

A special meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on March 7, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room, the regular place of meeting.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Jim Porto
Aldermen	Joyce Garrett
	Doug Anderson
	Zona Norwood
	Hilliard Caldwell
	John Boone (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)
	Jim White (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)
Interim Town Manager	Don Casper
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

Absent:

Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
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LANDFILL PURCHASE

On September 27, 1983 the Carrboro Board of Aldermen authorized the administrator of the Orange County Regional Landfill to make an offer of \$3,600 per acre for property known as the "Green" tract to be used as a future landfill site.

The administration recommended adoption of a resolution authorizing the sum of \$608,400 to be used to purchase this property.

This matter was referred to this meeting in order for the Board of Aldermen to have an opportunity to receive information concerning the operation of the existing landfill, test results, special studies or other information concerning the suitability of the new site as a landfill and its impact on surrounding properties.

Sonna Loewenthal, Assistant Town Manager of the Town of Chapel Hill, gave an historical review of how the present landfill was put into operation and the alternatives to using a landfill for the disposal of refuse. Ms. Loewenthal explained how the Landfill Task Force had arrived at the selection of the "Green" tract for the future landfill. Ms. Loewenthal stated that the "Green" tract was selected for the following reasons: (1) the tract is relatively regular in shape which would minimize the amount of land needed for buffers and the length of dikes that would be needed around the disposal site; (2) it is bounded on one side by Southern Railroad, by vacant land on some sides and by low-density houses in a number of other areas; (3) the topography is favorable in that the land is high and dry with no major streams; and, (4) the subsurface investigation indicates that the ground water table and the rock are low enough below the surface to make a very suitable site for a landfill.

Harold Harris, Public Works Director for the Town of Chapel Hill, stated that the Health Department had informed him that there was not a rat problem around the present landfill. Mr. Harris also stated that there was no evidence that wells have been contaminated by the present landfill although there have been complaints of well contamination.

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed landfill site: James Belk, Emil Malizia, Barbara McPherson, Mr. Miller, Clarence Malon, Louise Harring, Acie Gadson, Carol Crumbly, Larry Reed, Blair Pollock, William Hogan, Daniel Duncan, Bill Wood.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Zona Norwood and duly seconded by Alderman Jim White.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Orange Regional Landfill is owned by the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and the County of Orange; and

WHEREAS, a Landfill Task Force was appointed to include a representative of each governing body, and was charged with considering the

future of the Orange Regional Landfill and of solid waste disposal in general; and

WHEREAS, the Landfill Task Force issued a report detailing the advantages of various methods of solid waste disposal and concluded that a sanitary landfill would be the most cost-effective and appropriate in Orange County at this time; and

WHEREAS, the present Orange Regional Landfill is expected to be filled to capacity in 10 to 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has explored various options for acquiring additional land for use as a landfill, and has identified a certain tract as being particularly suited for use as an Orange Regional Landfill; and

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of the three owners of the Orange Regional Landfill have authorized negotiation with the owners of a 169 + - acre Green tract, located between Homestead Road and Eubanks Road, and the owners have agreed to terms;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. Subject to Section 2, the Board of Aldermen authorizes the purchase of that 169 + - tract known as Chapel Hill Township Tax Map 24, Lot 17A for a sum of \$3,600/acre, for a total of \$608,400, from the Orange Regional Landfill fund, and directs the Town of Chapel Hill, as administrator of the Landfill, to take the necessary steps to effect this purchase as soon as possible.

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen authorizes this purchase contingent upon the following:

(1) That the property to be acquired pursuant to this resolution not be used as a landfill until the present landfill site is exhausted.

(2) That the Town of Chapel Hill, as operator of the present landfill, investigate and take whatever actions are necessary to ensure that the present landfill does not create a nuisance to the surrounding neighborhood as a result of noise, smoke, odor, pollution, or the presence of vermin or scavengers.

(3) That an environmental impact study be undertaken to determine the effect of using the property to be acquired as a landfill site.


The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 7th day of March, 1984:

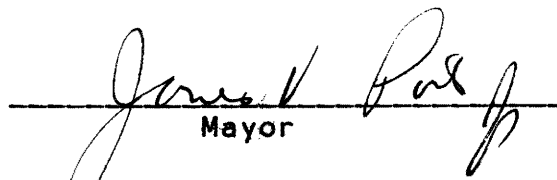
Ayes: Norwood, White, Boone, Mayor Porto

Noes: Caldwell, Anderson, Garrett

Absent or Excused: None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Town Clerk


Mayor