

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,  
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 1986, 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Pro-tem Bill Thorpe called the meeting to order. Council Members present were:

Julie Andresen  
David Pasquini  
Nancy Preston  
R. D. Smith  
Arthur Werner

Council Members David Godschalk and Jonathan Howes, and Mayor Wallace were absent, excused. Also present were Town Manager David R. Taylor, Assistant Town Manager Ron Secrist, and Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos.

Petitions

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO DEFER AGENDA ITEM #4, GREENWAYS DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT, UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 9, 1986. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

Len Van Ness, representing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, asked to speak to item #5, secondary building heights.

Phyllis Lotchin, speaking as a resident, petitioned the Council to take action to prepare against any possible repercussions from an accident at the Shearon Harris nuclear power plant. She urged the Council to develop its own evacuation plan, make this plan known to all Chapel Hill citizens, and hold practice sessions; to insist that baseline data on background radiation be collected prior to the plant going on line; to have an independent system for routine monitoring of radiation levels; develop an emergency team to deal with all kinds of radiation emergencies; and to have a hot line between the plant, state police, emergency management office at the state level, and the Town Manager. (For a copy of text, see Clerk's files.)

Lightning Brown, speaking as a resident, also urged the Council to take positive steps toward preparing for any type of nuclear accident from the Shearon Harris power plant. He introduced background information and a resolution passed by the Durham City Council endorsing the conversion of the Shearon Harris plant to a non-nuclear fuel plant and expressing the opposition of the City Council to the licensing or operation of said plant. Mr. Brown urged the Town Council to pass a similar resolution. (For copy of memorandum, see Clerk's files.)

Council Member Smith asked that the resolution passed by the Durham City Council be prepared with the Town of Chapel Hill inserted in lieu of City of Durham for consideration by the Council on June 9.

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER TO RECEIVE THE PETITIONS FROM DR. LOTCHIN AND MR. BROWN AND REFER TO THE TOWN MANAGER FOR A REPORT TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO THE COUNCIL ON JUNE 9, 1986. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

Mr. Russell Starkey, representing Carolina Power and Light Company, rebutted the arguments against the opening of the Shearon Harris nuclear plant. He stated that the plant would be safe and that the residents of Chapel Hill did not need to be concerned that a nuclear accident would occur. He pointed out that the present evacuation area, as prescribed by the federal government, was a 10 mile radius and that Chapel Hill was well beyond that radius. Mr. Starkey also said that conversion of the plant to non-nuclear fuel would cost an additional \$1.5 billion.

Council Member Smith asked for clarification of why Chapel Hill was not considered in the evacuation area, and how would Chapel Hill be notified if an accident occurred at the plant.

Mr. Starkey replied that studies had shown that the evacuation under a realistic accident would be most important for areas 2 to 10 miles surrounding the plant. He said that CP&L was following State and Federal guidelines with regard to an evacuation area and plan. Mr. Starkey said if an accident were to occur, the appropriate state and county officials would be notified within fifteen minutes of such an accident or potential for accident.

Council Member Andresen asked if it were true if a governing body within the evacuation plan area refused to adopt the evacuation plan then the license would be denied or delayed. Mr. Robert Kaylor, an attorney representing CP&L, replied that the State's General Statutes designate the Governor to be responsible for all emergency evacuation plans. He said he felt that the state would supersede any local action with regard to the evacuation plans.

Council Member Preston asked for clarification of some of the information in the petitions presented by citizens.

Council Member Pasquini commented that these questions should be addressed when the item is formally presented to the Council.

Ms. Jane Sharp, speaking as a resident, said recent evacuation plan tests conducted by CP&L had minimal participation and was insufficient.

#### Minutes

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 5, 1986 AS CIRCULATED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

Council Member Preston asked that her statement of appreciation to Mr. Greg Feller for his work on the annexation agenda item be included in the May 12, 1986 minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF MAY 12, 1986 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

#### Winding Ridge

COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 86-5-27/R-1B.

Council Member Smith commented that additional information on the precise orientation and location of the site would have been helpful. He also asked if the developer had considered the Planning Boards concern over the steepness of the site.

Council Member Andresen reiterated her concern about the storm water run off potential and the amount of cut and fill for the roads within the site.

Council Member Pasquini spoke against the motion saying he felt it would be better to vote on the subdivision when the full Council was in attendance. He also expressed concern about the steepness of slopes, amount of fill, and the general site plan.

Council Member Andresen commented that if the terrain of the site and the type of development being proposed for the site was a concern of the Council then the Council should work towards changing the ordinance to address this problem.

THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS, (4-2), WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS PASQUINI AND SMITH VOTING AGAINST.

#### Secondary Height Limits

Len Van Ness, representing the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, urged the Council to adopt Resolution B, to deny the proposals for a change in the height limit, and if the Council wished to review new proposals they could also adopt Resolution A calling for the public hearing.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 86-5-27/R-3A.

Council Member Werner asked if any and all alternatives would be available to be discussed at the public hearing if this resolution passed. Manager Taylor replied that the public hearing would be advertised so as to allow for all alternatives to be discussed.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

The resolution, as adopted, reads as follows:

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING (86-5-27/R-3a)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for June 16, 1986 to consider amending Chapter 5 of the Chapel Hill Development Ordinance, to change regulations dealing with building heights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests that the Chapel Hill Planning Board consider proposed changes at its June 3 meeting, and make recommendations to the Council on June 16.

This the 27th day of May, 1986.

#### Regional Transportation Study Update

Jim Jarvis, representing the Research Triangle Regional Transportation Study Team, gave a presentation on the status of the report on public transportation for the Triangle area. He pointed out that the statistics show that current transportation corridors were already at capacity. The addition of I-40 would help the traffic situation from Chapel Hill to the Research Triangle but estimates indicate that by the year 2000, the I-40 corridor from Chapel Hill would reach capacity. He said one of the primary purposes of the study was to promote full and open discussions of the transportation options, what was needed and how best to accomplish it.

Council Member Werner questioned whether the group was taking into consideration through traffic on I-40. He said it appeared that the expected reduction in traffic on N.C. 54 was the same as the expected increase in traffic on I-40. Mr. Jarvis replied he would ask that the data be double checked.

Council Member Smith asked what, if any, coordination was being done between this group and the Triangle J Council of Governments' Regional Transportation Committee. Mr. Jarvis replied that he was not sure what was being done. Mr. David Bonk, the Town's Transportation Planner, stated that many of individuals on the Triangle J Committee were involved in the steering committee for this study and that information was being shared amongst all the interested groups.

#### Contingency Plan for Transportation Department

Ron Secrist, Assistant Town Manager for Community and Human Services, gave a report on the study of the Town's Transportation System in light of expected federal budget cuts. He said R. L. Banks & Associates had been hired to do the study. The consultants had analyzed the Town's Transportation system using scenarios. Mr. Secrist said the worst case scenario showed the Town losing \$595,000 in federal funds. The best case scenario would be if no cuts were made and the practical, expected scenario indicated a potential of \$100,000 - \$300,000 loss. Mr. Secrist said the consultants felt reasonably sure the previously authorized but, unspent funds within the urbanized area would be made available to help cities deal with cuts in the federal programs.

Mr. Secrist commented that the study showed that if Chapel Hill were to increase its bus fares 20-50% it could earn \$62,000 - \$128,000 in additional revenues to the transit system while having only a 10% reduction in ridership. He said the consultant particularly recommended increasing bus fares during peak hours to help reduce the amount of ridership loss. The consultant also analyzed the possibility of reducing bus service with regard to cost and productivity. They suggested six possibilities, four involving reducing and/or eliminating weekend service, and two involving the elimination of the least productive routes. Mr. Secrist said these suggested changes could save the Town \$29,000 to \$315,000. He said the consultants generally recommended eliminating whole bus routes versus parts of routes. The consultants said service reductions could save the Town \$150,000 while maintaining ridership losses at only 3%. In reviewing the Town's transit policies the consultants felt the Town should review its coverage policy and its cost allocation formula if federal funds were reduced.

Mr. Secrist reported that the consultants had reviewed the productivity of the Town's transportation system against comparable systems and found that in ridership it ranked 6th out of 28. In number of staff and efficiency of vehicles the Town ranked in the upper half for the former and the bottom half for the latter. Mr. Secrist said the lower rating was primarily due to the nature of our system being geared toward the University schedule (full service vs. reduced service) and when the vehicle usage is averaged over the year it lowers Chapel Hills rating. With regard to bus routes, Mr. Secrist stated that the campus routes had the highest productivity, while the A and T routes had the lowest.

Mr. Secrist concluded by stating the report had long term benefits in that the consultants had developed a computerized spread sheet model that the Town would be able to use in planning for future changes to the Transportation system.

Council Member Werner asked if the consultants had done any projections of future ridership because of growth in the area and if they had included the impact, if any, of park/ride lots in their analysis. Mr. Secrist replied that the consultants' computer model included provisions for ridership projections. He said R. L. Banks and Associates had not used park/ride lot data in their analysis.

Mayor Pro-tem Thorpe commented that it would have been nice for the Council to have spoken with the consultants prior to receiving the report.

Council Member Preston thanked Mr. Secrist for his report.

#### Cable Television Franchise - Alarm Monitoring Service

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PASQUINI TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 86-5-27/O-3. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

The ordinance requires a second reading on June 9.

#### Cablecasting

Greg Feller, Assistant to the Manager, gave a brief presentation on the different alternatives suggested in the staff memorandum.

Council Member Werner stated that he was not pleased with the Manager's recommendation to defer until a new meeting facility was built, saying he would like to see the Council have cablecasting as soon as possible. He said that if the bond referendum were passed and a new meeting room planned, it would be at least three years before it would be ready for occupancy.

Council Member Andresen also expressed concern about waiting until a new meeting room were available before beginning cablecasting.

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 86-5-27/R-4C.

Council Member Pasquini asked for clarification of the alternative to jointly own the cablecasting equipment. Mr. Taylor replied that if the Council chose this option it would entail holding Council meetings at the Lincoln Center and moving the third Monday night meeting to another night.

Council Member Smith spoke in support of waiting until the bond issue for a new meeting room was decided.

Mayor Pro-tem Thorpe spoke in favor of the motion stating he felt the Town should go ahead and begin cablecasting the Council meetings.

THE MOTION FAILED TO PASS, (4-2) WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESTON AND SMITH VOTING AGAINST.

Consent Agenda

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 86-5-27/R-4.1. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

The resolutions and ordinances, as adopted, read as follows:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING VARIOUS ORDINANCES AND A RESOLUTION (86-5-27/R-4.1)

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council hereby adopts the ordinances and resolution submitted by the Manager in regard to the following:

- a. UNC orientation traffic (O-4)
- b. Bids for Forklift (R-5)
- c. Budget Ordinance (O-5)

This the 27th day of May, 1986.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY ONE-WAY STREETS (86-5-27/O-4)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that on the 16th day of August, 1986, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.:

Raleigh Street shall be limited to one-way traffic, flowing north from South Road to Franklin Street; and

Cameron Avenue/Country Club Road shall be limited to one-way traffic, flowing east from Columbia Street to Gimghoul Road.

This the 27th day of May, 1986.

A RESOLUTION REJECTING BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) PNEUMATIC TIRED FORKLIFT (86-5-27/R-5)

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill solicited formal bids by legal notice in The Chapel Hill Newspaper on March 16, 1986 in accordance with G.S. 143-129 for a Pneumatic Tired Forklift; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill re-solicited formal bids by Legal Notice in The Chapel Hill Newspaper on April 20, 1986 in accordance with G.S. 143-129 for a Pneumatic Tired Forklift; and

WHEREAS, the following bids were received, opened and publicly read on the dates specified therein below:

March 27, 1986

<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
One (1) Pneumatic Tired Forklift	North Carolina Equipment Co.	\$16,323.00

May 6, 1986

<u>Item</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Price</u>
One (1) Pneumatic Tired Forklift	Dillon Supply Company	\$22,015.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Town rejects the March 27, 1986 bid in the amount of \$16,323.00 by North Carolina Equipment Company; received in response to the Town's advertisement for bids published March 16, 1986 and opened March 27, 1986 in accordance with G.S. 143-129.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town rejects the April 25, 1986 bid, in the amount of \$22,015.00 by Dillon Supply Company; received in response to the Town's re-advertisement for bid published April 20, 1986, and opened May 6, 1986 in accordance with G.S. 143-129.

This the 27th day of May, 1986.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND "THE ORDINANCE CONCERNING APPROPRIATIONS AND THE RAISING OF REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1985 (86-5-27/O-5)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Budget Ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Appropriations and the Raising of Revenue for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1985" as duly adopted on June 10, 1985, be and the same is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE I

APPROPRIATIONS	<u>CURRENT BUDGET</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	<u>REVISED BUDGET</u>
GENERAL FUND				
Public Works				
Equipment				
Services	575,104		15,000	560,104
Construction	115,347	15,000		130,347

This the 27th day of May, 1986

Executive Session

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).


The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO CALL THE MEETING BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (6-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Mayor James C. Wallace

  
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Town Clerk