

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 2, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Michael Nelson
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Hilliard Caldwell
	Diana McDuffee
	Allen Spalt
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

Absent:

Alderman	Jacquelyn Gist
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: FEBRUARY 23, 1999**

MOTION WAS MADE BY DIANA MCDUFFEE AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 23, 1999 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION/DONATION OF EQUIPMENT**

Maria Owens has graciously donated a fax machine to the town for use in the Zoning and Inspections Division. The Board is requested to adopt the attached resolution thanking Mrs. Owens for her donation.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Diana McDuffee and duly seconded by Alderman Joal Hall Broun.

***A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION  
FOR DONATION OF EQUIPMENT  
BY MARIA OWENS***

Resolution No. 27/98-99

***WHEREAS***, Maria Owens has generously donated a fax machine to the town for use in the Zoning and Inspections Division; and

***WHEREAS***, this donation will allow the Zoning and Inspections Division to have on-site fax capability which will allow expeditious transfer of information to and from the division.

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

Section 1. On behalf of the Town of Carrboro and its citizens, the Board of Aldermen hereby expresses its sincere thanks and gratitude to Maria Owens for her generous donation.

Section 2. This resolution shall be entered into the official minutes of the Board of Aldermen and a copy thereof shall be delivered to Maria Owens.

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Hilliard Caldwell, Diana McDuffee, Jacquelyn Gist, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

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### **STATUS REPORT/SHAPING ORANGE COUNTY'S FUTURE**

The purpose of this item was to receive the second of a series of status reports from a Carrboro citizen and member of the Task Force for the Shaping Orange County's Future project.

Kathy Buck stated that the SOCF Task Force is in the process of creating alternative scenarios of the future and defining recommended strategies for reaching a desire future. The Task Force has defined key issues for Orange County and adopted a set of values to use as guideposts in setting goals, objectives and recommended action strategies. In addition, the Task Force has adopted a working set of goals and objectives. The staff has finished an Orange County profile, which is a concise compilation of data and information on current and past trends for key issue areas. Staff is currently creating a baseline scenario of what the future may look like in the year 2030 if current trends and policies continue. Ms. Buck stated that a written report of recommendations for presentation to elected boards would be available by December 1, 1999.

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### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

The Town of Carrboro contracted with The Network Address, Inc. to conduct an assessment of the Town's use of technology and its ability to expand and to develop a Technology Plan for the Town to follow. The purpose of this item was for the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to receive the report and ask questions of the consultant.

Jake Jacobstein, with The Network Address, Inc., presented the Technology Assessment and Technology Plan for the town. Mr. Jacobstein answered the Board's questions concerning the Assessment Plan and Technology Plan.

Mr. Morgan stated he would be including Network Address' governance structure to include recommendations in the 1999-2000 Budget for the Board's consideration.

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### **TRIANGLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S REGIONAL BUS SERVICE EXPANSION PLAN**

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to: (1) review the TAB's comments on Triangle Transit Authority's (TTA's) proposed Regional Service Expansion Plan; and (2) direct the town staff to send the TAB comments to TTA's General Manager.

Kenneth Withrow, the town's Transportation Planner, presented TTA's proposed route between Carrboro and Raleigh. The Transportation Advisory Board recommended:

1. That TTA expand their service from Carrboro Plaza by one additional stop during the morning hours, and three terminations during the evening hours.
2. There is currently no TTA service to Carrboro after 7:00 p.m. during weekdays. If the Friday Center is being served during evening hours, Carrboro should be served during evening hours.
3. The TAB prefers that the route following West Main Street rather than NC 54 Bypass in the Phase Two proposal. This route would serve more persons because of its more frequent stops.
4. That TTA would publish their time schedules that service the Carrboro/Chapel Hill area within Chapel Hill Transit's annual schedule.
5. That TTA would create a region-wide public transit database. This database would include all of the schedules of the region's transit agencies. This database would be available at TTA and would be published by TTA (in conjunction with the other transit agencies).

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY HILLIARD CALDWELL TO FORWARD THE TAB'S COMMENTS TO THE TTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO TTA'S GENERAL MANAGER THAT THE EXPRESS BUS BE ACCELERATED. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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### **STATUS REPORT/TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IN DOWNTOWN**

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive a status report on the proposed traffic light at the East Main Street/Lloyd Street intersection, and on the pedestrian crossing planned for the East Main Street/Weaver Street/Roberson Street intersection.

Kenneth Withrow, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation.

Alderman Zaffron asked for a status report on the improvements to the intersection of Main and Rosemary Streets.

Alderman Spalt asked for a status report on the installation of a crosswalk at Plantation Plaza Shopping Center.

Alderman Spalt suggested that the town staff contact NCDOT to request that the pedestrian buttons at Greensboro and Weaver and Greensboro and Main Street be replaced with signals similar to the one at the PTA Thrift Shop crossing.

Mayor Nelson suggested that the town staff wait until the new office building under construction on Lloyd Street is completed and do a traffic count before sending traffic count information to NCDOT.

Mr. Morgan suggested that estimated traffic counts be prepared and that information be forwarded to NCDOT.

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**PEDESTRIAN ACCESS/SOUTH GREENSBORO STREET**

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen a report on public discussions concerning pedestrian facilities along South Greensboro Street.

Kenneth Withrow, the town's Transportation Planner, made the presentation.

Mayor Nelson asked that the town staff provide a report on the issues involved in obtaining the right-of-way from NCDOT to make improvements acceptable to the residents of South Greensboro Street, including costs.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY ALLEN SPALT TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE TOWN INSTALLING A BIKEWAY AND/OR PEDESTRIAN LANE ALONG SOUTH GREENSBORO, INCLUDING NECESSARY RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION AND RESIDENTS' INVOLVEMENT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The purpose of this item was to adopt a written "Least Toxic Pest Management Policy" that will assure municipal employees, residents and visitors that no unacceptable public or environmental health risk is taken to control pests or to perform landscape maintenance related to town properties or structures.

Chris Peterson, Public Works Director, thanked Chris Gerry and Alderman Spalt for assistance in preparing the policy. Mr. Peterson presented a current inventory of pesticides in use by the Public Works Department and a Least Toxic Integrated Pest Management Policy for town-maintained facilities. Mr. Peterson stated that a goal of the policy is to be pesticide-free within three to five years. Mr. Peterson stated that he would be including requests for the equipment in his budget request.

Alderman Caldwell suggested that information be provided to citizens upon request encouraging use of non-toxic pesticides.

Chris Gerry thanked the Board for having the foresight to ask for this policy.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Allen Spalt and duly seconded by Alderman Diana McDuffee.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A  
LEAST TOXIC INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY  
Resolution No.24/98-99

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro has clearly stated its intent to reduce the risks associated with pesticide use within Town maintained structures and on Town maintained properties, and

WHEREAS, a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) policy would provide for the development of a systematic course of action to prevent and manage pest and vegetative infestations and perform landscape

maintenance successfully, while minimizing the risk of creating an adverse impact on people and the environment, and

WHEREAS, a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) policy would assure municipal employees, visitors and the residents of Carrboro that no unacceptable public or environmental health risk is taken to control pests in Town maintained structures and when performing landscape maintenance to Town maintained properties.

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

Section 1. The attached least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) policy is hereby adopted as a Town policy.

Section 2. The Public Works Department shall proceed with the development of a least toxic integrated pest management (IPM) manual to be submitted to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

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 2nd day of March, 1999:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Hilliard Caldwell, Diana McDuffee, Michael Nelson, Allen Spalt, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Jacquelyn Gist

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### **1997 BUDGET REQUESTS**

Alderman McDuffee asked that the Town Clerk provide the Board with copies of attachments referenced in the listing of 1997 budget requests.

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### **TOWN HALL TELEPHONE LISTING**

Alderman Spalt requested that the Town Hall telephone directory list individuals in alphabetical order and that a note be added to the directory on how the extension numbers relate to departmental phone numbers.

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### **REQUEST FOR CARRBORO ADDRESSES**

The Board expressed its desire to pursue obtaining Carrboro addresses for Carrboro residents. Alderman McDuffee suggested that the town staff contact the postal service about having a representative come before the Board to answer questions concerning this request.

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**OPPOSITION TO NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION'S REQUEST SEEKING AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SUNSHINE ACT**

The Board asked that Mayor Nelson forward a letter to the town's Congressional delegation opposing the U.S. Regulatory Commission's request seeking an exemption from the Sunshine Act.

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**REGULATION OF CABLE T.V.**

The Board requested that Alderman Zaffron draft a letter to David Price for the Board's review requesting regulation of cable t.v.

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**LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

The Board requested that the Town Attorney draft bills for proposed legislation and that the Town Manager draft a letter to the legislative delegation for the Board's consideration on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY ALLEN SPALT AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO ADJOURN AT 10:30 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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Mayor

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Town Clerk