

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2002 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
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Robert W. Morgan
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough

Absent:

Alderman	John Herrera
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### **HILLISBOROUGH ROAD COOPERATIVE HOUSING PROJECT**

Dawn and Christie, representing the 619 and 621 Hillsborough Road Cooperative Housing Project, spoke to the Board about their project. They stated that they would be apply for Home Program Funds and invited the Board to an open house on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.

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### **TOWN HALL DAY FOR TEENS**

Mayor Nelson announced that today is Town Hall Day for Teens and recognized those students participating in that program.

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### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT SERIES**

Mayor Nelson stated that the Food for Thought series continues each Monday through March at the Century Center.

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### **TRANSIT FORUM**

Alderman McDuffee stated that the Transportation Advisory Board will be hosting a transit forum at Town Hall on February 21<sup>st</sup>, which will give citizens an opportunity to give suggestions for improvements to the transit system.

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### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL HALL BROUN TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 5, 2002 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

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**REVIEW OF NOTICE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING: LAND USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO NON-OWNER OCCUPANTS**

The Board of Aldermen has requested that residents of adjacent property receive notification of public meetings and hearings for special and conditional use permits. A draft ordinance has been prepared and a resolution setting a public hearing for March 26<sup>th</sup> was recommended for the Board's adoption.

Trish McGuire, the Town's Planning Administrator, made the presentation.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman Joal Hall Broun.

A RESOLUTION CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A LAND USE ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES TO BE SENT TO NON-OWNER OCCUPANTS AS WELL AS OWNERS OF AFFECTED PROPERTIES  
Resolution No. 92/2001-02

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on existing policies and regulations; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Aldermen call a public hearing on March 26, 2002 to consider adopting "An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Ordinance to Provide that Public Hearing Notices Shall be Sent to Non-Owner Occupants as Well as Owners of Affected Properties."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance be referred to Orange County for review per the Joint Planning Agreement and to the Planning Board for comment and recommendations to the Board.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this 12th day of February, 2002:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: John Herrera

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**A REQUEST TO INCREASE MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE TO SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

The Board, at its retreat on January 27 and 28, 2002 was apprised of an opportunity to increase motor vehicle license fees by an additional \$5.00 for the specific use of financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining public transportation systems. The Board, due to the staggered nature of motor vehicle license billing, is requested to consider adopting the fee increase for the motor vehicle license fee effective with March renewal bills that will come due July 1 and to designate this fee toward increases in transit operating costs as required by GS 20-97.

Bing Roenigk, the Town's Assistant Manager, made the presentation.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY DIANA MCDUFFEE TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX OF THE TOWN CODE TO RAISE THE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES FROM \$15.00 TO \$20.00 AND TO CLARIFY THE COLLECTION PROCEDURES." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

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**DISCUSSION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE OWASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed applications received for one of the town's seats on the OWASA Board of Directors and considered making an appointment to that seat.

Mayor Nelson stated that Frank Hammill had notified him that he had withdrawn his application for the OWASA Board.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Diana McDuffee.

A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE  
ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Resolution No. 94/2001-02

WHEREAS, the Town of Carrboro has two seats on the Orange Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors;  
and

WHEREAS, the term of Susannah Holloway expires in June 2002; and

WHEREAS, the town staff has advertised this position and received applications from Susannah Holloway and Charles Morton.

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

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen hereby appoints Susannah to serve as one of the Town of Carrboro's representatives on the OWASA Board of Directors.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to OWASA.

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 12th day of February, 2002:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: John Herrera

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**A REPORT ON OPTIONS TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNOR'S WITHDRAWAL OF REVENUES**

Governor Mike Easley announced Tuesday that he is withholding a number of long-standing municipal revenues. This action will cause a shortfall of \$298,930 in the Town of Carrboro's current year budget. The purpose of this agenda item was for the Board of Aldermen to receive a presentation from the Town Administration on options to address this loss of revenues.

Mr. Morgan reported to the Board that Governor Easley has frozen almost \$300,000 in state-shared revenues, most of which town staff had not anticipated. This is in addition to an estimated shortfall of approximately \$110,000 in sales tax and interest earnings projections.

Alderman Gist suggested that an emergency session of the Assembly of Governments for Orange County be called with the legislative delegation present to discuss the Governor's actions.

Alderman Zaffron requested that the town staff look at the affect on long-term capital purchases.

Alderman Dorosin expressed concern that the Board had not previously been given the projections for sales tax revenues.

Alderman Broun urged citizens to contact local and state elected officials so that these issues are addressed by the General Assembly.

Alderman Zaffron asked for the implications of this action on future years' budgets.

Mayor Nelson asked that the Town Manager pass along to Department Heads the Board's appreciation for making the sacrifices to address the budget shortfall. In addition, he asked that the Manager's memo and the letter to the Governor be posted on the town's website urging citizens to contact Senator Basnight, Representative Black and the Orange County delegation concerning the Governor's action.

Mayor Nelson requested that the town staff begin immediately to work on the commercial garbage collection program.

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**REPORT ON CITIES FOR CLIMATE CONTROL CONFERENCE**

Alderman McDuffee stated that she and Trish McGuire had recently attended the Cities for Climate Control Conference.

Mayor Nelson asked that this report be placed on the February 19<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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**REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION/EVALUATION OF TOWN MANAGER**

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO AJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:45 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE TOWN MANAGER. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (HERRERA)

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Town Clerk

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Mayor