A special meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor Mark Chilton
Aldermen Joal Hall Broun
Jacquelyn Gist
John Herrera

Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Alex Zaffron

Town Manager Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney Michael B. Brough
Deputy Town Clerk Sharmin E. Mirman

## **INVITATION TO BILL OF RIGHTS CEREMONY**

Peggy Mish invited all people in our community to Bill of Rights Day on Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 12:00 noon in front of the post office on Franklin Street. She stated that Mayor Chilton would read the Bill of Rights Day proclamation.

Alderman Gist stated that this event is for all residents - not just citizens.

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## **MEDICAID REFORM**

Ellen Perry addressed the Board regarding two issues with Medicaid reform. The first is that the Federal government is going through with significant cuts in Medicaid and they will lose millions of dollars in funding. People will fall through the cracks and this is wrong. This will affect many of our low-income citizens that depend of food stamps and Medicaid. The second issue is that Community Based Services (CBS) will be going away, but that is wrong. Developmental therapies will be going away. Until the state can figure out something else, CBS will be staying put.

Mayor Chilton stated that he would write a letter regarding this.

Ellen Perry said that Ellie Kinnaird has already written a letter.

Mayor Chilton said that his office would get in touch with her.

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# APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE AND BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALEX ZAFFRON TO NOMINATE JOAL HALL BROUN AS MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Alderman Gist stated that it might be good idea to hold off on committee assignments until the vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen is filled.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell.

## A RESOLUTION MAKING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS Resolution No. 57/2005-06

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO:

Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen hereby make the following committee assignments:

Committee	Member Assigned
Transportation Advisory Board	John Herrera (Alex Zaffron – alternate)
Arts Committee	Jacquelyn Gist
Community Leadership Council	Mark Chilton and Steve Stewart

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 13th day of December, 2005:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Alex Zaffron

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

It was the consensus of the Board to consider the remaining committee assignments after the vacant seat on the Board of Aldermen is filled.

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### BOARD DISCUSSION OF THE PROCESS FOR APPOINTING A NEW ALDERMAN

Rick Faith read a statement to the Board from Jill Cheek, an attorney who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Cheek spoke in favor of filling the vacancy on the Board by appointing the fourth place vote getter.

Katrina Ryan addressed the Board. She said that the residents in the annexation area have asked her to be their voice in government for the next two years.

Sharon Cook, an annexation area resident, addressed the Board. She stated that she had two petitions supporting Katrina Ryan to fill the remaining seat on the Board.

Jim Rabinowitz addressed the Board. He said whomever finished fourth in the current election would not necessarily have finished fourth in a three-person election. He stated that none of the Board members represent a particular area of Carrboro and therefore, why should the Northern transition area have its own representative. Everyone should have the right to petition the Board, but he does not see a reason why a person who came in fourth in a three-person election deserves to be appointed.

David Beck said he agreed with Mr. Rabinowitz. Carrboro is not based on a district system.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PROCESS FOR FILLING THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

December 14<sup>th</sup> – December 20th Aldermen Haven-O'Donnell and Broun to prepare a list of six

questions to accompany the advisory board application form for

candidates to complete.

December 20<sup>th</sup> Application and questionnaire available on the Town's website and at Town Hall

January 11<sup>th</sup> Applications due to Town Clerk

January 13<sup>th</sup> Town Clerk distributes applications to Mayor and Board of Aldermen

January 19<sup>th</sup> Public Forum to Interview Candidates

January 31<sup>st</sup> Board of Aldermen makes appointment

VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

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## NATIONAL IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

Alderman Herrera said that he was asked by the President of the National League of Cities to serve on a 23-member National Immigration Task Force. He stated that he would be the only representative from North Carolina to serve on this task force.

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MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:31 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX

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Mayor

Deputy Town Clerk