

The regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 23, 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
Deputy Town Clerk	James Spivey
Town Attorney	Michael Brough

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 16, 1990 BE APPROVED WITH CORRECTIONS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

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**INQUIRY REGARDING ALERT CABLE ACCESS CHANNEL**

Preston Barnes, a resident of 262 Old Pineview Road, requested direction as to how to acquire access to an Alert Cable channel.

Mr. Barnes was instructed to contact the Town Clerk's office to receive a copy of the franchise ordinance which specifies the procedure to acquire access to an Alert Cable channel. Mr. Barnes was also encouraged to come back to the Board if further assistance is needed.

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**AWARDS PRESENTED TO THE CARRBORO PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Doris Murrell, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, read two "High Honorable Mention" awards which had been presented to the Town of Carrboro Parks and Recreation Department. The awards were presented specifically to the Department's programs, "Extra Effort Baseball" and "Cub Reporters' Summer Enrichment Camp". The awards were given by the Sourceletter Creative Program for 1989.

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**REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC HEARING/LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT/BANKS WITH DRIVE-IN WINDOWS IN B-1(C)**

At the request of the applicant, this item was removed from the agenda.

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**JOINT PLANNING AREA LAND USE PLAN AND JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS - RURAL CHARACTER STUDY COMMITTEE'S "CONCEPTUAL GUIDELINES FOR THE RURAL BUFFER"**

At the Aldermen's October 09, 1990 meeting, it was requested that representatives from the Rural Character Study Committee be invited to come before the Board of Aldermen to discuss the Aldermen's questions concerning the conceptual guidelines for the rural buffer.

Clint Burlin, Chairman of the Rural Character Study Committee; Bob Strayhorn, David Stancil, and Livy Ludington were present to respond to questions from the Board of Aldermen.

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

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CONCEPTUAL GUIDELINES FOR THE RURAL BUFFER, AND ADOPTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE JOINT PLANNING AREA LAND USE PLAN AND JOINT PLANNING AGREEMENT**

Resolution No. 16/90-91

WHEREAS; on November 2, 1987 the Town of Carrboro, the Town of Chapel Hill, and the County of Orange entered into a Joint Planning Agreement to establish a method of coordinated and comprehensive planning in the Orange County-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Joint Planning Area, of which the Rural Buffer is a part.

WHEREAS; the Rural Character Study Committee (RCSC), a group of 16 County and Town citizens, was charged in 1987 with developing a strategy for the preservation of Orange County's "Rural Character", with a primary focus on a program for the Rural Buffer Portion of the County.

WHEREAS; the Committee's goals in pursuing this strategy are the preservation of agriculture, the management of growth, and the protection of natural and visual resources through environmentally-sensitive site design.

WHEREAS; on August 30, 1990, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Orange County Board of Commissioners held a joint public hearing to consider development strategies for the Rural Buffer as proposed by the Rural Character Study Committee in the document entitled Conceptual Guidelines for the Rural Buffer.

WHEREAS; as per the Joint Planning Agreement, the implementation of the Rural Character Study Committee's proposed strategies requires text changes to the Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan and the Joint Planning Agreement which must be approved by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, the Chapel Hill Town Council, and the Orange County Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS; as a result of comments received at the August 30, 1990 joint public hearing, the Rural Character Study Committee and the planning staffs of the Town of Carrboro, Town of Chapel Hill, and Orange County have developed proposed changes to the original Conceptual Guidelines for the Rural Buffer document and the original amendments to the Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan and Joint Planning Agreement for consideration by the elected officials of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Orange County.

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

Section 1. The Board believes that the policy statements outlined by the RCSC in the Conceptual Guidelines for the Rural Buffer are sound, and if implemented, would promote the fundamental objectives of the Joint Planning Agreement and Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan.

Section 2. The Board endorses the development options for the Rural Buffer in the Conceptual Guidelines for the Rural Buffer with the changes as proposed by the Rural Character Study Committee.

Section 3. The Board adopts the amendments to the Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan as proposed in the version dated October 16, 1990.

Section 4. The Board adopts the amendments to the Joint Planning Agreement as proposed in the version dated October 16, 1990.

Section 5. The Board authorizes submittal of this resolution to the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Section 6. 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 23rd day of October, 1990:

AYES: Randy Marshall, Tom Gurganus, Hilliard Caldwell, Eleanor Kinnaird, Jacquelyn Gist, Jay Bryan

NOES: Frances Shetley

ABSENT/EXCUSED: None

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT JAY BRYAN BE APPOINTED AS ALDERMAN LIAISON ON THE COMMITTEE TO PREPARE THE RURAL BUFFER ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

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APPOINTMENT TO CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE

MOTION WAS MADE BY TOM GURGANUS AND SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT CHARLES HELD BE APPOINTED TO THE CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

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NEW CHARGE FOR TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD ON DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION

The Board of Aldermen at its 1990 Planning Retreat scheduled this item for discussion. The purpose of this item was to develop a specific charge for the TAB to have in addressing downtown circulation issues.

MOTION WAS MADE BY FRANCES SHETLEY AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN THAT THE DOWNTOWN PARKING COMMITTEE INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE LOCATIONS OF PERMANENT PARKING LOTS. ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD INVESTIGATE THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE SIGNALIZATION PROPOSAL AND ITS IMPACT ON DOWNTOWN CIRCULATION.
2. THE IMPACT OF THE WIDENING OF NC 54 ON TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.
3. THE IMPACT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO MAIN, HILLSBOROUGH AND NORTH GREENSBORO STREETS ON TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THE BOARD ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD WORK ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. DEVELOP A LIST OF ALL INTERSECTIONS AND HOW TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY CAN BE IMPROVED BY ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
  - A. ARE MORE TURN SIGNALS NEEDED?
  - B. ARE PRESENT TURN SIGNALS OPERATING CORRECTLY AND ARE MORE NEEDED?
  - C. ARE MAGNETIC TRIP DEVICES NEEDED?
  - D. ARE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS TIMED CORRECTLY AND ARE MORE NEEDED?
  - E. ARE MORE TURN LANES NEEDED AT INTERSECTIONS?
  - F. WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE PTA THRIFT SHOP?
2. LIST THE MAJOR BUSINESS AREAS AND ACCESS PROBLEMS TO THOSE BUSINESS AREAS.
3. DEVELOP A LIST OF SAFETY CONCERNS FOR PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE TRAFFIC.
4. DEVELOP A LIST OF SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE ACCESS.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

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UPDATE ON B-3 ZONING

Julia Trevarthen, Senior Planner, made the staff presentation. As directed by the Board of Aldermen staff had been working with the Planning Board and Appearance Commission to develop a set of development guidelines designed to make development in the B-3 (Neighborhood Business) and B-3-T (Transitional Area Business) zoning districts more compatible with surrounding land uses.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN TO DELAY TAKING ACTION ON DIRECTING THE TOWN STAFF TO PREPARE TEXT AMENDMENTS AFFECTING THE B-3 ZONING DISTRICT UNTIL THE TOWN STAFF'S REPORT ON THE PROPOSED OFFICE/INSTITUTIONAL ZONING DISTRICT USES IS MADE TO THE BOARD. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, NEGATIVE TWO (CALDWELL, GURGANUS).

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RELEASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jay Bryan and duly seconded by Alderman Tom Gurganus.

A RESOLUTION RELEASING \$984.68 IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS  
TO TRIANGLE J COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Resolution No. 15/90-91

WHEREAS, in North Carolina the Lead Regional Organizations, as voluntary organizations serving municipal and county governments, have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across the state; and

WHEREAS, many counties and cities continue to need assistance in pursuing economic and community development opportunities, but federal assistance in the form of intergovernmental revenues has been severely curtailed in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 General Assembly has recognized this need through the appropriation of \$960,300 to help the Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, support of local industrial development and other activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

WHEREAS, these funds are not intended to be used for payment of members' dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments; and

WHEREAS, in the event that a request is not made by a unit of government for release of these funds to our Regional Council, the available funds will revert to the State's General Fund; and

WHEREAS, in Region J funds in the amount of \$53,350 will be used to carry out the economic development plan approved by the COG Board of Delegates and especially to improve the economy of the counties and towns of the Region by strengthening ties to and consequently benefits of the Research Triangle Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Carrboro requests the release of its \$984.68 share of these funds to the Triangle J Council of Governments at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 1066, Senate Bill 1426, section 42 of the 1990 Session Laws.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 23rd 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

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ETHICS CODE FOR BOARD OF ALDERMEN

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ESTABLISH A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO CONSIST OF FRANCES SHETLEY, JACQUELYN GIST, AND JAY BRYAN TO REVIEW THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS AND/OR CODE OF ETHICS MATERIALS USED BY ORANGE COUNTY, CHAPEL HILL, AND LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE 5, NEGATIVE 2 (GURGANUS, CALDWELL).

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PTA THRIFT SHOP INTERSECTION

The Board requested that staff prepare a status report on the proposed installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Main Street and the PTA Thrift Shop.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

James E. Spivey  
Deputy Town Clerk

Walter J. Kinard  
Mayor