

Lavelle

Absent: Alderman Seils and Alderman Johnson

A motion was made by Alderman Chaney, seconded by Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, that this resolution be approved.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CARRBORO LAND USE ORDINANCE TO REDUCE THE
MINIMUM LOT SIZE REQUIREMENT FOR THE R-2 DISTRICT IN ARCHITECTURALLY
INTEGRATED SUBDIVISIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen seeks to provide ample opportunities for the public to comment on proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen sets a public hearing on June 28, 2016, to consider adopting "An Ordinance Amending the Carrboro Land Use Ordinance to Reduce the Minimum Lot Size Requirement for R-2 District in Architecturally Integrated Subdivisions."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the draft ordinance is referred to Orange County, the Town of Carrboro Planning Board and the following Town of Carrboro advisory boards and commissions for consideration and recommendation prior to the specified public hearing date: Appearance Commission, Transportation Advisory Board, Economic Sustainability Commission

This the 24th day of May, 2016

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Alderman Gist, Alderman Haven-O'Donnell, Alderman Slade, Alderman Chaney and Mayor Lavelle

Absent: Alderman Seils and Alderman Johnson

FOLLOW-UP REPORT OF ADVISORY BOARDS' TECHNICAL REVIEW OF CARRBORO VISION2020

The purpose of this item was to provide the Board of Aldermen with an update on the Advisory Boards' second review of the Carrboro Vision2020 document.

Alderman Slade asked for the Board to look into a way to explore some of the comments of the report. He suggested maybe pulling one per work session to allow the Board adequate time to review.

Alderman Gist stated that some of this is heavy and at the policy level. She stated that Vision2020 is not the equivalent of the land use ordinance is not the law. She stated that the comments should be reviewed by subject areas and the Board should discuss them further.

Mayor Lavelle suggested using the work sessions in the manner in which they are designed and to start the review in September. It was suggested that the Board work with the suggestions in the order in which they appear in the technical review.

Alderman Slade asked for staff to highlight the areas where advisory boards are already working.

Alderman Chaney asked that they be true work sessions and that it be made clear that public comment is not allowed during work sessions but will be allowed at a future date. She stated that this will allow the Board to work through and discuss the issues.

Alderman Slade stated that allowing public comment at times when it has not be advertised is not fair to the democratic process.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that she does not want to keep people from speaking if they show up. She stated that the Board can retreat and that is when they can talk.

Mayor Lavelle stated that they can schedule some Tuesdays as mini-retreats and treat them as such because the seven members of the Board need to be able to discuss the document amongst themselves.

Alderman Gist stated that she prefers to hear all voices and that democracy is sloppy sometimes but that all need to be heard.

Mayor Lavelle stated that this needs to be a broader conversation of how to communicate with each other and the community. She also stated that two members of the Board of Aldermen are absent and that she is sure they would like to weigh in on this topic.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested that communication techniques is a continuation of the retreat and that it should be continued further.

Mayor Lavelle stated that the Board can be more efficient and that the Board can have someone facilitate the process, if possible.

Alderman Chaney stated that setting the right expectations for public input upfront is imperative.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CHANEY FOR STAFF TO SCHEDULE FUTURE MINI-RETREATS ON WORK SESSION TUESDAY NIGHTS REGARDING THE ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, ABSENT TWO (JOHNSON, SEILS)

UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY HOME TRUST AND RENEWAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

The purpose of this item was for the Board to receive an update on the activities of the Community Home Trust and to consider renewing the Interlocal Agreement.

Nate Broman-Fulks, an assistant to the Town Manager, introduced Robert Dowling, the Executive Director of the Community Home Trust.

Robert Dowling provided an update on the work of the Community Home Trust. He asked the Board to look at the Land Use Ordinance and examine how they can encourage affordable housing. He asked the Board to look at incentive programs. He stated that the opportunity for affordable housing is reaching an end under current operating methods.

Alderman Chaney stated that the Board should continue to move parts of the strategy forward. Including looking at density issues carefully; smaller homes; how they can meet affordability goals for targeted groups.