

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

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

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR DONATION OF SCULPTURE FOR THE CENTURY CENTER

Ray Reich stated that he and Carrie Alter were donating a sculpture titled, "Portrait of a Stranger" to the Town for placement at the Century Center.

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

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR DONATION OF SCULPTURE FOR CARRBORO CENTURY CENTER
Resolution No. 21/2001-02

WHEREAS, Carrie Alter, a local sculptress, and Ray Reich, a local resident have generously donated to the Town of Carrboro a sculpture titled: "Portrait of a Stranger" to be located in an appropriate location in our new Carrboro Century Center; and

WHEREAS, if the Board of Aldermen accepts this donation, it will be moved to the Century Center this fall; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen are very grateful for their gift, and know it will enhance the Century Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Alter, and Mr. Reich have shown great community spirit;

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 Carrie Alter and Ray Reich for their 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 Carrie Alter and Ray Reich.

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 4th day of September, 2001:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

REQUEST FOR A HOLIDAY PARADE

Ellen Perry suggested that a holiday parade be held, that a holiday tree be decorated at the Century Center and that a sign-up sheet be available to solicit volunteers for Carrboro Day and the Fete.

Mayor Nelson asked that this matter be referred to the Fete Committee and Carrboro Day Committee for consideration.

Alderman Gist suggested that the mill whistle be re-activated and used.

REQUEST TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE DISPLAY OF WILD AND EXOTIC ANIMALS

Ellen Whitaker, representing the Committee for Human and Animal Safety, asked that the Town of Carrboro consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting the display of wild and exotic animals.

The Board referred this information to the Town staff for review and recommendation.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE HANNA RIDGE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

Tom Whisnant, on behalf of Hometown Equity, requested a 30-day extension of the conditional use permit for Hanna Ridge.

The Board took no action on this request.

Brad Rigdon, a resident of Watters Road, stated that he and other residents had met with Giles Blunden and the Dispute Settlement Center. Mr. Rigdon stated that the proposed development was being compared to Arcadia, but this piece of property is much smaller than Arcadia. Mr. Rigdon stated that they were told that ownership of this property would remain with the current owners.

Dave Cook, a resident of Smith Level Road and a member of "Friends of Bolin Creek", asked that the Town look at ways to preserve Bolin Creek and other natural areas.

CHARGES ISSUED

The Town Clerk issued charges to Scott Pohlman and Mike Mathews, recent appointees to the Environmental Advisory Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION WAS MADE BY AND SECONDED BY TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 28, 2001 MINUTES.
VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

A RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were requested to consider adopting a resolution recommending that the Orange County Board of Commissioners appoint John Ring to a Transition Area seat on the Board of Adjustment.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Joal Hall Broun.

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN APPOINTMENT TO A
TRANSITION AREA SEAT ON THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Resolution No. 16/2001-02**

WHEREAS, as a result of a vacancy, it is necessary to appoint a person to a seat reserved on the Carrboro Board of Adjustment for persons residing within the town's Transition Area; and

WHEREAS, by state statute and town ordinance, the Orange County Board of Commissioners initially has the authority and responsibility to appoint Transition Area members to the town's Board of Adjustment.

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

Section 1. The Orange County Board of Commissioners is respectfully requested to appoint the following individual to a Transition Area seat on the Carrboro Board of Adjustment, whose term would expire in February 2004:

Mr. John Ring
8223 Huntsman Court
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27516

Section 2. If the Orange County Board of Commissioners fails to appoint persons willing to serve in the capacity described above within 90 days after receiving this resolution, then the Carrboro Board of Aldermen may make this appointment.

Section 3. The Town Clerk shall send a copy of this resolution to the Orange County Manager.

Section 4. 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 4th day of September, 2001:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

A REQUEST TO ADOPT A BUDGET ORDINANCE

A budget amendment was required to transfer \$2,500 from contingency to governance support for programming at the Community Cuisine organization.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY-2001-02 BUDGET ORDINANCE." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

QUARTERLY REPORTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 2001

The purpose of the item was to present to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Quarterly Reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2001. The following reports were be presented: Century Center, Employment, Financial, Action Agenda, and Information Technology.

Town staff members answered the Board's questions about the quarterly reports.

Alderman Dorosin asked for information on the length of service for employees who left during the last fiscal year.

Alderman Broun requested a copy of Chapel Hill's proposal to have advertising placed on city buses.

Alderman McDuffee stated that she feels the Town management should prioritize items for placement on the website.

Alderman Gist expressed her desire to have a calendar for the Century Center online along with online registration.

Alderman Gist asked that Item #23 (Evaluation of Town Policies Impact on Tax Burden) and Item #40 (Obstacles to Development – Review Allowable Uses in Downtown and Obstacles to Starting a Small/Micro Business in Carrboro) be scheduled for a Board discussion prior to June 2002.

WORK SESSION ON THE TOWN'S PAY PLAN AND COMPENSATION POLICY

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen received a report from the Town staff on the structural elements of the pay plan and further discussed the list of ideas and areas of interest for inclusion in the Town's Compensation Policy.

Desiree White, the Town's Personnel Director, made a report on the structural elements of the pay plan.

Alderman Gist suggested that Triangle J COG or the N.C. League of Municipalities be asked to perform salary surveys for all towns rather than individual towns paying for those surveys.

It was the consensus of the Board that the number one priority for consideration should be structural elements of the pay plan.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter back to Compensation Policy Subcommittee to review structural elements of the pay plan, including the replacement of the pay grid with pay ranges, that salaries are adjusted when ranges are adjusted, and whether reaching the mid-point is a valid goal to consider.

Mayor Nelson requested that the Town staff obtain information from the Institute of Government or other sources on pay plans.

Alderman Spalt asked that the town staff and/or the Employee Retention Committee evaluate any changes recommended by the Board to avoid creating problems for employees.

ACCEPTANCE OF STAFFIELD LANE AND BRENDAN COURT INTO THE STATE ROAD SYSTEM

Mayor Nelson stated that he had received a letter from the Highlands North Homeowners Association requesting the Town's assistance in obtaining State acceptance of Staffield Lane and Brendan Court.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the town staff for review with the request that a chronological history of this project be provided to the Board.

HORACE WILLAMS TRACT

Mayor Nelson stated that he had met with Mayor Waldorf to discuss Chapel Hill's proposal to approach UNC regarding a site for a public works facility. Mayor Waldorf is drafting a letter inviting UNC to meet with representatives from Chapel Hill and Carrboro to discuss the possibility of locating a public works facility on a portion of the Horace Williams tract.

Alderman McDuffee asked that a site for a fire station also be considered for location on the Horace Williams tract.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO ADS ON CHAPEL HILL TRANSIT BUSES

Alderman McDuffee stated that Carrboro should indicate its interest in placing ads on buses. All three parties (Chapel Hill, Carrboro and UNC) should be involved in discussions of this nature.

Mayor Nelson suggested that the new memorandum of understanding include a provision for joint discussions of matters affecting the bus system.

LOCAL CURRENCY PROGRAM

Alderman Dorosin announced that there will be a meeting on September 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel Hill Public Library concerning the N.C. Plenty proposal.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE ARMIN VS. TOWN OF CARRBORO APPEAL. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:15 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk