

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, June 11, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Eleanor Kinnaird
Aldermen	Randy Marshall (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)
	Tom Gurganus
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Frances Shetley
	Jacquelyn Gist
	Jay Bryan
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Attorney	Michael Brough

Absent:

Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
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**REQUEST FROM CABLE T.V. COMMITTEE**

A.C. Bushnell, Chair of the Cable T.V. Committee requested the Board to adopt a resolution supporting Senate Bill 12. Mr. Bushnell stated that this resolution would allow franchising authorities, such as the Town of Carrboro, to regulate rates for basic cable t.v. service.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Frances Shetley and duly seconded by Alderman Tom Gurganus.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.S. SENATE BILL 12  
Resolution No. 49

WHEREAS, the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 that deregulated cable television was designed to promote competition and provide consumers with more choice and rates set by the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, to foster competition, this Act prohibited franchising authorities such as the Town of Carrboro from regulating rates; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, the competition that was intended by the act has not occurred, and neither the Town of Carrboro nor the overwhelming majority of other towns and cities in the United States have more than one cable company providing service to their citizens; and

WHEREAS, as a result, cable consumers are protected by neither competition nor regulation; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Senate Bill 12 (AN ACT ALLOWING FRANCHISING AUTHORITIES TO REGULATE RATES FOR BASIC CABLE SERVICE) would help to alleviate the problems faced by the citizens of the Town of Carrboro and other communities caused by the existence of unregulated monopolies.

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

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen supports legislation (Senate Bill 12) currently before the Senate which again grants regulatory powers to local franchising authorities.

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 11th day of June, 1991:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Randy Marshall

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**REQUEST FOR REALIGNMENT OF THE INTERSECTION OF JAMES AND MAIN STREETS**

Mr. Morgan stated that the town needs to send a letter to N.C. DOT requesting that the intersection of James Street at Main Street be redesigned as part of the N.C. Bypass improvements to widen this intersection to 36 feet.

It was the consensus of the Board to request that the administration bring back options for realigning this intersection to show graphically how this realignment will impact the area.

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[Alderman Marshall arrived at the meeting.]

The Board adjourned to a worksession on the 1991-92 budget.

Sarah C. Williamson  
Town Clerk

Glean J. Kinraud  
Mayor