A public hearing of the Carrboro Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 in the Board Room of the Carrboro Town Hall.

Present and presiding:

Mayor Mark Chilton

Aldermen Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Joal Hall Broun Dan Coleman Jacquelyn Gist Sammy Slade

Town Manager Steven E. Stewart
Town Clerk Catherine Wilson
Town Attorney Michael B. Brough

Absent or Excused:

Alderman Lydia Lavelle

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FY 2011-2012 BUDGET

Prior to adopting the annual budget ordinance, the Board of Aldermen is required by G.S. 159-12 (b) to hold a public hearing on the Manager's recommended budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Any persons who wish to be heard on the budget may appear. Following the budget hearing, the Board was requested to provide direction to the Town Manager for the final budget to be adopted on June 21, 2011.

Robert Dowling, the Director of Community Home Trust, thanked the Board for the Town's financial support and requested that the support be continued.

PRESENTATION OF ORANGE AND DURHAM COUNTY BUS AND RAIL INVESTMENT PLAN

The Board received a presentation from Triangle Transit on the Orange and Durham County Bus and Rail Investment Plan, which details how revenues referenced in House Bill 148 – Congestion Relief/Intermodel Transportation Fund – will be utilized to invest in public transportation service and capital improvements in Orange and Durham

David King, the CEO of Triangle Transit, gave a presentation on the draft plan and answered questions from the Board. He explained that the proposed rail alignment will require close cooperative work with property owners because it is planned to go through existing neighborhoods. At this time, no major complaints have been voiced from neighborhood groups.

Steve Spade, the Town of Chapel Hill's Transit Director, provided a presentation to the Board and discussed elements of the draft Bus and Rail Investment Plan. He explained that new shared services, involving partner governments, will result in shared costs. He asked the Board to support the efforts of the plan and the local-option sales tax.

Craig Benedict, the County's Planning Director, discussed the plan with the Board and requested feedback. He explained that the County will be considering adoption of the draft Financial Plan and the possible referendum after their summer break.

Mayor Chilton requested that staff provide the Board with information on the light rail turn on Columbia Street.

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Gist and duly seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT PLAN AND SUPPORTING A NOVEMBER 2011 REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE COUNTY SALES TAX TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN

Resolution No. 129/2010-11

WHEREAS, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization and Triangle Transit have proposed to construct light rail between Chapel Hill and Durham; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 148, approved in 2009, provides for funding from an increase in the county sales tax and vehicle registration fee to fund the construction of the light rail system; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 148 requires the development and adoption of a county transit plan to guide the use of additional sales tax and vehicle registration fees to construct and operate the light rail system and provide for bus services within Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the Town has worked in conjunction with Orange County, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Durham County to develop an Orange County Transit Plan which provides funding for bus services within Orange County and provides for the construction and operation of a light rail system between Chapel Hill and Durham; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 148 requires the approval of the Orange County Transit Plan by the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Transportation Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the ½ cent sales tax increase requires approval through a county-wide referendum; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the proposed Orange County Transit Plan and believes adoption of the Plan will provide important resources to maintain and expand public transit services within Orange County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board of Aldermen endorses the proposed Orange County Transit Plan with the following recommendations:

- An inter-local agreement be developed and approved between Orange County, Carrboro, Chapel Hill, Hillsborough and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization should include a provision requiring an annual report from Triangle Transit on the status of the Plan. This assessment should include an update on the status of all elements of the Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen recommends that the Orange County Commissioners place a referendum to increase the Orange County sales tax by ½ cent to fund the Orange County Transit Plan on the November 2011 ballot.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 24th day of May 2011;

Ayes: Dan Coleman, Sammy Slade, Mark Chilton, Joal Hall Broun, Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Noes: None

Absent or Excused: Lydia Lavelle

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF THE TOWN MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS

The purpose of this item was for the Board to continue discussion of the town manager recruitment process and for staff to provide the Board with requested follow-up information.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROUN FOR STAFF TO SEND OUT THE RFP BY THIS WEEK WITH RESPONSES RECEIVED BY JUNE 15, 2011. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (LAVELLE).

The Board will attempt to review the RFP responses during the June 21, 2011 Board meeting.

YARN BOMBING

The Board originally discussed a "yarn bombing" proposal during the May 17, 2011 meeting and asked staff for follow-up. It was the consensus of the Board that Town staff will provide a list of allowable places that the yarn bombing can take place. If the yarn bombers would like to knit in an unidentified area or on an unidentified object, they must submit a detailed request form to the Town.

WEAVER STREET ACTIVITY

Alderman Slade proposed postponing the reopening of Weaver Street for a day to allow for a Town street activity. He suggested that the event be organized by Town staff.

George Seiz, the Town's Public Works Director, stated that the east block of Weaver Street will most likely be completed this season but that he is unable to provide an advance notice, definitive date for the re-opening.

Based on concerns from various members of the Board, Alderman Slade will report back to the Board on the Weaver Street businesses' thoughts on the proposed delayed reopening.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER INVOLVING ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TWO PERSONNEL MATTERS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (LAVELLE)

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (LAVELLE)

ORANGE COUNTY PROPOSED TIPPING FEES-ROGERS ROAD

The following resolution was introduced by Alderman Coleman and seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING PROPOSED TIPPING FEE INCREASES FROM THE COUNTY Resolution No. 130/2010-11

THAT THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN RESOLVE THAT: The Board cannot make an informed decision on whether to agree to tipping fee mitigation purposes without knowing the scope of the proposed mitigation and the cost estimates that relate to the proposed fee increases. The Board is interested in taking up the matter at the earliest time that the County can provide the above information. The Town also understands that there may be a two dollar tipping fee increase related to the operation of the landfill in the upcoming FY. In future years, any proposed tipping increase is requested to be provided to the Towns by the end of February.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote received the following vote and was duly adopted this 24th day of May 2011;

Ayes: Dan Coleman, Sammy Slade, Mark Chilton, Jacquelyn Gist, Randee Haven-O'Donnell

Noes: Joal Hall Broun

Absent or Excused: Lydia Lavelle

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER AT 10:45 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (LAVELLE)

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMAN AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROUN TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION AT 10:51 P.M. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE (LAVELLE)

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST AND SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN C. MATTHEW EFIRD AND THE TOWN OF CARRBORO AND TO

APPOINT C	C. MATTHEW	EFIRD TO	ACT AS	THE	INTERIM	TOWN	MANAGER	UPON	STEVEN
STEWART'S	S RETIREMEN	T. VOTE: A	AFFIRMAT	TIVE S	IX, ABSEN	T ONE (LAVELLE)		

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN COLEMA	
O'DONNELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:5 (LAVELLE)	6 P.M. VOIE: AFFIRMATIVE SIX, ABSENT ONE
	Mayor
Town Clerk	