

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 1, 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
- Deputy Town Clerk James E. Spivey
- Town Attorney Michael B. Brough

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION WAS MADE BY HILLIARD CALDWELL AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 25, 1998 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**INTRODUCTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER**

Robert Morgan, Town Manager, introduced L. Bingham Roenigk as the new Assistant Town Manager.

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**A RESOLUTION HONORING BEN CALLAHAN**

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Hilliard Caldwell and duly seconded by Alderman Alex Zaffron.

**A RESOLUTION HONORING BEN CALLAHAN  
Resolution No. 7/98-99**

WHEREAS, Benjamin Franklin Callahan is retiring after fourteen years of service to the people of Carrboro, six of those years as Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Chief Callahan led his department with great dignity, professionalism, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, the Chief served the people of Carrboro fairly and ably, ensuring that all citizens were respected, valued, listened to, and treated with dignity, regardless of background, neighborhood, wealth, gender, sexual orientation, or race; and

WHEREAS, he is responsible for beginning a community policing program in Carrboro, aggressively enforcing narcotics laws, and working diligently to guarantee that his officers had the equipment they needed to do their jobs; and

WHEREAS, Ben took these steps to ensure that each and every neighborhood is safe, that each and every citizen lives free of drugs, free of crime, and free of fear; and

WHEREAS, the men, women and children of Carrboro owe a great debt of gratitude to Chief Ben Callahan for his outstanding and insightful leadership and vision; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognize and commend the invaluable commitment Chief Callahan made to all the people of Carrboro.

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

Section. That the week of August 31st is proclaimed to be Benjamin Franklin Callahan week in the Town of Carrboro in honor of his contribution to the community.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Chief Callahan.

Section 3. 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 1st day of September, 1998:

Ayes: Hank Anderson, Hilliard Caldwell, Diana McDuffee, Jacquelyn Gist, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

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### MEETING WITH NCDOT REPRESENTATIVES

Aldermen Caldwell and Zaffron gave a brief report regarding a meeting with NCDOT officials, town staff, and Aldermen representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the discrepancy between what NCDOT proposed in regards to the widening of Hillsborough Road and Old Fayetteville Road and what the Town proposed regarding the widening. The Aldermen referenced that the meeting was cordial and the representatives were very receptive to the concerns voiced by the Town representatives. This meeting resulted in NCDOT agreeing to scale the general scope of the project down to the initial proposal by the Town.

Alderman Zaffron cautioned that a final decision regarding this matter has yet to be determined and agreed upon. The general scope of the project is what has been agreed upon.

The Aldermen directed staff to inform the affected property owners of the results of the meeting with NCDOT. The Board stressed that any notice distributed by staff to property owners should specify what was decided on at the meeting with NCDOT representatives.

Mr. Morgan stated that notices would be hand delivered to the property owners and clarification would be made in regards to what was decided on at the meeting with NCDOT representatives. Additionally, Mr. Morgan stated that a meeting will be held with affected property owners, NCDOT staff, Town engineer, and staff after construction drawings are received from NCDOT. At this meeting, agreed upon issues will be shared with all parties involved, construction plans will be reviewed and discussed by all parties involved, and this will facilitate the effort of all parties involved having the same information regarding this matter.

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### CHANGE ORDER FOR TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

The purpose of this item was to consider an amendment to the construction budget for the renovations to the Town Hall.

Dan Huffman with Cherry Huffman Architects gave a status report regarding the renovations to the Town Hall.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN THE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,823 AND THAT THESE FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE FUNDS DESIGNATED FOR THE TOWN CENTER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

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**DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The Board of Aldermen discussed a proposal made by the Orange County Board of Commissioners who would assume solid waste management responsibilities.

Robert Morgan, Town Manager, reviewed Orange County's proposal for assuming responsibility for solid waste management operations.

Blair Pollock explained how tipping fees are determined.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL THAT THE TOWN OF CARRBORO SUPPORTS COMMUNITY BENEFITS BE PAID WITH THE 1¢ SALES TAX REVENUE, WITH ORANGE COUNTY FINANCING THE PROJECT AND THE TOWN REPAYING OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD **AND** THAT THE MILLHOUSE ROAD PROPERTIES AND THE NUNN PROPERTY BE INCLUDED IN THE WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECT. VOTE: AYES 3 (Gist, Caldwell, Anderson); NOES 4 (Zaffron, Nelson, McDuffee, Spalt).

MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANA MCDUFFEE AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON THAT:

- 1. The Town of Carrboro's first choice for funding community benefits is that it be done with LOG funds **AND** that the Millhouse Road properties and the Nunn Property be included in the waterline extension project
- 2. The Town of Carrboro's second choice of funding community benefits is to use sales tax with the County financing the project allowing the towns a payback over three years **AND** that the Millhouse Road properties and the Nunn Property be included in the waterline extension project

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE THAT THE GREEN TRACT SHOULD BE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. Twenty (20) acres of the Greene Tract should be used to develop affordable housing projects through a Land Trust.
- 2. Sixty (60) acres of the Greene Tract should be used by the County for solid waste related activities, but not for a municipal solid waste landfill.
- 3. The remaining acreage of the Greene Tract should be designated as Conservation Area and possibly used for passive recreation.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE MOTION TO DIVIDE THE GREEN TRACT:

- 1. The activities taking place on the Greene Tract shall be done in such a way as to provide the maximum possible protection for surrounding neighbors and the minimum impact to surrounding neighbors from any activities taking place on the property.
- 2. The respective jurisdictions will attempt to agree or arrive at consensus upon the configuration of the tract.

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINANCING ISSUES TO TAKE A POSITION AT THIS TIME; EXCEPT, THE BOARD FEELS THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THIS TIME IS UNACCEPTABLY REGRESSIVE AND THAT ANY FINANCING MECHANISM CONSIDERED SHOULD BE PROGRESSIVE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

Mayor Michael Nelson and/or Alderman Alex Zaffron agreed to attend a September 17, 1998, 8:30 AM meeting of the Finance Committee of the LOG.

By consensus the Board decided that the matter of "no restrictions on acquisition of additional acreage at the current landfill":

1. Be scheduled for discussion at next week's Board meeting.
2. That the Town Manager consult with Alderman Spalt to develop a map showing specific pieces of property.
3. That the Town Manager contact the County Manager to determine whether or not specific properties have been discussed and/or considered.

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**EXTENSION OF AT&T CONTRACT**

The Board granted a sixty (60) day extension to allow the Town Manager time to work out issues with AT&T.

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**JOINT MEEETING TO DISCUSS REGIONAL WATER ISSUES REGARDING JORDAN LAKE**

Alderman Spalt voiced regret that he would be out of town and unable to attend this meeting but encouraged his fellow board members to attend.

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**McDOUGLE SCHOOL SERVICE ENTRANCE**

The Board asked to receive cost estimates for having a police officer patrol the service entrance areas at McDougle Elementary School, in an effort to discourage parents from using the area to unload and load children.

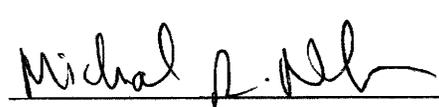
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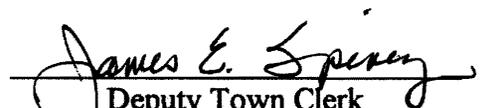
**PEOPLE'S CHANNEL REQUEST**

The Board asked to receive information regarding the status of the Town of Carrboro's public access channel. Representatives of the People's Channel informed some Board members that the Town does not have a public access channel.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:30 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL.

  
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Mayor

  
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Deputy Town Clerk