled through various channels. He said that he is sure there is considerable willingness on the part of the Switchboard staff members to be available for communication with Town administration.

Alderman Gardner asked whether a breakdown can be provided on how many people served within the past year have been from Town, University or from out of town. Ms. Furches said that this is difficult to accomplish since many of the calls are anonymous. Some of the calls are long distance and students do comprise a good portion of the calls, but other calls are from younger children and from local citizens. She said that the actual personal contacts are primarily with local people who have dropped out from most traditional agencies. Alderman Gardner asked whether Switchboard would be hesitant to inform police department if it had information that a hard drug was available in Town. Ms. Furches said that Switchboard tries to provide information on harmful substances through area newspapers, but that it also tries to cooperate with the police social workers, and any information on drug availability in town is given to the police department through the police social workers; this is a routine procedure. Alderman Welsh said that she feels there is probably some lack of publicity, with general public being unaware that professionals are working with Switchboard rather than just people who call themselves counselors simply because they want to help. She said that she feels the program is particularly worthwhile because of its anonymity and that the broad base of the program now is probably going to be of even greater benefit. She said that she supports Switchboard.

Mr. Dennis Stacey, psychologist in the UNC Dental School and a Switchboard volunteer, said that drug related problems can be viewed as one of the signs of a number of problems a person might be experiencing, and having Switchboard branch out into other areas might be called problem prevention, by intercepting problems in their early stages. He said that he has been taking part in a community drug education program in which attempts are being made to educate children, young people, parents, and the community about potential threats. He

said that he has been impressed with the fact that Switchboard is a 24-hour center, and with the immediacy with which they can address people. He said that he thinks highly of the Mental Health Center, but that it has a backlog of cases and cannot meet the needs of people who need immediate counselling, such as is being provided by Switchboard "drop-in" center. He said that Switchboard volunteers come from many age groups and segments of the community, and that the Switchboard staff is doing an excellent job of training them. Mayor pro tem Smith said that the Board has been concerned about the fact that Department of Human Services is without a director and is in the process of hiring a new one. He said that the Board is also concerned that it has not had much contact with the agencies under Department of Human Services that Town has funded; this is one of the reasons why this meeting with Switchboard has been requested. Also, the Board has been concerned about the possible duplication of services, and wants to avoid funding two agencies with taxpayers' money that may be providing the same service. He said that it was the Board's original understanding that Switchboard was funded for drug abuse, and the fact that their program is now expanded raises some questions about the possible duplication of efforts by other agencies in Town. He asked whether Switchboard can attribute the increase in the number of problems that are brought to it to any specific factors; he said that he thinks it is important for general public and Town officials to understand just what is happening in Chapel Hill to cause Switchboard and other agencies to be faced with a tremendous increase in problems. Dr. Marion Phillips, member of the Drug Action Committee, said that the drug problem has been in the American community for a long time, and, since Chapel Hill is a university town, it collects many of the North Carolina's drug problems. He said that he thinks more people have begun to trust the agencies in Town, especially Switchboard, because of the anonymity, where people feel that their problems will be handled with a sense of dignity. People come to Switchboard not only with drug problems, but also with some of their other problems after being assisted with their past drug problems with a sense of respect. He said that he feels Switchboard renders a very important service for a town like Chapel Hill. Ms. Helen Urquhart, who is a volunteer mainly with Women's Health and Pregnancy Counselling, said that a reason why Switchboard is so popular is that, unlike most agencies, people are not required to provide personal information.

Mr. Fred Wardlaw, a retired school principal who is a Switchboard volunteer, said that Switchboard does three things for young people in trouble: provides immediate counselling; refers them to another social agency, if their problem can be handled better there; and try to help them help themselves by assisting them to get jobs, enroll in school, be reconciled with parents, etc. He said that, most importantly, there are about 45 volunteers, mostly college students, who participated in an excellent training course in which they were taught about drugs, drug abuse, counselling, how to listen and be accepting, and how to help others to help themselves. He said that he has been delighted to find so many young people who are concerned about helping others and who are well qualified and well educated; he hopes that their efforts will not be curtailed. Ms. Connie Toverud, guidance counsellor at Carolina Friends School and a volunteer at Switchboard for five years, said that she does not have an answer to the question why there is the large number of young people with problems. She said that one of her functions at Switchboard is to go out in response to parents' emergency calls. She said that Switchboard does provide duplicate services during hours when the other agencies are closed, 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. She said that Women's Health and Pregnancy Counseling is open 24 hours a day, and that many of the calls expressing fear come at night. She said that she is proud to be connected with Switchboard, and that she feels it important for Board to know that Switchboard does not know why State has stopped funding it. She said that she is a member of the Board of United Health Services, and in that capacity has become more cognisant of drug programs all over the state; to the best of her knowledge funds for three of the best programs in the state, Greensboro, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill, were cut. She said that she considers it unthinkable that funds for the Mental Health Center and the Executive Offices of the Drug

Action Committee have been cut. She said that the material distributed to Board by Switchboard shows a broad spectrum of community support; Switchboard also provides in-service training for graduate students of public nursing, public health and social work. She said that the volunteers and clients of Switchboard present at this meeting care a lot about what happens to this project. She said that it would be hard to find an agency that is as immediately responsive and as flexible as Switchboard, since it does not have any guidelines to follow.

Alderman Marshall said that Board is proud to have Switchboard in the community, and that Switchboard was requested to present a report on its activities because it is very important for Board to be able to give information to citizens who ask how the money is being spent. She said that communications have not been kept up in the last few years, and the information presented is appreciated. Alderman Cohen said that he has not been involved with Switchboard personally, but that many of his friends have, and that the general response that he has received from people in the community has been favorable. He said that the Board was concerned that it had not received any information on the program for a long time, and wanted to know what was happening, to be able to justify to the community how the money was being spent. He said that, based on the information heard at this meeting and on other information, he feels that the money is being well spent, and he hopes that the program will be able to offer as many services in the coming year as now.

A volunteer with the Rape Crisis Center said that this group does not have the necessary funding for a center, so its line goes through Switchboard, which calls the Rape Crisis personnel; a group of about 25 women of all ages are called by Switchboard at home or at work to deal with sexual assault cases. She said that Switchboard has been very helpful to this organization which has provided a lot of service to the women of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough during the past year. She said that the group highly supports all the efforts of Switchboard. A resident said that he speaks for a lot of the young people who have been helped by Switchboard through the years. He said that Switchboard is a base to work from, to try to find homes and jobs. Alderman Welsh asked whether Switchboard program would be affected if the Board does not make a decision on funding immediately. Ms. Furches said that the 24-hour services has had to be curtailed temporarily because the number of staff has been cut in half. She said that the staff has been working full time for half pay, and that it is still willing to do so, but that it has had to spend time pleading the case before the State Drug Authority contacting additional local funding sources. She said that service has been cut to twelve hour schedule within the last few days, but that staff feels it must get back to a 24-hour schedule as soon as possible. She said that Switchboard would like to know about funding as soon as possible. Alderman Welsh said that she thinks this is a program that the Mayor is interested in, and that the Board might want to wait until the next regular meeting so that he can be present. Alderman Marshall said that, if the Board agrees, she feels the Mayor would be satisfied if action were taken at this meeting. Alderman Gardner said that the item is on the agenda for discussion only. Mayor pro tem Smith said that Board may take additional action if it thought it was appropriate. Alderman Cohen said that he understands Alderman Gardner's concern about having more time to review the material presented to the Board. He said that he would be willing to reach a decision tonight, and asked whether it would be practical to authorize funding through the end of the month to permit Board members to review the information more thoroughly. Alderman Marshall said that a budget ordinance could not be prepared for action at this meeting; it would have to be done at next week's meeting. Town Attorney Denny said that Board can take money from contingency, designating the purpose for which it is to be used, such as rent, utilities, and a portion of salaries. He said that this designation would not be part of the budget, but would be an action of this Board as to how the money is to be spent. Alderman Welsh said that the Board did specify last year how the money was to be spent. She asked whether it would create a hardship on Switchboard if it did not receive a commitment until next week. Ms. Furches said that at the present time Switchboard can continue only the twelve-hour service in order to free up some staff time

to look for other funding. She said that Switchboard is committed to getting back to 24-hour service as soon as possible since the staff has already seen stress that the change has placed on the long-term clients. Alderman Cohen said that he is concerned that a week could make a lot of difference for this sort of program, and asked whether the Board would take action at this meeting. Ms. Furches said that, even with the appropriation from Town, Switchboard is still left with a drastic reduction in budget. She said that a \$55,000 budget was anticipated for the entire year, which would support six full-time people; the budget given to Town is for \$35,000, which will support only three full-time positions. She said that it is possible to operate a 24-hour service with only three full-time positions, that help is expected in September from work-study students, and that staff is looking into other arrangements for over-night coverage, possibly having a student spend five nights a week in the house. Mayor pro tem Smith said that he feels Switchboard can be assured of at least the \$15,000 appropriation from Town but that the Board has to follow proper procedure to appropriate the funds. He said that Switchboard can work on restoring the 24-hour service with the assurance that the Town funds will be available by next week. He asked Town Attorney to prepare documents for Board's approval at the next regular meeting. Alderman Gardner thanked Ms. Furches and all the people who came to the meeting on behalf of Switchboard.

Mrs. E. Geer--Resolution

Mayor pro tem Smith read the following resolution:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS Elizabeth Dantzler Geer has taken an active part in advancing the Chapel Hill Public Library since 1958 when she accepted the position of Secretary of the Community Study Committee for a Chapel Hill public Library, continuing to serve since then as volunteer, librarian, and finally Director of the Library; and

WHEREAS during Mrs. Geer's administration the permanent library facility was planned and completed, registered readers increased from 4,500 to over 20,000, and annual borrowings increased from 75,000 volumes to over a quarter of a million; and

WHEREAS in addition to her professional competence, Mrs. Geer brought to her duties an intimate knowledge of the community which allowed her to get maximum value from the library's resources in adding books and programs to meet broadening needs; and

WHEREAS despite her administrative duties Mrs. Geer took especially delight in helping, whenever possible, individual members of the public with their requests, thus creating an atmosphere of friendly helpfulness that is of more benefit to the library and community than thousands of additional volumes could be; and

WHEREAS for reasons of health Mrs. Geer has been forced to resign her position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill on behalf of all the citizens of the community express deep appreciation to Elizabeth Dantzler Geer for her long service to the community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be signed and sealed by the Mayor and each member of the Board of Aldermen, and a copy filed in the permanent records of the Town of Chapel Hill.

This the twenty-third day of June, 1975.

Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the resolution be adopted as read. Said motion was unanimously carried. Alderman Marshall suggested that the Mayor hand-deliver the resolution to Ms. Geer as soon as he returns to Town. Alderman Gardner said that this is one of the most-deserved resolutions that the Board has acted on.

Transportation Vehicles--  
Difficulty with Bids

Town Manager Kendzior said that this report was requested by the Board at the June 23, 1975 meeting,

regarding the difficulties that Town has encountered in securing bids for transportation vehicles. He presented a report from the Purchasing



Agent listing the difficulties encountered and the attempts made to solicit as many bids as possible. Alderman Gardner asked whether receiving bids on May 20, 1975 after advertising on May 8, 1975 is not a relatively short time. Town Attorney Denny said that the time period is standard for this type of bid. Alderman Marshall said that she received the impression during the budget sessions that the Finance Director would take it on himself to see that bids go out during the most opportune time; that the budget is for a year, and that it is part of the process that bids be advertised at the optimum times that a citizen can expect to get the most for a tax dollar. Mayor Pro tem Smith said that often it is a question of what is the right time, when the vehicle is needed or when automobile companies can provide the vehicle. He said that truck prices will increase by about six percent and that dealers are reluctant to bid until the prices increase is made. Alderman Marshall said that the Board cannot resolve this matter, since the management should be doing the bidding at the best time, with Board receiving the bids when a good bid has been obtained.

Town Zone Enforcement--  
Report

Major C. E. Durham reported that 24 cars have been towed from streets during the period May 26 through June 15, 1975 in the areas effected by the amended Section 21-21.1 Tow Zones of the Code of Ordinances; during the last 22 days only four cars have been towed. Mayor pro tem Smith said that he has seen several cars parked on the sidewalk on Franklin Street and asked that police department survey sidewalks often and tow the cars until the drivers get the message. Alderman Welsh asked where most of the towing is done. Major Durham said that about 90% have been from bus loading zones. Alderman Marshall said that she has been watching the situation and is impressed with the diligence of the police officers in trying to keep traffic moving. She said that the Board appreciates the effort very much. Alderman Cohen said that he notices that sometimes the parking in bus zones occurs late on Friday and Saturday nights, and asked whether a tow sign can be placed under the bus stop so people will realize that it is a tow zone. Alderman Gardner said that Town does not have storage space for stored vehicles and asked whether there is a problem with people recovering their cars, especially at night. Major Durham said that there have been no problems; the cars are towed to the filling station that does the towing, and the owners go to the Police Department.

Transportation Department--  
Winter Routes

Alderman Welsh said that Mr. Marvin Silver, Chairman of Transportation Advisory Committee, has requested a communication from the Board indicating whether the Board wishes it to review the routes for the coming academic year, to review and make recommendations concerning taxicabs as an auxiliary service to the buses on an experimental basis, and to look for ways to improve the transfer system. Alderman Marshall said that she has talked to Mr. Silver about Board wishing TAC to review the bus routes, and, if possible, to rearrange them so that there is a more direct service for Northside-Knolls to University Mall. Mayor pro tem Smith said that it takes an objectionably long time to get from Northside to certain other areas of Town. He suggested that at certain times of night the bus might lengthen their time schedule. Alderman Marshall said that the bus schedule is reduced in fall to one bus per hour after 7 p.m. She said that the night service cannot be eliminated as long as Town has a contract with the University. She said that she also is concerned about the time needed to get from Northside to University Mall. Alderman Cohen said that the connections between the N and F routes have been revised so that the F bus leaves about three to four minutes after the N bus arrives, instead of having a fifteen minute wait. He said that the B-route will also begin to run from downtown to the Mall in the fall. Alderman Gardner said that he is not certain about what direction Mr. Silver is expecting from the Board, but that he would hope that the matter of routes would be continuing matter for discussion in TAC without a need for direction from the Board. He said that there were several questions raised during the budget deliberations that he hopes Transportation Director can answer soon. Alderman

Welsh said that, when the Ordinance on TAC is rewritten, the need to review routes on more than an annual basis without sending forth memos might be actually spelled out. She said that the Ordinance is very general, that there is some feeling on the part of TAC members that they would like more specific direction from the Board. Alderman Welsh moved that the Board send a transmittal to TAC, asking them to review all of the bus routes from an economic point of view and other aspects for the September to June period, particularly the early morning routes and the after 7 p.m. runs; that they also study carefully the Northside--University Mall route; that they study ways to improve and make the system more efficient, and the feasibility of using taxis as an auxiliary late night service; Alderman Marshall asked that the motion include that, as soon as the routes for the school year have been established, that TAC be immediately concerned with recommendations for changes the Board would like to have made when the contract with the University is renegotiated. Said motion died for a lack of a second. Alderman Gardner asked when TAC will be ready with the fall schedule. Town Attorney Denny said that The University is planning to send a letter to the students in July regarding the fall schedule. Mr. Kurt Jenne, Assistant Town Manager for Community Development and Services, said that the fall schedule will be implemented as of August 24, 1975. He said that he has discussed the fall schedule changes with the Transportation Director, and that the proposed fall changes cannot be brought to the Board until July 21, 1975; this time includes developing recommendations and discussing them with TAC. He said that he realizes that this will not give much time for a detailed analysis of the proposed changes, but that there are essentially only two weeks left to prepare these recommendations. He said that Transportation Director is already considering an analysis of alternatives for the fall schedules, which will be discussed with the University and with TAC and will be brought to Board for final action. Alderman Welsh said that the Board has indicated that it wants a careful review of routes without enough riders to justify them, and asked that TAC consider this. Mr. Jenne said that the administration and the Transportation Department has been giving close attention to the matter; there has been some difficulty in getting TAC together during this time of the year. Alderman Welsh said that the fall schedules have to be ready to go out for orientation week, since the University is concerned that buses be available at these extreme periods; she said that the conference with the University will have to be held before the end of next week. Alderman Marshall said that the Board can proceed in the new way it wants to act in relation to TAC even before the resolution is prepared. She said that she feels TAC should work more like the Planning Board to initiate ideas, and that Transportation Director should understand that he cannot afford the time to wait on TAC on this matter of route changes. Alderman Welsh agreed that the routes should be reviewed quickly, but that the other matters suggested may take a longer time to develop. Mayor pro tem Smith said that the fall schedule needs to be approved immediately, whether the matter goes through TAC or the Transportation Department; he said that TAC can study other areas of transportation system and make modifications as it goes along. Alderman Marshall said that Mr. Silver wants not only some suggestions from the Board, but to have TAC to act as an independent advisory group both to the Board and to the Transportation Director. Mayor pro tem Smith said that, during the process of preparing the fall schedules, he hopes that TAC will not hinder getting the fall schedule out on time with that authorization. Alderman Welsh said that she does not feel that this method will prevent the Board from receiving a report back by July 21, 1975. Mr. Jenne said that there should not be any problem, as long as Transportation Director is not constrained by TAC. Alderman Gardner said that he felt during the budget deliberations that Transportation Director felt to be under certain restraint because of TAC, and said that, as Transportation Director, he could make whatever recommendations he feels best, even if his recommendation differs from that of TAC, and that the Board would decide which recommendation to accept. He said that the factor dealing with the fall bus schedule discussed during the budget deliberations include a starting time of 6:00 a.m.; perhaps an earlier stopping time, at least on certain routes; and peak-time thirty minute intervals. He said that he does not find much difficulty with the original ordinance establishing TAC. Mayor pro tem Smith said that TAC has found the ordinance a problem and is asking for a change in the interpretation. Alderman Welsh asked whether the University rejected

the possibility of curtailing service on some of the routes after certain hours during the academic year. Mr. Jenne said that there was no specific agreement on that point, but that he inferred certain things where they discuss the summer routes with the University. He said that the administration is realizing that it is difficult to separate one route from the system, and to provide night service certain routes cannot necessarily be deleted. He said that University would probably oppose any effort to curtail night-time service. He said that the library route of the transit system is very heavy Sunday through Thursday until 1:30 a.m., and that administration is looking at this not only from the standpoint of specific ridership, but also on the basis of the promise of service being available to the library under the existing contract. Alderman Welsh said that TAC consider this matter. Alderman Cohen said that he would support sending the proposed matter to TAC with the understanding that Board is trying to get recommendations back as soon as possible. He said that buses are one of the prime means of getting people to and from work and school, and that the buses have been full at fifteen-minute intervals during the rush hours. He said that thirty minute intervals at peak times is not enough and that this would cut the ridership in half. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the Board refer to Town Manager and to TAC study of bus routes for the September to June period, particularly the early morning routes and the after 7 p.m. runs with a report back to the Board by July 21, 1975. Study of Northside--University Mall route; ways to improve the system and make it more efficient be studied; the feasibility of using taxis as an auxiliary late night service; and changes that should be made in contract with the University. The motion was unanimously carried.

Absentee Voting in  
Municipal Elections--  
Resolution

Alderman Cohen said that Common Cause has endorsed absentee voting in municipal elections as early as 1971. He said that the General

Assembly passed a statute allowing local option on this, with the resolution needing to be adopted at least fifty days before an election. He said that the resolution would cover all municipal elections or referendums until such a time as the resolution might be rescinded. Alderman Gardner asked what statement needs to be made by a person to receive an absentee ballot. Alderman Cohen said that either the voter anticipates being outside the County during the entire time the polls are open, or there is physical disability. He said that the voter would already have to be registered in person, and that there are safeguards to prevent fraud. Mayor pro tem Smith asked whether Alderman Cohen sees any problems of absentee ballots in municipal elections. Alderman Cohen said no. Mayor pro tem Smith asked whether the procedure also applies for School Board elections. Alderman Cohen said that a bill was passed this year which changes the school board term from six to four years, and states that school board elections are to be conducted under the same regulations and rules in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, so it is the interpretation of the Board of Elections that, if both Chapel Hill and Carrboro adopted resolutions for absentee voting, there would be absentee voting for School board. If one of the two towns does not adopt such a resolution, absentee voting on school board elections would not be permitted. Mayor pro tem Smith said that he is worried that the matter can become very confusing if elections other than municipal ones are held at the same time. Alderman Cohen said that a voter applying for absentee ballot would get all necessary materials without having to send separate applications for each election. Mayor pro tem Smith suggested that Carrboro be contacted about the matter to have a unified election system. Alderman Cohen said that he has talked to Carrboro representatives, and that they seem willing to approve the matter. Mayor pro tem Smith said that he sees this as an opportunity for Chapel Hill and Carrboro to show that School Board elections are just as important as municipal elections, and that the Board want citizens to exercise full responsibility. Alderman Cohen said that he agrees. He said that he has talked to Carrboro representatives, but that he is not certain whether the two municipalities can act on their own or whether a joint meeting is needed. Mayor pro tem Smith suggested that action on the matter be delayed for a week, since there is time to adopt the resolution before September 8, 1975. Alderman Marshall said that she is concerned that delaying action on the matter might remove the impetus for Carrboro to act on the matter also. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the following resolution on absentee voting be adopted:

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Resolution on Absentee Voting

WHEREAS municipalities whose elections are conducted by their County Board of Elections are authorized by legislation ratified as Chapter 370, Session Laws of 1975, to permit absentee voting in municipal elections; and

WHEREAS the municipal elections of the Town of Chapel Hill are conducted by the Orange County Board of Elections; and

WHEREAS the Town of Chapel Hill desires to allow absentee voting during municipal elections;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen, Town of Chapel Hill, that the Town of Chapel Hill will in future municipal elections allow absentee voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the State Board of Elections and to the County Board of Elections.

This the seventh day of July, 1975.

Alderman Cohen said that in 1972 general election 1,000 persons used absentee ballots in Orange County; in 1974 general elections 200. Said motion carried by a vote of four to two, with Aldermen Rancer and Smith opposing.

Exchange Swimming Pool--  
Sewer Charge Overpayment

Town Clerk Roberts presented a memorandum to the Board regarding Town's overcharge of Exchange

Swimming Pool since the early 1960's. The memorandum proposes that refund be made to the Exchange Swimming Pool for 1972, 1973, and 1974, with the total amount of refund being \$1,065.75; that this refund be applied to the 1974 outstanding city taxes of \$880.45, leaving a balance of \$185.30 to be refunded to the Exchange. Alderman Welsh asked Town Attorney whether there are any problems with the proposal. Town Attorney Denny said that there are no problems, and that this seems to be a reasonable way to work out the overpayment. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the Board recommend approval of the sewer charge overpayment refund as presented in the memo from Tax Collector. Said motion was unanimously carried.

West Franklin Street--  
Parking

Alderman Welsh said that merchants on West Franklin Street are concerned about meter viola-

tions and about the need for more customer parking, especially since Board banned parking in certain areas on West Franklin Street between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. every day. She said that she has reviewed the matter with the Parking Advisory Committee and with Merchants Association, and the feeling seems to be that the need for a loading zone on West Franklin Street near Kenan Street is not extensive, with around 120 feet being sufficient for this. She said that Mr. Joe Augustine of Merchants Association has indicated that loading space could be provided from Kenan Street south sixty feet, with the rest of the parking spaces on West Franklin Street south of this to Dunkin' Donuts being restored. She said that only eight buses leave the bus station during the day, and that the suggestion would still provide ample turning radius. Mayor pro tem Smith said that the loading zone was moved from Kenan Street when parking on it was prohibited on both sides; it is up to the Board whether the loading zone should be put back on Kenan Street. Major C. E. Durham said that police would prefer that loading zone be on West Franklin Street. Alderman Welsh said that the need for a loading zone is infrequent, with the spaces not being used most of the time. Major Durham said that almost daily deliveries are made in mornings in the area. Alderman Marshall moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that Police Department present some figures and recommendations to the Board in the matter of loading zone on West Franklin Street near Kenan Street. Alderman Welsh said that the number of parking spaces on Franklin Street are being gradually reduced because of loading zones and bus zones, and removing five or six spaces between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. puts a hardship on the

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customers; she said that the merchants in the area are seriously concerned. She said that on June 16, 1975 she brought up the possibility of using the area across from Kenan Street that used to be a drive-in bank as a loading zone. She said that she will support the motion with the stipulation that the Streets Committee or Police Department contact Merchants Association to see how they feel about the matter. Alderman Marshall said that Streets Committee has been receiving help from Major Durham and Captain Stone with reviewing the problems and talking with citizens, and said that this is a good procedure to be followed. Alderman Welsh amended the motion that merchants in the area be contacted regarding their views in the matter, and that the recommendation be made back to the Board on July 14, 1975. Alderman Smith said that it may be difficult for the Streets Committee to meet by July 14, 1975. Alderman Gardner asked whether the meter maid is already on duty. Major Durham said that she starts working by end of July. Alderman Gardner said that there seems to be some storage parking on West Franklin Street, and that the availability of parking spaces may improve once the meter maid begins working. Said amended motion was carried unanimously.

House Bill 6860--  
Mass Transit

Alderman Cohen said that support is requested for this bill. He said that municipally owned systems are already exempt from taxes on gas and oil, but that the bill would help areas that are served by privately operated transit companies. Mayor pro tem Smith asked whether the local transportation system will be effected by the bill. Town Manager Kendzior said that he will need to get this information from Transportation Department. Alderman Gardner asked that the matter be delayed for a week. Mayor pro tem Smith said that the Board needs to know whether the bill will apply to municipally operated systems. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that Alderman Cohen report back to the Board in the matter of HB 6860, dealing with mass transit. Mayor pro tem Smith said that Board can support the bill even if the local transit system is not effected. Alderman Marshall made a substitute motion, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that Board write letters to federal representatives urging them that HB 6860 be amended to end excise taxes on buses used in mass transit services in urban and suburban areas. Said substitute motion passed by a vote of five to one, with Alderman Welsh opposing.

Sewer Assessments--  
Purefoy Road, Whitehead  
Circle and Chase Avenue

Town Clerk Roberts said that the revised assessment roll has been distributed to Board members, showing assessment of 107 lots at \$1,358.23 each, plus acreage charge of \$125.00 per acre. The previous assessment was \$1,321.19 per lot. Town Attorney Denny said that a number of questions were raised at the public hearing regarding assessments against properties. He showed these lots on a contour map and explained the current status of assessment against them. Three owners had expressed concern about the availability of sewer for their properties: Mr. Wolfenden's lot is high enough to connect to sewer; Mr. Mann's basement cannot be served by sewer, but the rest of the house can, and the lot should be assessed; and Mr. Spearman cannot connect to the sewer on Whitehead Circle but can connect to another sewer line through the back of this property, and the lot should be assessed. He said that another area of concern was about lots that are too small to be built upon: two of the lots owned by Fields have been combined, eliminating one lot from assessment; another Field's lot is too small to be built upon, as is Mr. Merritt's lot and these are also eliminated; Ms. Olsen's lot can be utilized if the front of the lot is assumed to face Pittsboro Road, and is assessed. He said that, in the matter of Community Church, not enough specific information had been presented at the public hearing, and on subsequent investigation it was shown that the two lots assessed include the church lot and a residential lot that the church bought at a later time, not the parsonage. The seconded lot cannot be served separately by the sewer and is not being assessed as a separate lot, but the acreage fee on it is charged. Town Attorney Denny said that the third area of concern was about lots under government ownership. He said that the lot owned by the University adjacent to the married student housing is shown as a separate lot only because it was acquired by the University at a later date; this property can be served either by the sewer line along Mason Farm Road or through the sewer

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line for the married student housing and is not being assessed. The other lot owned by the University is adjacent to the main property owned by the University and is not being assessed. Town Attorney Denny said that he recommends that the two lots owned by the University not be assessed but that they be counted as lots for assessment purposes; the Town property of Jones Park should likewise be counted as a lot but not be assessed; in effect, Town would be absorbing the assessment on these three lots. He said that the Board has also been given copies of contracts and agreements that have been made with owners in the area in connection with the construction of the sewer line; these may effect certain acreage charges but will not effect the assessment of these properties. Alderman Marshall asked whether these adjustments have solved Mr. Merritt's problem. Town Attorney Denny said that his problem of the small unbuildable lot has been solved, but that the question of easements has been deliberately left open and will need to be resolved at a later time. Mayor pro tem Smith said that Board will take action on these sewer assessments at the next regular Board meeting, and that people that have requested investigation of their assessments should be notified of that fact. Alderman Cohen said that residents of the area might complain if the matter is finally resolved without futher general notification being sent to the property owners. Alderman Welsh suggested that a standard form be sent to all persons on the assessment roll stating that the matter will be considered at the next Board meeting. Town Attorney Denny said that it would be adequate to notify specifically the persons who expressed great concern at the public hearing and depend on general publicity for notification of the other owners.

RSVP--Grant Approval

Mayor pro tem Smith announced that the application to continue the

Chapel Hill--Orange County Retired Senior Volunteer Program for 1975-76 has been approved by the ACTION Atlanta regional office, but that the final figures for the grant have not yet been received.

Noise Problems--Motor Vehicles and Barking Dogs

Mayor pro tem Smith said that he has received a large number of complaints about loud mufflers

on cars and motorcycles and asked whether there is an ordinance prohibiting these. Town Attorney Denny said that the noise ordinance would cover these. Mayor pro tem Smith asked for a report to the Board at its next regular meeting on loud noises in the community from cars, motorcycles, barking dogs, etc. Alderman Marshall said that she feels some of the lack of enforcement in this matter may be due to the fact that many police officers ride with the car windows closed and airconditioners on, preventing them from hearing noises. Alderman Gardner asked about the enforcement on barking and roaming dogs. Town Manager Kendzior said that Town has two dog wardens and that stray dogs are picked up. Mayor pro tem Smith said that residents are reluctant to report their neighbors' barking dogs, and that police officers will need to enforce the leash law and noise ordinance to solve the problem.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



Mayor, Howard N. Lee



Town Clerk, David B. Roberts

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, JULY 14, 1975, AT 7:30 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on Monday, July 14, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The roll was reported as follows: