

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Board Room.

Present and presiding:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Dan Coleman
	Jacquelyn Gist
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Alex Zaffron
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION FOR BILL OF RIGHTS DAY

Mayor Chilton issued a proclamation proclaiming December 15, 2007 as Bill of Rights Day and presented that proclamation to Peggy Misch.

Peggy Misch, a member of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, stated that her committee is attempting to implement the Bill of Rights Day proclamations for all citizens of Orange County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Chilton stated that the town's annual tree lighting ceremony would take place on the front lawn of Town Hall on Friday, December 7th.

Mayor Chilton announced that Peer Connections will be sponsoring a dance at the Century Center on Monday, December 10th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Chilton extended congratulations to Fitch Lumber Company on their 100th anniversary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY DAN COLEMAN TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 13, 20 AND 27, 2007 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST AT NOVEMBER 6, 2007 ELECTION

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Alex Zaffron and duly seconded by Alderman John Herrera.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ABSTRACT OF VOTES CAST

AT THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 ELECTION
Resolution No. 70/2007-08

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. The Abstract of Votes Cast at the November 6, 2007 Election is hereby approved as follows:

Carrboro Mayor				
	Mark H. Chilton	Chuck Morton	Brian D. Voyce	Write-In
Carrboro	195	21	41	3
Damascus	78	11	15	2
Hogan Farms	208	13	158	0
Lions Club	195	28	22	4
North Carrboro	392	27	65	5
OWASA	121	16	8	0
St John	1	1	0	0
Town Hall	230	13	11	2
Absentee By Mail	3	0	12	0
One Stop Carrboro	242	24	76	0
One Stop Chapel Hill	39	4	12	0
One Stop Hillsborough	5	0	6	0
Provisionals/Transfers	34	5	4	0
Total	1743	163	430	16

Carrboro Board of Alderman (3 seats available)							
	Frank Abernethy	Joal Hall Broun	Dan Coleman	Sharon Cook	Lydia E. Lavelle	Katrina Ryan	Write-In
Carrboro	26	186	164	72	196	90	5
Damascus	20	49	63	38	65	47	2
Hogan Farms	32	162	132	273	232	259	0
Lions Club	49	155	172	64	185	70	3
North Carrboro	45	325	263	188	351	204	8
OWASA	23	99	96	34	110	42	1
St John	0	1	1	1	2	0	0
Town Hall	13	208	184	40	233	53	2
Absentee By Mail	2	9	3	13	1	12	0
One Stop Carrboro	33	227	195	112	236	119	1
One Stop Chapel Hill	12	31	30	19	40	22	0
One Stop Hillsborough	1	5	2	7	5	9	0
Provisionals/Transfers	7	21	27	12	30	11	0
Total	263	1478	1332	873	1686	938	22

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 4th day of December 2007:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

A REQUEST TO ADOPT A BUDGET ORDINANCE REFLECTING CURRENT STATUS OF LOANS AND RESERVE

The purpose of this item was to formally approve a budget ordinance to amend the Revolving Loan Fund to reflect the current status of loans and reserves in the fund. The Revolving Loan Fund is used to encourage community development in Carrboro by offering loans to new businesses, encouraging businesses to locate in Carrboro. The fund is updated annually to reflect estimated annual interest and principal payments on loans from the various businesses. The budget ordinance reflects estimated revenues and expenditures through June 30, 2008. In addition, the loan approved by the Board on November 20th for Art-in-A-Pickle is appropriated.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEX ZAFFRON AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY 2007-08 BUDGET ORDINANCE." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

COMMENTS BY OUTGOING ALDERMAN ALEX ZAFFRON

Alderman Zaffron made his parting comments as an Alderman of the Town of Carrboro.

RESOLUTION HONORING ALEX ZAFFRON

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Joal Hall Broun and duly seconded by Alderman Dan Coleman.

A RESOLUTION HONORING ALEX ZAFFRON
Resolution No. 72/2007-2008

WHEREAS, Alex Zaffron was elected as an Alderman for the Town of Carrboro in 1995; and

WHEREAS, he served as Mayor Pro Tem from December 2001- December 2003; and

WHEREAS, he is the former chair of the Orange County Democratic Party and has held numerous different offices within the Party; and

WHEREAS, in the words of Ellie Kinnaird, "Alex had recently left the School of the Arts when I asked him to be my campaign manager for Carrboro Mayor in 1987. I knew he was interested in politics so I proposed he give it a try. He not only was successful, but went on to a productive and creative career in politics himself. Alex immersed himself in every detail about projects from transportation to planning and became a recognized expert in all aspects of government."; and

WHEREAS, he has been a strong advocate for issues to improve the lives of Carrboro's citizens; and

WHEREAS, “Alex has always had a certain thespian quality - an orator of sorts, not an easy thing to do on the sometimes mundane issues that come before the Board. His way of holding his head and occasionally tossing his hair with a certain flair, as well as his long, involved sentences, were entertaining and effective in getting his point across.” (Jay Bryan); and

WHEREAS, Alex served on the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) TAC (Transportation Advisory Committee) from December of 1995 – present. He was Chair for 2003-2004 and Vice Chair for 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, “he faithfully attended and participated in TAC meetings and was never reluctant to express his opinion or feelings regarding issues coming before the TAC. He often espoused positions that other TAC members shared but may have been reluctant to express. Alex was not afraid to deal with controversial matters taking them “head on” rather than “dancing around the edges”. However, he also tried to find common ground to resolve difficult issues.”(Mark Ahrendsen, MPO Technical Coordinating Committee Chair); and

WHEREAS, “Alex was a strong advocate for alternatives to the single occupant automobile; forcefully promoting bicycle and pedestrian initiatives.” (Mark Ahrendsen); and

WHEREAS, he successfully secured state funds to help with local projects; and

WHEREAS, when a Wal-Mart was planned to be built in Chatham County, he brought a resolution to the Board, calling on Chatham to be sensitive to its citizens’ needs and carefully examine Wal-Mart's possible effects on traffic and the environment; and

WHEREAS, he worked for improvements to Homestead and High School Roads and the installation of a traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, Alex was instrumental in promoting the creation of an affordable housing land trust; and

WHEREAS, “Alex has been a dedicated servant to the Town of Carrboro and his energy and expertise have made Carrboro a better place to live.” (Frances Shetley); and

WHEREAS, “Alex is a thoughtful, smart and caring person. He has given countless years to the betterment of Carrboro.” (Joal Broun); and

WHEREAS, “Alex was the only real ‘policy wonk’ on the Board. He really knew the ordinances and Land Use policy and would get excited about discussing the details.” (Diana McDuffee); and

WHEREAS, “Alex was completely knowledgeable about every land-use issue and many more issues and Alex was often the best at crafting a good compromise when the Board was split.” (Diana McDuffee); and

WHEREAS, “In a community that has grown rapidly and experienced a high degree of transience, it may be worth noting that Alex grew up here and is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School.” (Allen Spalt); and

WHEREAS, “Having spent almost all of his life in Orange County he has a good sense of local history and really strong roots in Orange County.” (Diana McDuffee); and

WHEREAS, “Alex's dedication to affordable housing led him to investigate alternatives to the preferred course of ‘inclusionary zoning,’ which we were advised the town could not do directly, implementing instead the ‘small house ordinance,’ requiring that some units in a development be more modest.” (Allen Spalt); and

WHEREAS, "Alex quantified Carrboro's economic development goals by proposing to double the commercial space downtown, taking the tax base imbalance and generalizing it into support for downtown." (Allen Spalt)

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

Section 1. Alex Zaffron's service is gratefully appreciated and recognized as a great benefit to the Town of Carrboro.

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 4th day of December 2007:

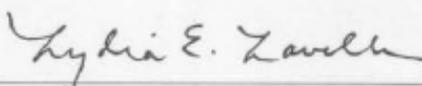
Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Lydia Lavelle

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

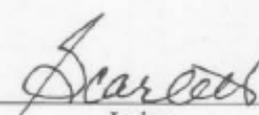
SWEARING IN OF ALDERMAN-ELECT LYDIA LAVELLE

I, Lydia Lavelle, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Alderman of the Town of Carrboro, on which I am about to enter, according to my best skill and ability; so help me God.



Lydia Lavelle

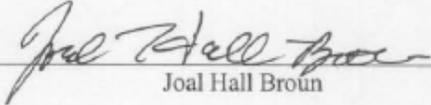
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December, 2007.



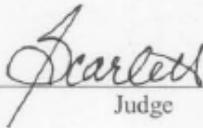
Judge

SWEARING IN OF ALDERMAN JOAL HALL BROUN

I, Joal Hall Broun, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Alderman of the Town of Carrboro, on which I am about to enter, according to my best skill and ability; so help me God.

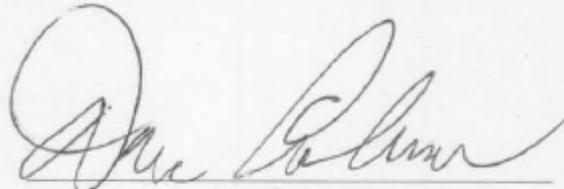

Joal Hall Broun

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December, 2007.

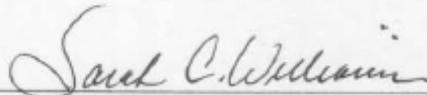

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SWEARING IN OF ALDERMAN DAN COLEMAN

I, Dan Coleman, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Alderman of the Town of Carrboro, on which I am about to enter, according to my best skill and ability; so help me God.


Dan Coleman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December, 2007.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 7-22-2010

SWEARING IN OF MAYOR MARK CHILTON

I, Mark Chilton, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, on which I am about to enter, according to my best skill and ability; so help me God.



Mark H. Chilton

Mark Chilton

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of December, 2007.

My Commission Expires: 7/22/2010 *Sarah C. Williams*

~~Judge~~ Notary Public

APPOINTMENT OF A MAYOR PRO TEM

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO APPOINT JOHN HERRERA AS MAYOR PRO TEM. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

APPOINTMENTS TO RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE

The purpose of this item was for the Board to finalize the date and location of the Board's 2008 planning retreat, to authorize the town manager to pursue facilitation services, and to appoint a committee of Aldermen to finalize the agenda and other details of the retreat.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Dan Coleman and duly seconded by Alderman Jacquelyn Gist.

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN
RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE
Resolution No. 69/2007-08

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen plans to continue its tradition of an annual planning retreat; and

WHEREAS it is necessary to convene some number of the Board to plan the dates, agenda, and details of said retreat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO that the 2008 Board of Aldermen Planning Retreat will take place on January 27 and 28, 2008, at the OWASA conference room at 400 Jones Ferry Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Town Manager to negotiate facilitation services for the aforementioned retreat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Aldermen Joal Hall Broun and Randee Haven-O'Donnell are hereby appointed to make up that committee and report back to the Board on January 15th with proposed details for the entire Board to consider.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 4th day of December 2007:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Lydia Lavelle

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR A N.C. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT

Town staff has prepared a resolution for consideration by the Board of Aldermen in support of staff going forward with applying for a Safe Routes to School grant, and in support of the Town serving as the lead agency in the event that a grant is awarded to the Town.

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

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF CARRBORO APPLYING
FOR AND ADMINISTERING THE
NORTH CAROLINA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAMS
Resolution No. 71/2007-08

WHEREAS the North Carolina Department of Transportation is accepting applications for Safe Routes to School infrastructure, non-infrastructure, and planning grants; and

WHEREAS the Safe Routes to School infrastructure and non-infrastructure grant programs are reimbursement programs to fund programs and improvements that can help make bicycling and walking to and from school safe and healthy transportation alternatives; and

WHEREAS the action planning grant program is a service award grant program that awards the grantee a consultant for developing an action plan for safe travel to and from school; and

WHEREAS the Town of Carrboro participated in a Safe Routes to School workshop in April 2005;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen supports the application for any of the Safe Routes to School grant programs from the Town of Carrboro; and supports the Town as the Lead Agency responsible for entering into a contract with NCDOT and administering a grant if awarded.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 4th day of December 2007:

Ayes: Joal Hall Broun, Mark Chilton, Dan Coleman, Randee Haven-O'Donnell, Jacquelyn Gist, John Herrera, Lydia Lavelle

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:33 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk