

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, October 15, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

- Mayor Michael Nelson
- Aldermen Hank Anderson
- Jay Bryan
- Hilliard Caldwell
- Jacquelyn Gist
- Diana McDuffee
- Alex Zaffron
- Town Manager Robert W. Morgan
- Town Clerk Sarah C. Williamson
- Town Attorney Michael B. Brough

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 1996. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

PROCLAMATION ISSUED

Mayor Pro Tem Hank Anderson issued a proclamation proclaiming October 23rd as Sister Parish Day in the Town of Carrboro.

REQUEST FOR REVISIONS TO LAND USE ORDINANCE PROVISIONS/HOME DAY CARE USES

Marianne Nicholson and Christine Campbell appeared before the Board and requested that the Board consider amending its regulations concerning home day care uses. Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Campbell stated that Carrboro's law is inconsistent with the state regulations.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the town staff and Agenda Planning Committee to schedule a Board discussion.

LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENT/COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATER SUPPLY WATERSHED REGULATIONS

The administration requested that the Board of Aldermen consider adopting ordinances which establish a new overlay zone--Jordan Lake Watershed Protection (JLWP) District, and an amendment to the Official Zoning Map which places the overlay zone on properties. The amendments are intended to satisfy the request for revisions to Carrboro's watershed protection provisions by the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Division of Water Quality.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JAY BRYAN AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NEW OVERLAY DISTRICT APPLICABLE TO PROPERTIES WITHIN THE JORDAN LAKE WATERSHED, TO BRING THE ORDINANCE INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE WATERSHED REGULATIONS, AND TO AMEND THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

DISCUSSION OF REORGANIZATION OF THE LANDFILL OWNERS GROUP

On September 30, 1996, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met with the officials of Orange County, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough to discuss the reorganization of the Landfill Owners Group. Discussion of this matter was not concluded, therefore a second meeting of the Assembly of Governments will be scheduled.

The Board of Aldermen at its meeting on October 1, 1996 requested that the Board continue its discussion of this matter on October 15, 1996. The purpose of this item was for the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to reach consensus as to how they wish to reorganize the responsibilities of the Landfill Owners Group.

Mayor Nelson and Alderman McDuffee presented a proposal for solid waste operations in Orange County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JAY BRYAN TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL FOR USE AS THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION WITH MOVEMENT TOWARDS COUNTY CONTROL OF LANDFILL OPERATIONS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, NEGATIVE ONE (GIST)

A. Fiscal Integrity and Tip Fees

1. Maintain current authority. As long as the current, co-owned landfill is in operation, Carrboro should maintain its ability to approve or disapprove tip fees.
2. Subsequent Contractual Arrangement: To protect the fiscal integrity of our budget, Carrboro should negotiate a contractual arrangement to limit tip fee increases.

B. Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

All four governments should agree on a solid waste management plan before final agreement on the county taking over responsibility. As part of the agreement, the county would be committed to following through on the plan. The four governments have worked for two years to develop a plan that we all can live with. It seems to make sense to complete that ask and require that the county implement the plan as agreed upon.

There are several "sticking point" issues that must be resolved before the plan could be adopted. These are:

1. Unit-based pricing versus collection bans
2. Universal collection
3. Waste-to-energy (VEDCO) alternatives.

We recommend that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen schedule a follow-up discussion on these items as soon as possible. We further recommend that there be an "up or down" votes on these items.

C. Compensation

As part of the agreement to take responsibility, the county will agree to a compensation package for residents near the current and proposed landfills. This compensation package should be developed through facilitated meetings with neighbors so as to best ensure that their concerns and needs have been met. The agreement must be acceptable to all four governing bodies.

D. Landfill Siting

While the ultimate siting of the landfill would be a county decision under this scenario, Carrboro's concerns would be adequately addressed. That is, the solid waste management plan (if adopted) will address our goal of 50% waste reduction and the compensation package would have to be worked out to our satisfaction.

E. Worker Protection

Engage in a brief study of the wage and benefit differentials between Chapel Hill and the County to assess the impact on employees of this change. If differences emerge, take steps to protect the wages and benefits of the current employees of the landfill operation to ensure that they do not suffer under this plan. Particular concern should be paid to the needs of the lowest paid workers.

F. Advisory Board

Establish a board to advise the County Commissioners on solid waste issues. We recommend that the county be required to appoint two members each from Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, and the unincorporated area of the county, and residents who live within 1/2 mile of the existing and proposed new landfills.

G. Review Provision

Agree upon a mechanism to automatically review the new arrangement after a period of time in order to ensure that all parties are satisfied. This will give us an opportunity to make changes as necessary.

H. Other Issues

The Boards will need to agree on disposition of co-owned property such as the Greene Tract and other landfill related assets. We recommend that Carrboro insist that part of the Greene Tract be used for affordable housing as part of our agreement to turn solid waste responsibility over to the county.

REQUEST FOR LOG DISCUSSION OF COMPENSATION TO RESIDENTS SURROUNDING OC-17

The Board voted to request that the Mayor forward a letter to the LOG members requesting that the LOG discuss the facilitated meeting with the neighbors of OC-17 to determine what can be done to mitigate the impact of a landfill at OC-17.

REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS

Alderman Caldwell requested that the Public Works Dept. consider options for removing tree stumps from residents' property.

ADVISORY BOARD RECOGNITION DINNER

Alderman Gist requested that the town staff invite former Mayors and Board of Aldermen members to the advisory board recognition dinner.

REQUEST FOR STOP SIGN AT RAILROAD CROSSING ON BREWER LANE

Alderman Bryan requested that the town staff investigate the possibility of installing a stop sign at the railroad crossing on Brewer Lane.

REQUEST FOR SIGHT DISTANCE IMPROVEMENTS

Alderman Bryan requested that the town staff trim the crepe myrtle blocking the sight distance on North Greensboro Street at the crosswalk in the vicinity of Southern States.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION TO CHANGE DRIVING AGE

Alderman Bryan requested that the Agenda Planning Committee schedule a discussion of requesting the Legislature to raise the legal driving age. Alderman Bryan requested that the town staff obtain statistics on accidents involving 16 year old drivers for the Board's consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADJOURN AT 9:17 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Michael R. Neh

Mayor

Town Clerk