

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

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

WIDENING OF SMITH LEVEL ROAD

Julie Coleman, a member of the Smith Level Road Alliance, asked for the Board's assistance in preventing NCDOT from four-laning Smith Level Road past Rock Haven Road to Damascus Church Road.

Alderman Spalt urged the members of the Smith Level Road Alliance to contact NCDOT in addition to the town's contact.

Alderman Zaffron stated that there is a meeting planned with the TAC representatives and the Assistant Secretary of NCDOT to discuss problems with NCDOT, including the widening of Smith Level Road.

Mayor asked the towns staff to draft a letter for his signature to the Governor with copies to the legislative delegation and the Secretary of Transportation complaining about the fact that NCDOT is trying to extend the widening of Smith Level Road past Rock Haven Road to Damascus Church Road.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING/ORANGE COMMUNITY HOUSING

Robert Dowling, the new Director of the Orange Community Housing Corp., informed the Board that the Corp. is facing a \$42,000 deficient as a result of problems with Magnolia Place in Hillsborough and asked the town for an additional \$4,000 in funding during the 1997-98 fiscal year and in future years.

The Board asked the Agenda Planning Committee to schedule an agenda item to discuss this matter.

ART EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

Elizabeth Boisson informed the Board that there will be a reception from 1-4 p.m. on February 14th and a new art exhibit will open in Town Hall on February 15th. James Morgan, representing the Public Gallery of Carrboro, presented a check for \$100.00 to cover expenses associated with the reception. Debbie Suchoff informed the Board of a black culture event on Sunday, February 8th in the McDougle School Cafetorium.

HOUSING FORUM

Alison Weiner, Carrboro representative on the Orange Community Housing Board, informed the Board that on February 7th from 1-3 p.m., at the Chapel Hill Town Hall there will be a Housing Forum to discuss the concept of a land trust.

Alderman Gist stated that Carrboro needs a second member on the Orange Community Housing Board and asked for a volunteer to serve in this capacity.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 1998 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REVIEW OF TIME WARNER CABLE'S ANNUAL RATE FILING

On October 1, 1997, Time Warner Cable notified the town that the company would adjust its cable service rates and equipment and installation rates on January 1, 1998. The purpose of this item was to review the 1998 rates and the town consultant's report, accept public comment, and adopt the order which states the town's findings.

Mr. Morgan stated that the administration and Cable T.V. Consultant recommended that:

1. The BST rate adjustments contained within the FCC 1240 filings NC-0130 and NC-0649 submitted by Time Warner Cable be disapproved;
2. That the proposed maximum permitted BST rates of \$7.74 for Chapel Hill system subscribers, and \$9.04 for Carrboro system subscribers be found unreasonable;
3. That the town approve a Maximum Permitted BST rate NC-0649 for the January 1 through December, 1998 period not to exceed \$7.59;
4. That the town approve a Maximum Permitted BST rate NC-0130 for the January 1 through December, 1998 period not to exceed \$8.85;
5. That the town follow the FCC's rate complaint procedures and challenge Time Warner Cable's Proposed 1998, FCC 1240 Maximum Permitted Rates for the upper tier services for NC-0649 and NC-0130;
6. That the town direct Time Warner Cable to amend its 1998 FCC 1240 rate filing for NC-0649 and NC-0130 and resubmit them to the town; and
7. That the town request from Time Warner Cable its plan for assigning bill credits, and or, refunds to subscribers.

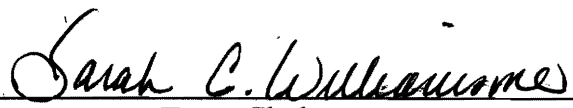
MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE RATE ORDER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:15 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADJOURN AT 8:30 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL



 Mayor



 Town Clerk