

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 2, 1990 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Eleanor Kinnaird
Aldermen	Randy Marshall
	Tom Gurganus
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Frances Shetley
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Jay Bryan
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY TOM GURGANUS THAT THE AMENDED MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 1990 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN THAT THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 1990 BE APPROVED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

CHARGE ISSUED TO NEW BOARD APPOINTEE

The Town Clerk issued a "charge" to Evie Odom, a recent appointee to an out-of-town seat on the Parks & Recreation Commission.

REQUEST FROM CITIZEN/RIGHT TURNS ONLY AT INTERSECTION OF SHELTON AND HILLSBOROUGH ROAD

James Stanford questioned why the right turn only sign had been erected at the intersection of Shelton Street and Hillsborough Road.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that the town staff prepare a report on this matter and that Mr. Stanford be sent a copy of this report.

PUBLIC HEARING SET/ANIMAL CONTROL FOR THE TOWN OF CARRBORO

The administration recommended that a public hearing be set for October 16, 1990 to receive public input on a proposal to turn over animal control responsibilities for the town to Orange County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SET FOR OCTOBER 16, 1990. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PUBLIC HEARING/TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING REQUEST/CARRBORO BAPTIST CHURCH

Carrboro Baptist Church requested the temporary closing of North Greensboro Street, from the Main Street intersection to the Weaver Street intersection, to vehicular traffic from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14, 1990 to accommodate the Church's Homecoming activities.

The administration recommended approval of the request with the following conditions:

- 1. That the applicant be responsible for notifying Central Communication (911) when the street is closed and when re-opened.
- 2. The town will provide barricades and a refuse dumpster.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AS NO ONE WISHED TO SPEAK. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Randy Marshall and seconded by Alderman Jay Bryan.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY CLOSING
OF PART OF NORTH GREENSBORO STREET
TO ACCOMMODATE THE CARRBORO BAPTIST CHURCH HOMECOMING
Resolution No. 14/90-91

THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO RESOLVES:

Section 1. The following street shall be temporarily closed on Sunday, October 14, 1990 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to accommodate the Carrboro Baptist Church Homecoming. This event is to be held in accordance with the permit issued by the Board of Aldermen pursuant to Article III of Chapter 7 of the Town Code:

North Greensboro Street from the Main Street intersection to the Weaver Street intersection.

Section 2. The town administration shall install appropriate traffic control devices to give notice of the temporary traffic controls.

Section 3. No person may operate any vehicle contrary to the traffic control devices installed in accordance with Section 2 of this resolution.

Section 4. Carrboro Baptist Church will be responsible for notifying Central Communications when the street(s) are closed and when re-opened to vehicular traffic.

Section 5. 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 2nd day of October, 1990:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Frances Shetley, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMUNITY CENTER

Richard Kinney, Recreation Director, stated that in 1978 the Board of Aldermen adopted a Community Facilities Report which noted the need for town owned facility space to accommodate gym activities and general recreation programs. Much discussion has followed over the ensuing years. In 1988, the Board of Aldermen appropriated funds for a facility needs study that concluded that there is a definite need for a community center. The Board and Parks & Recreation Commission have held numerous discussions regarding this consideration and last year the Board of Aldermen held a public hearing to assess community sentiment regarding this item. Following this public hearing, the Board of Aldermen asked that the Parks & Recreation Commission reconsider the center issue and bring back a recommendation on a down-scaled version that would result in a six cent tax increase. The Commission did so and brought a

recommendation to the Board that would require a six and one-half cent tax increase. Mr. Kinney stated that the recommended facility includes a gymnasium, racquet courts, two large activity rooms, a multi-purpose room with a warming kitchen, office areas, bathrooms, and a lobby and other associated support space. The Board considered the recommendation on August 28, 1990 and concluded that another public hearing be held tonight to receive further information on the subject in general and the proposed facility.

Doris Murrell, Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission, stated that the Commission recommended that the Board of Aldermen put the question of whether to have a community center before the people for a vote through a bond referendum.

Wallace Womble, a resident of 101 Simpson Street, requested that the Board only allow Carrboro residents and taxpayers to speak at tonight's public hearing. Mr. Womble stated that approximately 15% of Carrboro's population is on fixed incomes and these people cannot afford to pay for a community center. Mr. Womble stated that Carrboro cannot afford a community center. Mr. Womble asked a showing of hands in the audience from those people opposed to a community center. Many hands were raised.

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY FRANCES SHETLEY THAT ONLY CARRBORO CITIZENS BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK AT TONIGHT'S PUBLIC HEARING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE THREE, NEGATIVE FOUR (MARSHALL, GIST, BRYAN, KINNAIRD)

Mayor Kinnaird stated that she had received a phone call from Wilbert Jones, representing the Alabama Avenue neighborhood, speaking against building a community center because the residents of Alabama Avenue cannot afford the additional taxes.

Grif Graves, a resident of 218 Old Forest Creek Drive and a Carrboro property owner, spoke in favor of a community center. Mr. Graves stated that he had been a coach with the town's Recreation Department for many years and feels the youth of the community is its most important asset and has seen the positive impact recreation programs have had on youth. Mr. Graves stated that there is a dying need for a recreation facility in Carrboro.

Ken Horne, a resident of 103 Cobblestone Drive, stated that he was opposed to a tax increase to build a community center. Mr. Horne spoke against a bond referendum on this matter.

Ben Grantham, a resident of Lindsay Street, stated that the town needs to pay for the essentials first, then consider building a community center. Mr. Grantham spoke against a bond referendum as it would place a burden on the permanent residents of the town.

Alice Tropman, a resident of Chateau Apartments and a Carrboro business owner, spoke in favor of a community center and urged that the center be open to all citizens.

Matt Thompson, a resident of 103 Lilac Drive, urged citizens to cast a vote if this matter is put to a vote; feels racquetball is an age specific sport; and would like to see the 3,200 square feet set aside for the racquetball courts devoted to the older population group.

Richard Ellington, a resident of 109 Bruton Drive, stated that he felt the down-scaled version of the community center is grossly inadequate and would prefer to have Hillsborough Road in front of his house improved rather than spend the money on a community center. Mr. Ellington stated that this matter should be put to a vote of the people.

Ann DeMaine, a resident of Chapel Hill, stated that she and her husband are folk dancers and spoke in favor of a community center with a range of uses to include an area for dancing.

Buz Lloyd, a Carrboro business owner and property owner, stated that real estate would be a good investment for the town and that the town should at least purchase the land for a community center at this time. Mr. Lloyd spoke in favor of a bond referendum, and stated that he did not feel the two activity rooms are adequate and would like to see that area increased to 4,000 square feet with a wooden floor to accommodate dancing.

Marti Mandell, a resident of Pine Street, questioned where the school system's recreation programs end and where the town's recreation programs take up. Ms. Mandell suggested that the town develop small neighborhood facilities rather than one large facility and questioned whether one basketball facility is adequate. Ms. Mandell spoke in favor of providing a senior center and library in the community center.

Bob Proctor, a resident of Fidelity Street, spoke in favor of a community center with a dance facility. Mr. Proctor stated that a multi-purpose facility is an excellent idea. Mr. Proctor stated that Carrboro is full of active adults and there is a real need for a community center, but that the racquetball courts could be dropped.

Devan Clark, a resident of 105 Kay Street, spoke against racquetball courts and stated that he did not feel the town can afford a community center.

Charles Riggsbee stated that he feels homeowners subsidize people living in apartments and stated that he felt the Board should decide whether to put the issue of whether the town should have a community center to a vote of the people.

Nate Davis, a Carrboro resident and a coach with the town's recreation department, stated that he does not feel the town will be able to use the school system facilities for much longer, and that some of the school facilities are very dangerous for the children because of inadequate space between the playing courts and walls/steps, etc. Mr. Davis stated that there is a great need for a community center in Carrboro and stated that if a facility is not provided the town's youth will be on the streets.

Martin LeFeure, a resident of North Greensboro Street, spoke against a community center and stated that racquetball is on the way out.

Bill Aderholt, a resident of 1305 Hillsborough Road, stated that the town's Capital Improvements Task Force had recommended that a bond referendum not be held to fund a community center. Mr. Aderholt stated that the Task Force had recommended that funds be set aside to build it.

Calvin Mellott, a Carrboro businessman, suggested putting funds aside to build a community center and also ask for donations. Mr. Mellott stated that he would be willing to donate site work. Mr. Mellott urged the Board to hold the line on tax increases.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED AS NO ONE ELSE WISHED TO SPEAK.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mr. Morgan informed the Board that if it wished to proceed with a bond referendum, the town would first need to engage the services of a bond attorney.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST THAT THE TOWN PROCEED WITH A BOND REFERENDUM TO BE HELD FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE 1991-92 BUDGET AND THAT THE TOWN STAFF BRING BACK A TIMETABLE TO PROCEED WITH THE REFERENDUM. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, NEGATIVE TWO (BRYAN, GURGANUS)

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INSTALLMENT CONTRACT AS TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATION

The town will be entering into a lease-purchase contract with Southern National Leasing Corporation for the installment purchase of the following:

- a. One (1) mower for the Landscaping Division;
- b. One (1) backhoe
- c. Three (3) police cars; and
- d. Two (2) trucks for the Landscaping Division

The administration requested that the Board adopt a resolution designating the contract with Southern National Leasing Corp. as a tax-exempt obligation of the town.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Hilliard Caldwell and duly seconded by Alderman Randy Marshall.

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT
AS A TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATION OF THE TOWN
Resolution No. 12/90-91

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro, through its duly elected Mayor, with the consent and approval of the Board of Aldermen, has entered into a contract with Southern National Leasing Corporation for the purchase of the following:

1. One (1) mower;
2. One (1) backhoe;
3. Three (3) police cars; and
4. Two (2) trucks;

and

WHEREAS, the said contract, bearing the date October 3, 1990, qualifies as a tax-exempt obligation of the town, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

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

Section 1. The aforesaid contract, bearing the date October 3, 1990, by and between the Town of Carrboro and Southern National Leasing Corporation, together with the amounts to be paid thereunder, be and the same are hereby designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation of the town for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Section 2. 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 2nd day of October, 1990:

Ayes: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Frances Shetley, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

SPEEDING ON SIMPSON STREET

Alderman Shetley requested that the Police Dept. patrol Simpson Street to slow down traffic and prevent through traffic by trucks.

CHAPEL HILL SMALL AREA PLANNING GROUP

Alderman Shetley requested that Mayor Kinnaird speak with Mayor Howes to ascertain whether Carrboro could have representation on the Chapel Hill Small Area Planning Group.

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION FROM N.C. DOT ON TOWN'S REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF NOISE BARRIERS ALONG NC 54

It was the consensus of the Board to request a formal response from the N.C. Department of Transportation on the town's request for noise barriers along NC 54.

SALE OF WEBBWOOD PARKLAND

Mayor Kinnaird stated that she had received a phone call from a resident of Webbwood expressing concern about a private property owner purchasing a portion of the parkland in Webbwood.

Richard Kinney stated that he had been contacted by a resident of Fair Oaks some months ago concerning the possibility of the town selling him a portion of this parkland. Mr. Kinney stated that he had informed the resident of Fair Oaks to place his interest in writing if he wished to pursue the purchase of this property. Mr. Kinney stated that he had not received any response back.

It was the consensus of the Board not to do anything regarding this matter until the town is formally approached about this matter.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY TOM GURGANUS THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Sarah C. Williamson
Town Clerk

Aileen J. Kinnaird
Mayor