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A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 5, 1991 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor
Aldermen

Eleanor Kinnaird
Randy Marshall
Tom Gurganus
Hilliard Caldwell
Frances Shetley
Jacquelyn Gist
Jay Bryan
Robert W. Morgan
Michael B. Brough
James E. Spivey

Town Manager
Town Attorney
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Alderman Shetley cited two corrections which were: 1) the term "liability" was not used by her regarding the Carr Mill Bike Path, but the term "safety issues"; 2) information on the impact of the extension of Old Fayetteville Road on the watershed to be presented at the public hearing regarding the proposed extension was to be presented by a representative from OWASA.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND SECONDED BY FRANCES SHETLEY THAT THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 1991 BE APPROVED WITH CITED CORRECTIONS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Kinnaird read a proclamation declaring the month of March Volunteer Firefighters Month.

REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION - THE A TRAIN RESTAURANT

James Harris, Community & Economic Development Officer, stated that the Town was in receipt of an application from LED Corporation for a loan from the Carrboro Revolving Loan Fund. The requested funds would be used to renovate the Old Orient Express train cars and purchase kitchen equipment for a new business start-up. All criteria of the Revolving Loan Fund has been met by the applicant and the Downtown Development Commission recommend that the loan request be approved.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST THAT THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND APPLICATION FROM LED CORPORATION dba LEGENDS RESTAURANT BE APPROVED. SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

BUDGET AMENDMENT/DONATION FOR BATTING CAGE

Richard Kinney, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that funds totalling \$750 had been raised and donated to the Town during June 1990 to cover the construction cost of a batting cage. The funds were placed in the Town's general fund and are now part of the fund balance. The requested budget amendment would retrieve the funds to allow for the construction of the batting cage during this fiscal year.

Mr. Kinney further stated that youth coaches, players, and other individuals have offered their time and services to this project. At a later time, it will be requested that a resolution of appreciation be presented to individuals who assist in this project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND DULY SECONDED BY RANDY MARSHALL THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY'90-91 BUDGET ORDINANCE". VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

REPORT ON WATERSHED ACTIVITY

Roy Williford, Planning and Economic Development Director, presented a status report on the building activity which took place within the University Lake Watershed during the calendar year 1990.

The Board received the report.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIREES

Larry Gibson, Personnel Director, stated that on January 22, 1991 the administration presented a proposal to the Board which added health insurance benefit for retirees. The proposed amendment sets up a new class of employees eligible for health insurance benefits defined to include retired persons who have worked for the town at least ten years and who are eligible for retirement under any of the options available through the local government or law enforcement retirement system of North Carolina.

There was discussion regarding cost projection for coverage of retirees after the age of 65.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RANDY MARSHALL AND DULY SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CARRBORO TOWN CODE (PERSONNEL POLICIES) TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR LONG-TERM TOWN EMPLOYEES WHO RETIRE BEFORE THE AGE OF 65". VOTE: AYES 4 (Marshall, Caldwell, Kinnaird, Gist); NOES 3 (Gurganus, Shetley, Bryan); ABSENT/EXCUSED 0.

Michael Brough, Town Attorney, stated that this matter would have to come back before the Board because it is a first reading and the lack of a two-thirds majority vote.

The Board requested that the town staff present a report at a later date on the financial liability to the town if the town chooses to extend the insurance benefit beyond the age of 65.

PRIORITIES FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Robert Morgan, Town Manager, explained the proposed community needs assessments process to the Board.

MATTER BY THE MANAGER

Mr. Morgan informed the Board that the Town had received notification of a possible \$34,000 cut in state-shared revenues. He requested that the mayor write a letter to representatives in the legislature to lobby against this possible cut in state-shared revenues for the Town of Carrboro.

MATTERS BY THE BOARD MEMBERS

The open space in the Berryhill Development was discussed as a possible new location for Botanical Gardens located presently near Fair Oaks.

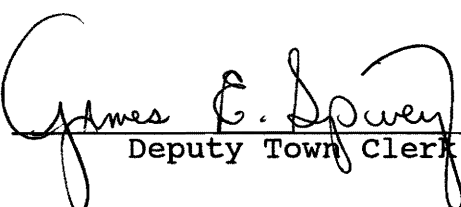
The status of the proposed Office/Institutional (O/I) Zoning District was discussed.

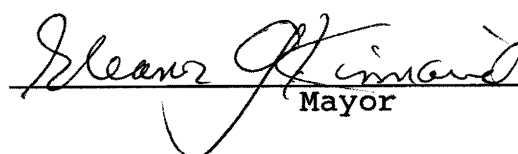
The traffic, street alignment, possible installation of a stop sign, and shrubby along Simpson Street was discussed. Staff was requested to investigate these matters.

It was the consensus of the Board to discontinue displaying the flag around the Town in honor of the troops in the Middle East because of the present status of the crisis. It was decided that the flag would be displayed only at the Town Hall to honor the troops.

Mr. Gurganus informed the Board of a public hearing regarding the landfill search process which is to be held on March 27, 1991 at 7:00 P.M. in the Courthouse in Hillsborough. Mr. Gurganus also asked to be placed on the agenda to make a report regarding the process. This request would be handled by the Agenda Planning Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Deputy Town Clerk


Mayor