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Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro
Meeting Minutes
Town Council**

May 16, 2023

7:00 PM

Council Chambers - Room 110

Present: Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Rande Haven-O'Donnell, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Sammy Slade, Council Member Barbara Foushee

Absent: Mayor Damon Seils

Also Present: Richard White, Town Manager; Wesley Barker, Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

POETRY READING

Poet Laureate-Liza Wolf-Francis read the poem "Throwing Children" by Ross Gay.

PROCLAMATION - PERIOD POVERTY AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

POLICE WEEK PROCLAMATION

PUBLIC WORKS WEEK PROCLAMATION

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS TO SAFE AND COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Foushee that the resolution be approved.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RIGHT OF ALL NORTH CAROLINIANS TO SAFE AND COMPREHENSIVE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

44 **WHEREAS**, access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including safe and legal
45 abortion, is a fundamental right; and

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47 **WHEREAS**, after the United States Supreme Court overturned *Roe v Wade* in its decision in
48 *Dobbs v Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, both houses of the North Carolina General
49 Assembly passed Senate Bill 20 on a party-line vote to limit the rights of women, specifically
50 their bodily autonomy, by prohibiting abortion after 12 weeks of pregnancy and restricting
51 access to medication abortion after 10 weeks of pregnancy; and

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53 **WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 20 erects new barriers to the provision of health care that are medically
54 unnecessary, such as additional in-person appointments and new clinic requirements; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, restricting access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, will make it
57 harder for the most vulnerable to access healthcare, which medical professionals say will lead to
58 preventable deaths; and

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60 **WHEREAS**, despite the fact that most North Carolinians support access to safe, legal abortion,
61 and despite the legislature’s own bill filing rules, Senate Bill 20 was released with little notice
62 and no transparency, as the Republican legislative leadership crafted this harmful bill behind
63 closed doors with no opportunity for public comment; and

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65 **WHEREAS**, the Carrboro Town Council has a history of supporting full access to safe,
66 comprehensive reproductive health care—such as by unanimously adopting “A Resolution
67 Calling for Repeal of the Hyde Amendment and Supporting the Right of All Women to Safe and
68 Comprehensive Health Care” in 2018—and rejects in the strongest terms Senate Bill 20 and
69 other legislation aimed at limiting or denying access to abortion;

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71 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Carrboro Town Council supports the right
72 of all people to access the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including abortion.

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74 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council commends Senator Graig Meyer and
75 Representative Allen Buansi for voting against Senate Bill 20; supports Governor Roy Cooper’s
76 decision to veto Senate Bill 20; and encourages members of the North Carolina General
77 Assembly to uphold the Governor’s veto.

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79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council urges Carrboro’s delegation in the
80 General Assembly to prioritize the health care needs of all residents, to reject further attempts to
81 restrict access to abortion, and to increase investment in access to health care, affordable birth
82 control including emergency contraception, and comprehensive age-appropriate sex education.

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84 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council encourages residents of Carrboro to
85 speak out against these egregious attacks on bodily autonomy and make their views known to
86 members of the General Assembly.

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88 This the 16th day of May, 2023.

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90 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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92 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils**

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97 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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99 **Meg Morgan** spoke to keep the green space on Fidelity.

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101 **Duncan Morgan** spoke about Fidelity meadow green space and preserving it as a Carrboro park.
102 He read multiple messages from other community members that couldn't be in attendance that
103 support the green space.

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105 **Josienne Lafreniere** spoke about supporting the green space on Fidelity.

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107 **Sarah Smith** spoke about supporting the green space on Fidelity.

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109 **Dr. Carolyn Daniels** spoke about keeping the green space on Fidelity for Westwood Cemetery.

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111 **Lorie Clark** spoke on the sacredness of the cemetery and advocated for keeping the area around
112 the Westwood cemetery for cemetery use.

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114 **Soteria Sheppes** spoke about the green space and treatment of black people in Carrboro.

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116 **Bob Proctor** spoke about supporting the green space on Fidelity and the need for human
117 interactions.

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119 **Chris Pendergrass** spoke about supporting the green space on Fidelity as a park.

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121 **Betty Curry** spoke about the reparations for Black Carrboro and the need for unity before
122 granting another park.

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124 **Heidi Perry** spoke about the need for more crosswalks on Greensboro St and the "super-street"
125 in front of Carrboro Plaza.

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127 **Cristóbal Palmer** spoke about the green space on Fidelity and his frustration over people
128 playing in the cemetery's green space.

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130 **Jane Garrett** spoke about the green space on Fidelity and the need to keep it as a cemetery.

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134 **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 MINUTES**

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136 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Posada to**
137 **approve the minutes as presented in the agenda packet.**

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139 **The motion was carried unanimously.**

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141 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils**

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145 **IMPLEMENTATION OF CARRBORO CONNECTS CHAPTER 5, STRATEGY 4.2,**
146 **REDUCE NEGATIVE EFFECTIVES OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS ON HOUSING**
147 **COSTS AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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149 The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the Town Council with a report on the
150 implementation of Carrboro Connects Transportation & Mobility Strategy 4.2 Reduce negative
151 effects of parking requirements on housing costs and natural resources.

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153 Trish McGuire, Carrboro Planning Director, gave a presentation on the Update to Carrboro’s
154 Residential Parking Requirements.

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156 Betty Curry, Chair of Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, spoke on the parking item about
157 low-income households. Spoke on suggestion of designating parking spaces for residents when
158 new apartment complexes are built. Spoke that lower income households depend on vehicles
159 over alternative means such as electric bikes, etc.

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161 **A motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Slade that**
162 **the following resolution be approved:**

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164 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FEEDBACK ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL
165 PARKING MINIMUMS NEAR TRANSIT SERVICE

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167 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 11 (Implementation) of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan, Carrboro
168 Connects, adopted in June 2022, identified Transportation and Mobility Chapter 5’s Strategy 4.2,
169 “[r]educe negative effects of parking requirements on housing costs and natural resources,” as
170 one of five priority projects.

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172 **WHEREAS**, the Town Council included this strategy among its top priorities when establishing
173 Key Strategic Areas at its January 2023 retreat,

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175 **WHEREAS**, a report on the applicable policies and regulations, and possible changes has been
176 prepared.

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178 **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Town Council provides the following comments in
179 relation to possible changes to Town standards related to parking minimums near transit:

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181 1. 5 days service map as outlined in Chapel Hill Transit Short Range Transit Plan;

- 182 2. Institute a hard non-presumptive maximum;
- 183 3. No phase in-, but do conduct annual assessments;
- 184 4. No changes to commercial parking requirements;
- 185 5. On-street parking study
- 186 6. Compare cover bike parking standards to City of Raleigh

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188 This is the 16th day of May in the year 2023.

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190 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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192 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils**

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196 **JOINT PLANNING AREA LAND USE PLAN AMENDMENT – 2106 MOUNT CARMEL**
197 **CHURCH ROAD**

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199 The purpose of this item is to request that the Town Council consider approval of a proposed
200 amendment to the Joint Planning Land Use Plan for a 4.66-acre property at 2106 Mount Carmel
201 Church Road that was annexed into Orange County from Chatham County in 2021.

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203 **A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Nowell that**
204 **the following be approved:**

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206 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORANGE COUNTY – CHAPEL HILL-
207 CARRBORO JOINT PLANNING LAND USE PLAN TO ADD 4.66 ACRES TO THE
208 RURAL BUFFER

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210 **WHEREAS**, Orange County, the Town of Chapel Hill, and the Town of Carrboro have engaged
211 in a cooperative planning effort detailed within the Orange County – Chapel Hill – Carrboro
212 Joint Planning Land Use Plan (hereafter ‘Joint Planning Land Use Plan’), adopted October 13,
213 1986, and amended from time to time, and

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215 **WHEREAS**, on June 30, 2021, North Carolina Session Law 2021-67 annexed 4.66 acres of land
216 from Chatham County into Orange County, and

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218 **WHEREAS**, a Land Use classification and a Zoning district must be applied to the annexed
219 property by Orange County, and

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221 **WHEREAS**, the property owner has filed applications to amend the Orange County
222 Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map and the Zoning Atlas to affix the “Rural Buffer”
223 Land use classification and RB (Rural Buffer) zoning district to the property, and

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225 **WHEREAS**, the annexed property is part of a parcel of land subject to the Joint Planning Land
226 Use Plan and staff has determined that it should be added to said Plan for continuity and
227 regulatory purposes, and

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229 **WHEREAS**, Section 2.6.A of the Joint Planning Agreement, which is part of the Joint Planning
230 Land Use Plan, requires that amendments to the Joint Planning Area Land Use Map must be
231 adopted by all parties to the Joint Planning Land Use Plan, and

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233 **WHEREAS**, a joint public hearing regarding the proposed Joint Planning Land Use Plan
234 amendment was held on May 23, 2023, in accordance with the requirements of the Joint
235 Planning Agreement.

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237 **NOW THEREFORE**, the Carrboro Town Council hereby resolves that the Joint Planning Land
238 Use Plan be amended as shown on the attached page.

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240 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the amendment to the Joint Planning Land Use Plan
241 shall become effective upon adoption by the governing bodies of Orange County, Chapel Hill,
242 and Carrboro.

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244 This the 16th day of May, 2023.

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246 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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248 **Absent: Mayor Damon Seils**

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252 **ADJOURNMENT**

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254 **A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Slade to**
255 **adjourn the meeting.**

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257 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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