

A regular meeting of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 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
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Michael B. Brough
Town Clerk	Sarah C. Williamson

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF EVE CARSON

Mayor Chilton called for a moment of silence in honor of Eve Carson, UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President, who was brutally murdered on March 5, 2008.

SUPPORT FOR WORKERS' RIGHTS AT SMITHFIELD PACKING COMPANY

Libby Manly asked the Board to adopt a resolution supporting workers' rights at the Smithfield Packing Company.

Anna Blackshaw gave examples of the types of violations against workers at the Smithfield plant and urged the Board to support the resolution.

Joseph Marra and Jordan Teakle, with Fair Local Organic Foods, spoke about environmental problems with the Smithfield plant.

Miriam Thompson, Secretary of the Orange County NAACP, asked that the Board adopt the resolution supporting workers' rights.

Alderman Coleman volunteered to redraft the resolution for the Board's consideration on April 1st.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOAL HALL BROUN AND SECONDED BY JACQUELYN GIST TO PLACE THIS RESOLUTION ON THE BOARD'S APRIL 1ST AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Alderman Coleman proposed that the Board members not consume Smithfield products

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE THE MARCH 4, 2008 MINUTES. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

A REQUEST TO APPROVE A BUDGET AMENDMENT AND AUTHORIZE THREE NEW FIRE FIGHTING POSITIONS

A budget amendment is required to recognize the FY07-08 portion of a multi-year grant that will be awarded from the FEMA's National Preparedness Directorate for the Fire-Rescue Department to hire three new firefighters in preparation of opening Fire Station #2. In recognizing the grant revenue (\$21,507), the Board of Aldermen was also requested to add three fire fighting positions to the pay plan by May 8, 2008.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY'2007-08 BUDGET ORDINANCE" AND ADDING THREE NEW FIRE FIGHTING POSITIONS TO THE PAY PLAN. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

A REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR FIBER CABLING AND TO APPROVE A PROJECT ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRE SUBSTATION CAPITAL BUDGET

The Board of Aldermen was requested to authorize the Town Manager to execute a design agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and a construction agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to install additional fiber optic cabling for town use as it is upgrading the traffic light signaling system. This effort will enable the town to connect the fire substation to Town Hall, ultimately replacing the need for leased lines and their ongoing monthly costs to provide needed telecom and data services between these two facilities. Prior to executing a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and NCDOT, a project ordinance appropriating additional funds of \$243,000 is required to finance this effort, bringing the total project budget for the fire substation to \$2,992,703. All costs appropriated for the fire substation will be financed with installment financing proceeds.

MOTION WAS MADE BY DAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY RANDEE HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FY'2007-08 BUDGET ORDINANCE." VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

WATER CONSERVATION: UPDATE ON INTERLOCAL WORKGROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

In August 2006, the Board of Aldermen directed staff to participate in a work group with OWASA, Chapel Hill, and Orange County to consider water supply demand management and water conservation approaches. The workgroup has issued a draft report for consideration by local elected Boards. Key findings of the report are presented for the Board's consideration. The staff recommended that the Board of Aldermen adopt a resolution receiving the report prepared by the workgroup, requesting staff review of the report and continued staff participation in the workgroup, and providing other feedback and direction as desired.

Randy Dodd, the town's Environmental Planner, presented the recommendations of the workgroup.

Pat Davis with OWASA, thanked the town staff for their work on the workgroup and assistance in water conservation efforts, and discussed the near-term actions to implement the workgroup's recommendations.

Alderman Broun expressed concern about requiring people to conserve by retrofitting fixtures when others are allowed to irrigate their lawns. She also suggested that local governments limit the size of houses.

Alderman Coleman suggested that some of the non-regulatory strategies be considered for regulatory strategies, such as the ultra-low flow plumbing.

Alderman Gist suggested a SAPFO-like mechanism for water.

Alderman Herrera asked that OWASA look at a surcharge for well water discharge.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked that low-income citizens have access to water saving devices.

Bob Kirschner expressed concern about requiring retrofitting before sale of units, supported loans or grants for retrofitting, expressed concern about the tier that multi-family units are in, and suggested that new multi-family units be individually metered.

Mayor Chilton suggested a "safe harbor provision" for the condition of service standard, and asked how the condition of service will relate to existing housing that are currently using wells but could connect to the OWASA system at a later date

Alderman Coleman suggested that Carrboro work with Chapel Hill to match growth to water supply.

Alderman Broun suggested that the Board consider what its position will be about transferring water from areas that have conserved and those who have not.

Mayor Chilton suggested that the March 31st Assembly of Governments meeting would give the Board an opportunity to further discuss water issues.

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

A RESOLUTION RECEIVING REPORT ON WATER CONSERVATION
Resolution No. 117/2007-08

WHEREAS, an adequate and high quality water supply is fundamental to the well-being and sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen directed staff to participate in an interlocal work group to develop recommendations for water supply demand management and conservation in August 2006; and

WHEREAS, a report from the workgroup and OWASA recommendations have been prepared and presented; and

WHEREAS, water conservation and water use efficiency are cornerstones of our community's water resource demand management strategy, and the Carrboro Board of Aldermen is committed to pursuing water conservation and working collaboratively with local governments and OWASA; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2008 the OWASA Board of Directors received and strongly endorsed the workgroups recommendations;

NOW THEREFORE, the Carrboro Board of Alderman does hereby:

1. Receive the report prepared by the workgroup and OWASA recommendations
2. Desires to continue working collaboratively with the Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County and OWASA to ensure the quality and adequacy of our local water resources; and

3. Direct the Town's staff to continue to work with staff from the Town of Chapel Hill, Orange County and OWASA to more fully develop and evaluate potential implementation strategies, a list of proposed water use efficiency standards and conditions of service, appropriate roles and responsibilities, resource needs and timetable for implementation, etc.
4. Request that OWASA provide a report on the proposed approach and implementation plan for the water use efficiency conditions of service strategy before adoption of the strategy.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 18th day of March 2008:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

CREATION OF A LOCAL LIVING ECONOMY IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to finalize the mission and consider the make-up of the proposed Local Living Economy Task Force.

Alderman Broun expressed her desire that the rules and expectations for this task force to be clear from the beginning; i.e., whether the recommendations must all be by consensus.

Alderman Gist asked that all Carrboro businesses be notified of this task force.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked that this task force be advertised on Carrboro's website as well as on Carrboro.com.

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

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MISSION, MAKE-UP, DURATION, AND MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE NEW LOCAL LIVING ECONOMY TASK FORCE

Resolution No. 119/2007-08

WHEREAS the Board of Aldermen have committed themselves to helping Carrboro achieve a locally owned, operated, and supported economy, and

WHEREAS the formation and activities and recommendations of a Local Living Economy Task Force may aid the Aldermen in achieving that goal,

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that:

Section 1: A Local Living Economy Task Force be created for an 18-month period (following appointment of its members on May 20th) and that it meet roughly once a month during that time;

Section 2: The Local Living Economy Task Force will be given staff support and be made up of 10 members appointed as follows after a one month advertisement period:

- a. ESC: 2 appointees
- b. Carrboro business community: 3 appointees
- c. At-large members: 3 appointees
- d. Aldermen: 2 members

Section 3: The mission of the Local Living Economy Task Force is to investigate and evaluate strategies by which the Town of Carrboro can help foster the development of a sustainable, locally owned and run economy. Their studies will include but not be limited to strategies regarding “thinking local first,” identifying and plugging leaks, mobilizing small businesses, entrepreneurship training, investor mobilization, and public policy reform. Additional topics of interest identified by other Board members as issues the LLETTF might look into include sustaining the arts and creating more affordable housing. They will provide reports to the Board of Aldermen at least every six months during this period which will contain recommendations about actions the Board could take to support the development of such a local living economy.

Section 4. Appointments would be made on May 20th.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 18th day of March 2008:

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

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: None

APPOINTMENTS TO THE PLANNING BOARD

The Board voted as follows by paper ballot:

BOARD MEMBER VOTING	APPOINTEE
Lavelle, Herrera, Gist, Broun, Coleman, Haven-O’Donnell, Chilton	Debra Fritz
Lavelle, Herrera, Gist, Broun, Coleman, Haven-O’Donnell, Chilton	Seth Chadbourne
Lavelle, Herrera, Gist, Broun, Coleman, Haven-O’Donnell, Chilton	Damon Seils
Lavelle, Herrera, Gist, Broun	Rose Warner
Coleman, Chilton	Chuck Morton

Mayor Chilton stated that Debra Fritz, Seth Chadbourne and Damon Seils were appointed to the Planning Board for three-year terms (term expiration: February 2011).

MOTION WAS MADE BY JACQUELYN GIST AND SECONDED BY JOHN HERRERA THAT ROSE WARNER BE ASSIGNED TO THE UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE PLANNING BOARD (TERM EXPIRING FEBRUARY, 2009). VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

REPORT FROM ROGERS ROAD SMALL AREA PLAN COMMITTEE

Alderman Broun stated that the Rogers Road Small Area Plan Committee had a presentation from the School System asking if the towns would be interested in siting an elementary school on a portion of the Greene Tract. In addition, they had a presentation from St. Paul AME Church regarding the purchase of property at the corner of Rogers Road and Purefoy Road to build a new sanctuary, affordable housing, cemetery, and recreation facilities. She asked that the Board consider whether it was interested in placing an elementary school on the Greene Tract. She stated that the Rogers Road Small Area Plan Committee is planning to have a design charette in May.

Alderman Gist stated that the school system will have to be willing to share facilities if the school is located on the Greene Tract.

Mayor Chilton stated that there will be a discussion of the Greene Tract on the March 31st Assembly of Governments agenda.

POOPER SCOOPER LAW

Alderman Herrera expressed his interest in having the town adopt a pooper scooper law.

MOTION WAS MADE BY JOHN HERRERA AND SECONDED BY JOAL BROUN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:07 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

Mayor

Town Clerk