

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1975, 7:30 P.M.

The Board of Aldermen met for a regular meeting on October 13, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The roll was reported as follows:

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

Absent: None

A quorum of the Board was present and in attendance at the meeting. Also present were Town Manager K. Jenne, Town Clerk D. Roberts and Town Attorney E. Denny.

Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the minutes of the meeting of October 6, 1975 be approved as corrected. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Petitions

Ms. Nancy Park petitioned the Board to let her discuss the uniforms for bus drivers under item 8 of the agenda. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Smith, that the petitions be received and the matter placed on the agenda under item 8. Said motion was passed by a vote of five to one, with Alderman Gardner opposing.

Mr. Manuel Costa petitioned the Board to let him discuss the uniforms for bus drivers under item 8 of the agenda. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the petition be received and the matter placed on the agenda under item 8. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Energy Conservation

Mr. Marvin Silver presented a resolution concerning N.C. Energy Conservation Week and a resolution concerning public seminars on "Energy - A National and A Local Problem," and requested that the Board act on these. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the following two resolutions be adopted. Said motion was unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING N.C. ENERGY CONSERVATION WEEK, NOVEMBER 2-8, 1975

WHEREAS the energy problems facing us today require that we conserve our resources if we are to be prepared for the future, and

WHEREAS public awareness is essential in stimulating a successful energy conservation program, and

WHEREAS this body has recognized the importance of energy conservation by endorsing the Orange County Energy Conservation Task Force, and

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina will observe November 2-8, 1975 as Energy Conservation Week, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, that in recognition of the importance of this conservation problem, that this body encourage all of the residents of this community and all the staff to make conscious efforts toward significant decreases in energy consumption.

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Announcing a Series of Public Seminars
on

ENERGY - A NATIONAL AND A LOCAL CONCERN

Sponsored by: The Department of Physics (UNC)
The Orange County Energy Conservation Task Force

Oct. 1 Exploring the Limits of Growth - Food, Energy, Resources

Charles Lliner, Public Law and Economics (UNC)
Richard Clinton, Political Science (UNC)
Howard Schneider, Biochemistry and Nutrition

Oct. 8 The Fossil Fuels

David Dunn, Geology (UNC)
Tom Donnelly, Research Assoc., Urban Studies
Daniel Textoris, Geology (UNC)

Oct. 15 The Politics of Energy

Maynard Hufschmidt, Environmental Science (UNC)
Herbert Bodman, History (UNC)
Marvin Silver, Physics (UNC)

Oct. 22 Nuclear Energy

John Hernandez, Physics (UNC)
Tom Elleman, Chm. Nuclear Engineering (NCSU)
Steve Shafroth, Physics (UNC)

Oct. 29 Solar, Geothermal, and Fusion Energy

Earl Mitchell, Physics (UNC)
John Dennison, Geology (UNC)
Raymond Saxe, Nuclear Engineering (NCSU)

Nov. 5 Utilities and the Distribution of Energy

John F. Stewart, Economics (UNC)
Everett Billingsley, Superintendent, Utility Distribution
Jim Littlefield, Business Administration (UNC)

Nov. 12 Conservation

Daniel Koenigschofer, Environmental Engineer (EPA)
Jane Sharp, Member, North Carolina Recycling Advisory Council
Dave Moreau, City and Regional Planning (UNC)

Nov. 19 Energy Planning at the State and National Levels

Paul L. Hitchcock, Director of State Energy Division
Dietrich Schroerer, Physics (UNC)
Joseph W. Straley, Physics (UNC)

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M., Coker Hall Room 201
Parking available behind Coker Hall in the Bell Tower parking lot.

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PUBLIC SEMINARS ON "ENERGY - A NATIONAL AND A LOCAL PROBLEM"

WHEREAS the Orange County Energy Conservation Task Force has initiated a series of public energy seminars entitled "Energy - A National and a Local Problem," and

WHEREAS this board has endorsed the activities of this task force, and

WHEREAS public awareness of the full scope of our energy problems is essential for concerted action, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill, that this body encourages all of the residents of this community and its staff to participate in these seminars.

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Town Audit Report

Mayor Lee announced that the Town audit report will be available for

public examination in the Town Clerk's office.

Transportation Advisory Committee

Mayor Lee petitioned the Board to place the consideration of the role of the Transportation Advisory

Committee on the agenda of the October 27, 1975 meeting. Alderman Cohen moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh that the petition be received, and the matter placed on the October 27, 1975 agenda. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Franchise--Electric Distribution

Mayor Lee read a letter from Dr. Claiborne Jones concerning the expiration in 1968 of a franchise

granted to the University by the Town for an electric distribution system, and requesting that a new franchise be granted to the University for this purpose for a period of sixty years. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that the petition be received, and the matter of a franchise for an electric distribution system be referred to the Town Manager and Town Attorney for their consideration and report back to the Board as soon as possible. Mayor Lee appointed himself, Aldermen Cohen, Gardner and Welsh to work as a committee with Town Manager and Town Attorney in preparing the franchise. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Sanitary Sewer Assessments

Town Attorney Denny reported that both Ms. Carolyn E. Peele, and

Mr. P. G. Arnold have been contacted by mail regarding the recording of their lots as unbuildable in exchange for a release from the sanitary sewer assessments, and recommended that the Board delay action on the matter until all necessary documentation has been completed. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Gardner, that action on the sanitary sewer assessments for Ms. Carolyn E. Peele and Mr. P. G. Arnold be delayed until such a time as the necessary documentation in the matter has been completed or until the owners decline to complete such documents. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Street Closing - WUNC-TV

Mayor Lee presented a request from WUNC-TV to close Rosemary Street

between Columbia Street and Henderson Street on Sunday, October 19, 1975, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to film a scene for a pilot educational film. Town Manager Jenne said that the Transportation, Police, and Fire Departments find no difficulty with the request, and recommended that the request be approved. Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the request to close Rosemary Street be granted to WUNC-TV as presented. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Seating of New Aldermen-- Date Change

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the following ordinance changing the seating date

of new aldermen be adopted. Said motion was unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE SEATING DATE OF NEW ALDERMEN

WHEREAS Section 3.2 of the Charter of the Town of Chapel Hill sets the organizational meeting of the Board of Aldermen as the first regular meeting in December following the general municipal election; and

WHEREAS normally said meeting in 1975 would be December 1; but there is a conflict with the annual meeting of the National League of Cities at which the Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen will wish to be present; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that the December 1, 1975, meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill is hereby cancelled; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill will hold its 1975 organizational meeting and swear in the Mayor and newly-elected members on December 8, 1975.

This the 13th day of October, 1975.

Emergency Service Advisory Committee

Town Manager Jenne presented a resolution establishing an Emergency Service Advisory Committee, to aid

in the training of Public Safety Officers to provide emergency medical services in the course of their duties. Alderman Marshall moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the following resolution establishing an Emergency Service Advisory Committee be adopted. Said motion was unanimously carried. Alderman Gardner presented the following names for consideration for appointment to the committee: Dr. Lambert P. McLauren, Dr. James R. Harper, and Dr. Thomas R. Griggs. Mayor Lee requested that further names be given to the Town Manager, and brought back to the Board for consideration and possible action at the October 27, 1975 Board meeting.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AN EMERGENCY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has recently put in operation a Public Safety Program; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed desirable that Public Safety Officers of the Town of Chapel Hill be able to provide emergency medical services in the course of their duties; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate that the Town seek out local expertise to aid in the planning and training for such activities and the coordination thereof with existing emergency service organizations; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that:

- 1) there is hereby established an Emergency Service Advisory Committee to consist of three Medical Doctors appointed by the Board of Aldermen;
- 2) that said Committee shall exist and continue for one year from and after the adoption of this Resolution;
- 3) that the purpose and duties of said Committee are to advise, plan, coordinate, and evaluate all aspects of the delivery of emergency medical services by Public Safety Officers of the Town of Chapel Hill, making reports to the training officer of the Chapel Hill Fire Department.

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Triangle J COG Charter

Alderman Smith moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the following

resolution amending the Triangle J Council of Governments' Charter be adopted. The motion was unanimously carried.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' CHARTER

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Chapel Hill that the charter of the Triangle J Council of Governments is hereby amended as follows:

The last sentence of paragraph 2 of Article 8, Quorum and Voting Requirements, is stricken and the following two sentences substituted therefor: "In the case of any weighted voting question delegates representing member local governments with at least two thirds of the aggregate votes of the member local governments shall be present and participating. An affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the votes cast shall be required to decide any weighted voting question."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this charter change shall become effective upon its adoption by at least two thirds of the participating governmental units in the Triangle J Council of Governments.

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Bus Driver Uniforms

Town Manager Jenne presented a report reaffirming the recommendation that the Town provide uniforms for its bus drivers. He said that uniforms enhance the presentability of the transit operation, heighten employees' professional bearing and the way employees view the importance of their jobs, help to establish a clearly-definable code of acceptable dress by employees who are constantly in contact with the public, and constitute an employee benefit since the drivers' personal clothing is protected from excessive wear and soiling. He said that a review of available rental casual wear is now taking place, and it is expected that the Town will be able to enter into a rental agreement within a very short time.

Ms. Nancy Park said that she is opposed to the proposal of uniforms for bus drivers because it is an unnecessary expense, because it is a subjective opinion that uniforms enhance the presentability of the transit operation, and because the bus drivers have not been consulted about the desirability of having uniforms. Mr. Manuel Costa said that he is a bus driver, and that the issue is not whether uniforms should or should not be provided, but that the bus drivers have not been consulted. Mayor Lee said that when the bus system was set up, it was decided that bus drivers should wear some sort of uniform for identification purposes. Alderman Rancer moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall, that the Board accept the Town Manager's recommendation and proceed with the provision of uniforms for the bus drivers. Alderman Marshall said that it is very necessary that the bus drivers can be identified as personnel of the Town when they assist in an emergency. Alderman Cohen said that the bus drivers could be identified as Town personnel by identification badges. He said that it should be considered whether the bus drivers should be given the choice of obtaining uniforms or wearing their own clothing. He said that it is important to consult the bus drivers in this matter. Said motion passed by a vote of five to one, with Alderman Cohen opposing.

Personnel Appeals Committee

Alderman Rancer nominated Mr. W. Everett Billingsley of 317 Barclay Road, and Mr. Mark R. Sumner of 2-A Williams Circle, to the Personnel Appeals Committee. Alderman Marshall nominated Ms. Jean L. Wagner of 311 Burlage Circle and Ms. Helen L. Edmonds of 511 Church Street. Alderman Gardner nominated Mr. Russell H. McCormick of 713 Tinkerbelle Road and Mr. Joe Augustine of 2307 Honeysuckle Road. Alderman Welsh nominated Mr. Joe Hackney of 205 Short Street and Mr. Wade J. Degrafferneid of 1904 S. Lake Shore Drive. Alderman Cohen nominated Ms. Mae McLendon of 108 Cole Street and Ms. Phoebe Pollitt of 1018 Highland Woods. Alderman Smith nominated Mr. Arthur Fluellen of 1801 Fountain Ridge Road and Ms. Barbara Booth of 311 Brooks Street. Alderman Cohen moved, seconded by Alderman Welsh, that the twelve persons nominated to the Personnel Appeals Committee be appointed. Said motion was unanimously carried.

Street Closing--October 16,
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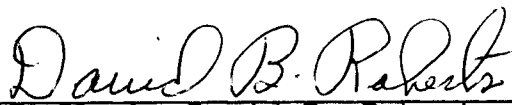
Town Manager Jenne said that the petition from Delta Upsilon Fraternity to close Rosemary Street

from Hillsborough Street to Delta Upsilon driveway on Thursday, October 16, 1975 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight for an American Cancer Society fund drive was presented to the Town within the past week. He said that the Town has a policy that such requests be presented to the Town at least two weeks before the planned event, and that he is concerned that this was not done by the petitioners, even though the planned event has been known for some time. He said that the cause is worthy and that all the arrangements have been made for the event to take place, and that for this reason the request has been passed quickly to all the department heads for consideration. He said that, after considering the recommendations made by the department heads, the Town Manager recommends that the request be **approved with** four stipulations: 1) that the petitioner hire off-duty police officers to control and divert traffic, and to direct G- route buses through the closed portion of Rosemary Street; 2) that no parking be permitted on Rosemary Street; 3) that the street and right-of-way be cleaned by the petitioner immediately afterwards; and 4) that sale of beer cannot be permitted. He said that he will bring a policy recommendation to the Board regarding future street closings. He said that the petition submitted by the fraternity contained the signatures of the two property owners who would be affected by the closing of the street, indicating that they are not opposed to the closing of the street. Mr. Glenn Petterson, representative of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, said that amplified music is planned for the event and will be playing until 9:00 p.m. He said that beer is planned to be sold either inside the house or on the fraternity property. He said that the event can still be held if the permission to close the street were not granted, but that such a permission would simplify matters. Alderman Smith expressed his concern about a possible accident between the buses routed through the area and pedestrians. Alderman Gardner said that a similar fund raising even was held a year ago, that the Board raised a number of concerns at that time, and that these concerns do not appear to be considered by the petitioner. Alderman Welsh moved, seconded by Alderman Marshall that the petition from Delta Upsilon Fraternity to close Rosemary Street from Hillsborough Street to Delta Upsilon driveway on Thursday, October 16, 1975 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight be granted, subject to the four stipulations recommended by Town Manager, and to the stipulation that no amplified music be played after 9:00 p.m. Alderman Smith said that he will vote against the motion, since he feels that ten hours is too long a period of time to close Rosemary Street. Said motion passed by a vote of four to three, with Aldermen Gardner, Rancer, and Smith opposing, and Mayor Lee breaking the tie vote in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, said meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Mayor Howard N. Lee



Town Clerk, David B. Roberts