

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 10, 1987 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	James V. Porto, Jr.
Aldermen	Randy Marshall
	Tom Gurganus
	Hilliard Caldwell
	John Boone
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

Absent:

Aldermen	Judith Wegner
	Zona Norwood

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY JOHN BOONE THAT THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 1987 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REQUEST FROM CITIZEN

Kathy Newell, a resident of 119 Pine Street, requested that the Board consider adopting an ordinance making residents responsible for plants growing on their property, particularly to keep plants such as bamboo under control.

The Board requested that the Town Attorney review Ms. Newell's letter.

REQUESTS TO SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

(1) Land Use Ordinance Map Amendment/Kale Property

The town has received a request to rezone approximately 2.49 acres composed of five lots shown on Tax Map 97, Block A, Lots 1, 1A, 18, 19 and 20 from R-10 to R-7.5. This property is located on the northeast side of North Greensboro Street between Estes Drive and Williams Street.

The administration recommended that a public hearing be set for April 7, 1987.

(2) Charter Revisions

The Board of Aldermen at its worksession held on March 3, 1987 reviewed a comprehensive rewrite of the town's Charter. The Board requested that this matter be placed on tonight's consent agenda to set a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the proposed revisions.

The administration recommended that a public hearing be set for March 24, 1987.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN BOONE AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE REQUESTED PUBLIC HEARINGS BE SET. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REQUEST FOR NO PARKING ON SHELTON STREET AND WEST POPLAR

AVENUE

The Board of Aldermen at its worksession held on March 3, 1987 reviewed a request from the administration to prohibit parking on the north side of Shelton Street between Elm Street and North Greensboro Street and on both sides of West Poplar Avenue from N.C. 54 to West Main Street. The Board requested that this matter be placed on tonight's consent agenda for adoption of the necessary ordinance amendments.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY JOHN BOONE THAT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHELTON STREET BETWEEN ELM STREET AND NORTH GREENSBORO STREET AND ON BOTH SIDES OF WEST POPLAR AVENUE FROM N.C. 54 TO WEST MAIN STREET", BE ADOPTED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC HEARING/CLOSE OUT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

James Harris, the town's Community Development Coordinator, stated that the town has spent 100% of the Cleora Sterling and Rogers Triem Economic Development grants. The N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has instructed the town to begin the close out process on both grants. Mr. Harris stated that this was a public to receive citizen comments on the aforementioned projects.

Mr. Harris requested that the Board of Aldermen authorize the administration to execute the Certificate of Completion for these projects upon authorization by the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN BOONE AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AS NO ONE WISHED TO SPEAK. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN BOONE AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS COMPENSATION

Don Casper, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director, stated that the 1986 General Assembly mandated two specific additions for local compensation to law enforcement officers. Beginning July 1, 1987, the town must contribute an amount equal to 2% of total law enforcement salaries to a supplementary retirement plan. On July 1, 1988, and thereafter, the contribution will be 5%. In addition, the town must pay a separation allowance to qualified officers who choose to retire between the ages of 55 and 62. The annual payment is calculated by the following formula: length of service x salary x 0.85%. The North Carolina League of Municipalities has requested that the Board of Aldermen express any concerns they may have on these two mandates to local representatives to the General Assembly.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Hilliard Caldwell and duly seconded by Alderman Tom Gurganus.

A RESOLUTION REGARDING LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER RETIREMENT COMPENSATION MANDATES
Resolution No. 24/86-87

WHEREAS, the 1986 General Assembly enacted legislation mandating local governments to pay for increased retirement benefits for local law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, these mandates erode the local authority to determine pay and benefits for local government employees and strain a long-standing partnership between the state and local government in this policy area; and

WHEREAS, these mandates are inequitable to other local government employees; and

WHEREAS, these mandates place additional significant financial burdens on local budgets; and

WHEREAS, these mandates place a significant burden for local administration of the special separation allowance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen requests the General Assembly to reconsider the Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Compensation mandates adopted in 1986, if not to repeal, to shift the financial burden and administration from local government to state government.

Section 2. This resolution shall be sent to the town's State Representatives and Senators.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 10th day of March, 1987:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Jim Porto, John Boone

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Zona Norwood, Judith Wegner

CONSIDERATION OF LOCATING AN ARMORY IN CARRBORO

Lt. Colonel F. Douglas Phelps, Chairman of a committee to recommend a site for an armory facility for the 449th Aviation Group of the North Carolina National Guard, appeared before the Board. Lt. Colonel Phelps stated that construction of a National Guard Armory is a five-year process that requires a cooperative effort on the part of city, state and federal government. Lt. Colonel Phelps stated that no aircraft are assigned to the 449th, therefore the armory facility would not need to be adjacent to an airfield although a heliport on the armory property is likely. The minimum initial full-time work force would be two officers and three enlisted men with an estimated payroll of \$156,153. Eventually, the full-time work force would increase to 15 employees with an annual payroll of \$435,159. This facility would require approximately 25,060 square feet and would cost approximately \$1,152,760 based on today's dollars. Lt. Colonel Phelps stated that the facility would require at least 10 acres of land that fronts an existing hard surface road and have utilities available. The local government is responsible for funding 12 1/2% of the cost of architect/engineering fees and actual construction costs, along with 100% of site preparation costs. Lt. Colonel Phelps stated that the main facility would be available for community use any week day and that basketball goals could be installed at the town's expense.

Lt. Colonel Phelps stated that if Carrboro is not selected as the site of the 449th facility, it could be placed on a priority list for future units.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY TOM GURGANUS THAT THE BOARD WISHES TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN LOCATING A NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN CARRBORO AND THAT CHAPEL HILL AND ORANGE COUNTY BE REQUESTED TO SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND IF CARRBORO IS NOT SELECTED AS THE SITE FOR THE 449TH UNIT, THAT THE TOWN BE CONSIDERED AS THE SITE OF A FUTURE

ARMORY FACILITY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SET FOR MARCH 17, 1987 TO RECEIVE CITIZEN COMMENTS ON A PROPOSAL TO LOCATE AN ARMORY FACILITY IN CARRBORO. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Sarah C. Williamson
Town Clerk

J. V. Potts
Mayor