

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

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| Mayor         | Michael Nelson      |
| Aldermen      | Joal Hall Broun     |
|               | Mark Chilton        |
|               | Jacquelyn Gist      |
|               | John Herrera        |
|               | Diana McDuffee      |
|               | Alex Zaffron        |
| Town Manager  | Steven E. Stewart   |
| Town Attorney | Michael B. Brough   |
| Town Clerk    | Sarah C. Williamson |

### **CAR FREE DAY**

James Carnahan, Chair of the Village Project, stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual observance of Car Free Day would be held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, there will be a showing "End of Suburbia" on September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Century Center with a panel discussion following the film.

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### **VICTIMS OF HURRICANE KATRINA**

Charlie Morris stated that he knows of several families that will be taking in hurricane victims, and asked what type of assistance the victims would have available to them once they arrive in this area?

Mayor Nelson referred this request to the town staff for a report.

Alderman McDuffee suggested that Mr. Morris ask the School Board about whether children of hurricane victims could attend the schools while they are living with local families.

Steve Stewart, the Town Manager, stated that two of Carrboro's firefighters left today to receive training in order to assist hurricane victims. They will be gone for 30 days. Six other firefighters volunteered to assist, but only two could go. James Harris, the town's Economic and Community Development Director, would be assigned as the town's housing assistance coordinator for hurricane assistance, and will coordinate with Orange County to provide assistance. In addition, the town is preparing an inventory of surplus equipment that might be made available to areas affected by the hurricane.

Alderman Herrera asked for the names and addresses of the two firemen.

Alderman Gist stated that the schools are being very good in accepting students.

Ellen Perry asked what the town could do to help disabled victims. She volunteered to serve as the ADA contact for the town.

Mayor Nelson asked the town staff look into what could be done for disabled victims.

Alderman Zaffron stated that on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., the Arts Center would hold Delta Aid a hurricane relief project.

Alderman Herrera announced that Fiesta del Pueblo would be held on the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. One-half of the cost of admission will be donated to hurricane victims.

Alderman Broun commended Maple View Farms on their fundraising for the hurricane victims this past Sunday, and Elmo's Diner, who would be dedicating their profits on the next three Tuesdays to the hurricane victims.

Mayor Nelson stated that ACME would be donating the profits from a dinner on September 11<sup>th</sup> to the hurricane victims.

Alderman Gist stated that Franklin Street Pasta and Pizza would be donating tomorrow's lunch profits to the hurricane victims.

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### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Murray introduced the town's new Deputy Fire Chief, Travis Crabtree.

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

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL BROUN AND SECONDED BY MARK CHILTON TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 16 AND 23, 2005 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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### **REQUEST TO APPOINT A FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND TRUSTEE**

The Board of Aldermen was requested to appoint Travis Crabtree as one of the Town of Carrboro's Firemen's Relief Fund Trustees. The Board was requested to adopt a resolution making this appointment.

Chief Murray explained the purpose of the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Mark Chilton.

#### **A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND TRUSTEE Resolution No. 10/2005-06**

WHEREAS, the N.C. Department of Insurance requires the town to annually file a certification of eligibility in order to receive Firemen's Relief Funds; and

WHEREAS, this certification requires that the Board of Aldermen appoint two trustees to the Firemen's Relief Fund; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd Ellington currently serves as one of the town's trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. Mr. Travis Crabtree is designated as the town's second trustee to the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Section 2. 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 6th day of September, 2005:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Alex Zaffron, Michael Nelson

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE CLOSING THE STREET FOR THE ANNUAL FOUR ON THE FOURTH, CARRBORO 10K AND GALLOP AND GORGE 8K ROAD RACES**

The Board of Aldermen was requested to adopt an ordinance that updates Section 7-19(c) of the Carrboro Town Code to remove the requirements for a public hearing before closing the street for the annual Four on the Fourth, Carrboro 10K and Gallop and Gorge 8K Road Races.

Alderman Broun asked if flyers would still be distributed prior to these events.

George Seiz, the town's Public Works Director, stated that door-to-door flyers were part of the public hearing notification process. Flyers will no longer be distributed

Alderman Zaffron asked if other recurring events could be added to the list of exemptions from the public hearing process.

Mr. Seiz stated that other requests could be considered.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL BROUN AND SECONDED BY MARK CHILTON TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN CODE TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE CLOSING THE STREET FOR THE ANNUAL FOUR ON THE FOURTH, CARRBORO 10K AND GALLOP AND GORGE 8K ROAD RACES." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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**ORANGE COUNTY SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS CENTER SEWER EXTENSION**

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to review a request from Orange County for OWASA to extend both water and sewer into the rural buffer to service the new Solid Waste Management Operations Center. Orange County is formally requesting feedback from the Board on their plans to extend water and sewer into the rural buffer to service an "essential public facility."

Roy Williford, the town's Planning Director, made the presentation.

Alderman Gist asked if the Rogers Road neighbors would be able to tap onto the sewer line.

Mr. Williford stated that they should be able to tap onto this line in accordance with the Water and Sewer Boundary Agreement.

Mr. Stewart stated that the town has a sewer reimbursement policy that could be utilized upon request by the Rogers Road residents.

Mayor Nelson asked if the county has taken a position on this matter, have they had a public hearing, what their timeline is, have there been any other public facilities constructed in the rural buffer to which water and sewer lines have been run, and have other sites been considered for the waste operations center.

Alderman Zaffron urged Orange County to consider an amendment to the Joint Planning Area Land Use Plan and Joint Planning Area Map to include the solid waste operations center site within Chapel Hill's transition area.

Alderman Chilton pointed out that it makes sense to run the line through the Transition Area so residents could connect the line, asked if county rules and soil types would allow septic field rather than public sewer.

Mr. Williford stated that a septic system was approved, but the county wanted to add a meeting room and that pushed it over the limit for that type system.

Alderman Broun cautioned the Board to allow any type sewer system other than a forced main.

Mayor Nelson asked if the county could do without the meeting space, and investigate running the line under Rogers Road to connect to the Bolin Creek Outfall.

Alderman McDuffee suggested that public sewer be used so that it could be made available to the residents of Rogers Road. She stated that she feels the additional meeting space is needed.

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### **A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

On April 12, 2005, the Board appointed a subcommittee to discuss the development of a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to hire a consultant to work with the Town to help focus its economic development initiatives. The subcommittee met on August 30th to review the RFP draft. The purpose of this item was to present to the Board of Aldermen a RFP to hire an economic development consultant to assist the Board of Aldermen and staff in creating a clear road map for future, sustainable economic development within the Town of Carrboro taking into consideration the three triple bottom line sustainability principles and to appoint a selection committee.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman Mark Chilton.

### **A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND APPOINTING A SELECTION COMMITTEE Resolution No. 13/2005-06**

WHEREAS, Carrboro has continually emphasized the downtown as the economic engine for the Town; and

WHEREAS, much care has been given by prior and the current Board of Aldermen to protect this most valuable resource and its surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has a solid record of economic development and a high potential for future enhancements with good planning and execution.

WHEREAS, projected continued growth makes it necessary to refine the town's economic development strategies; and

WHEREAS, the town's commercial tax base remains less than 12 percent of the overall tax base; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate outcome of this effort will be an implementation plan that assists the Town to fine-tune its economic development initiatives to increase its commercial tax base.

NOW THEREFORE the Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby:

Section 1. Approve the Request for Proposal and authorize staff to solicit bids.

Section 2: Appoint the following Selection Committee Members:

Alex Zaffron, Alderman  
Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman  
Steve Stewart, Town Manager  
James Harris, Economic and Community Development Director  
Roy Williford, Planning Director  
Richard White, Assistant to the Town Manager  
A member of the Economic Sustainability Commission  
A member of the Planning Board  
A member of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Section 3. That the chairs of the Economic Sustainability Commission, Planning Board and Transportation Advisory Board recommend one of their members to serve on the Selection Committee.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2005:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Diana McDuffee, Alex Zaffron, Michael Nelson

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

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### **PRESENTATION BY TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANT**

Alderman McDuffee urged Board members to attend the presentation by the transportation consultant at the Friday Center on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

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**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> BOARD MEETING**

Alderman Broun and Mayor Nelson announced that they would be out of town for the September 13<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to postpone discussion of zoning alternatives for the S-2 zoning district until September 20<sup>th</sup>.

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**REQUEST TO AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CODE DEALING WITH PENALTIES FOR DOG BITES**

Alderman Chilton requested that the Board consider amending the Town Code to add a civil penalty for dog bites. He said this request was being made as a result of the recent incident on Bolin Creek when a dog bit someone and the owner failed to provide assistance to the victim. He also asked if signs could be posted as a reminder that dogs are required to be leashed, and asked if the police department could do spot checks to enforce the leash law along the creek.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOAL BROUN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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Mayor

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Town Clerk