



Town of Carrboro

Town Hall
301 W. Main St.
Carrboro, NC 27510

Meeting Minutes

Board of Aldermen

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

7:30 PM

Board Chambers - Room 110

Present: Mayor Lydia Lavelle, Alderman Michelle Johnson, Alderman Damon Seils, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist, Alderman Randee Haven-O'Donnell and Alderman Sammy Slade

Also Present: David Andrews, Town Manager, Cathy Wilson, Town Clerk, Mike Brough, Town Attorney

FIRE FIGHTER WILL POTTER RECOGNIZED

The Mayor recognized Fire Fighter Will Potter for his quick action during an emergency situation on March 26, 2014.

CARRBORO OPEN STREETS EVENT

Eric Allman, representing the Carrboro Open Streets Committee, reminded everyone that the event is this Saturday on Weaver Street from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Motion was made by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Seils, to approve the resolution below:

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH 2014”

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men in the United States have been raped and nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced other forms of sexual violence at some point in their lives; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, rape is the most costly crime to its survivors, totaling \$127 billion a year, considering factors such as medical cost, lost earnings, pain, suffering, and lost quality of life (U.S. Department of Justice, 1996); and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center, a nonprofit agency that has served our community since 1974, is working to stop sexual violence and its impact through support, education, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center assisted more than 600 survivors of sexual violence, their loved ones, and community professionals during 2013; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of the Orange County Sexual Assault Response Team is bringing together members of law enforcement, the medical community, the legal system, and other community advocates to improve services for survivors of sexual assault who come forward; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center works with the county's two school systems and other groups to provide students with age-appropriate information about violence prevention, reaching more than 12,000 youth and adults each year; and

WHEREAS, national Sexual Assault Awareness Month calls attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every member of our community; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 national Sexual Assault Awareness Month campaign focuses on healthy sexuality and young people, with the goal of promoting a healthy foundation for relationships, development, and sexual violence prevention; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse prevention must be a priority to confront the reality that 1 in 6 boys and 1 in 4 girls will experience a sexual assault before the age of 18 years (Dube et al., 2005); and

WHEREAS, youth ages 12 to 17 years are 2.5 times more likely than adults to be victims of rape or sexual assault (Snyder & Sickmund, 2006); and

WHEREAS, we must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carrboro Board of Aldermen does hereby adopt this resolution proclaiming **the month of April 2014** as **“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH”** and encourages all citizens to speak out against sexual violence and to support their local community's efforts to prevent and respond to these crimes.

This the 8th day of April, 2014.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

POETRY MONTH IN CARRBORO

Mayor Lavelle proclaimed April as "Poetry Month" in Carrboro.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SLADE TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18 AND 25, 2014. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR RECREATION

The Board of Alderman were asked to review and adopt a resolution from the Intergovernmental Parks Work Group formalizing the intent of all parties to promote prudent and reasonable cost for community use of schools for recreation purposes.

Motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Johnson, to approve the resolution below:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR RECREATION

WHEREAS, many public schools in Orange County contain athletic and recreation facilities such as playing fields, gymnasiums and other similar facilities or areas; and

WHEREAS, these facilities are constructed with public funds primarily for the use of students and athletic groups at the respective schools but also may be (and have been to some degree) available when not in use by these groups for community or organized athletics and recreation; and

WHEREAS, many school systems and local governments around the country, including several in North Carolina, have successfully developed understandings and agreements to allow for use of school athletic and recreation facilities for athletic and recreation programs operated by local governments for the public; and

WHEREAS, in Orange County, the vast majority of participants in these athletic leagues and programs are also students in the respective school districts; and

WHEREAS, encouraging participation in athletic leagues and youth recreation activities promotes healthy lifestyles and works to combat childhood obesity, develop healthy exercise habits for a lifetime, and promotes teamwork and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, both the Orange County Schools and Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have recently completed reviews and/or changes to their facility use policies which in part served to open new avenues for usage for community athletic and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the mutual interest of the school systems and the local governments to develop mechanisms that allow for continued and expanded usage of such facilities, when not in use by the schools, to avoid duplication or otherwise unnecessary capital improvements funded by public dollars:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough, the city of Mebane, Orange County, and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools and the Orange County Schools pledge jointly to pursue and allow mutually-beneficial usage of recreational facilities at the schools by local government youth athletics and recreation, within the framework of school usage needs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties above agree that usage of such facilities should be subject to a minimum level of usage fees, recognizing the population being served as school system students, and that this level of usage fee be determined either by recognition in the schools facility fee schedule or by interlocal agreement.

This the 8th day of April, 2014.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

A REQUEST TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE NOT SO NORMAL 5K

The purpose for this agenda item is to set a public hearing for April 22nd 2014 for a Street Closing Permit Application submitted by www.MomInChapelHillNC.com for the temporary closing and usage of streets from 7:30AM to 9:30AM on Sunday, September 14th 2014 to accommodate the Not So Normal 5k.

Motion was made by Alderman Gist, seconded by Alderman Slade, to approve the resolution below:

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A TEMPORARY STREET CLOSING REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Carrboro that April 22, 2014 at 7:30 PM is hereby set as the date for a public hearing on a request by www.mominchapelhillnc.com to temporarily close and use the following streets on Sunday, September 14th 2014 from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM for the Not So Normal 5K event:

- Weaver St. from E. Main St to W. Main St.
- W. Main St. from Weaver St. to Hillsborough Rd.
- Hillsborough Rd. from W. Main St. to N. Greensboro St.
- N. Greensboro St. from Hillsborough Rd. to Weaver St.
- Weaver St. from N. Greensboro St. to E. Main St.

This the 8th day of April, 2014.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

REQUEST TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND TO CREATE AMENDMENTS AS NEEDED BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CARRBORO AND THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL FOR FIBER OPTIC INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES SHARING AND/OR EXCHANGE

The purpose of the MOU and Amendments was to allow the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill to interconnect portions of their respective existing fiber optic cable plant to facilitate network path redundancy and diversity, access to high speed and low cost internet access through MCNC, facilitate interconnection of regional fiber networks for inter-municipality emergency services communications and many other benefits.

Alderman Slade asked that the word "Town" where used for Town of Chapel Hill, be changed to "Town of Chapel Hill."

Motion was made by Alderman Slade, seconded by Alderman Johnson, to approve the resolution below:

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INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES SHARING AND/OR EXCHANGE

WHEREAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill jointly desire to formally recognize and maintain a mutually beneficial and collaborative environment surrounding the planning, engineering, deployment, documentation and maintenance of their respective fiber optic infrastructure resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill jointly acknowledge that each entity would be able to enhance the scope, route diversity, redundancy and overall reliability of network connectivity through a structured and detailed process whereby the two Towns equitably, and by mutually beneficial means, share and/or exchange specific elements of their respective fiber cable plants through an MOU and Amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the purpose of the MOU is to establish the terms and conditions for the two Towns to equitably share and/or exchange defined elements of their respective (a.) fiber optic infrastructure systems, (b.) fiber optic infrastructure strategic planning, and (c.) fiber optic infrastructure engineering and administration expertise and that Amendments to the MOU will be created, as needed, to document and describe each instance of sharing and/or exchanging fiber optic infrastructure resources; and,

WHEREAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill will have no ownership rights to the other Town's fiber optic infrastructure as a result of this MOU or Amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill will be sharing and/or exchanging fiber optic infrastructure, as laid out under specific Amendments, all sharing and/or exchanging will be quid pro quo at no cost to either Town other than possible nominal splicing fees;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrboro Board of Aldermen that the Board authorizes the Town Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and to Create Amendments as needed between the Town of Carrboro and the Town of Chapel Hill for Fiber Optic Infrastructure Facilities Sharing and/or Exchange.

This the 8th day of April, 2014.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

PROPOSED CARRBORO MURAL PROJECT - JONES FERRY ROAD AND HWY 54

The purpose of this item was to allow Michael Adamson to present a proposed Carrboro Mural Project to the Board.

Marty Roupe, the Town's Zoning Administrator, introduced the item to the Board.

Michael Adamson spoke to the Board about a concept for a mural on the retaining wall along Jones Ferry and HWY 54. In response to a question from Alderman Johnson, he explained that he wants anyone that would be interested in participating in the project to feel that they can be included. He thinks that the project will hopefully begin in spring of 2015.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell stated that this is the right time for this project.

Alderman Seils stated that the Town currently has a relationship with the NCDOT division engineer and that will be a great contact.

Alderman Seils stated that he and Alderman Haven-O'Donnell would like to be the liaisons to this project.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL TO APPROVE CONCEPT OF THE MURAL AND APPOINT ALDERMAN SEILS AND ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL AS LIAISONS TO THE PROJECT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOALS AND STRATEGIES, PART I

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Aldermen to consider the goals and strategies associated with affordable homeownership that have been developed by the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Alderman Seils, in regards to goal #2, stated that an approach for open space requirements would be to think about the total amount of open spaced desired in the community overall rather than per particular property. He also stated that changes may be forthcoming in the multifamily financing programs available through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is expected to ease restrictions on financing low-rise and midrise mixed-use development. In regards to goal #3, he mentioned that the county has dedicated funding available for things like emergency home repair. For goal #4, he stated that he would like to see strategies for promoting and encouraging development that supports existing transit service and allows it to flourish, rather than encouraging development in areas that are distant from existing service. He asked that prior the public hearing, that the document is accessible and as understandable as possible to the general reader.

Alderman Gist suggested the auxiliary dwelling units as a way to increase living space and affordable housing. She also mentioned that homes should be affordable to live in, so people can afford the maintenance of a home. She mentioned that the Board could ease the rules on manufactured housing.

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell suggested a dedicated funding source to assist with sustainable affordable housing. She also mentioned a possible clustering of small homes that share facilities.

Alderman Slade suggested using the 15% in the Vision 2020 and to consider metrics of projects on an annual basis. He also agreed with the suggestion of a source of constant funding for the Town.

Alderman Johnson stated that the affordable housing task force will come back with goals on overarching priorities and affordable rentals.

DISCUSSION OF SOLID WASTE OPTIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO REDUCTION IN MATERIAL BEING DISPOSED OF IN A LANDFILL

The purpose of this item was for the Board of Alderman to provide input on the scope of a study on solid waste issues.

George Seiz, the Town's Public Works Director, made the presentation to the Board.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like for the scope to consider pay-as-you-throw and to continue to provide service from the general fund. He also asked for the savings to be passed on to neighborhoods for possible participatory budgeting use.

Alderman Gist stated that she thinks that pay-as-you-throw is regressive and that if adopted, then property taxes should be reduced

Alderman Haven-O'Donnell asked to include a report of why pay-as-you-throw didn't work in Raleigh.

Mayor Lavelle expressed interest in further composting and food waste opportunities.

Alderman Johnson asked for the scope to explore what other communities do for subsidies and with multi-family housing.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SLADE, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN HAVEN-O'DONNELL, THAT THE RFP PROCESS BE APPROVED WITH THE COMMENTS

FROM THE BOARD TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND TO PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION ON THE PAY-AS-YOU-THROW OPTION AND THE COLLECTION OF FOOD WASTE. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE FIVE, NEGATIVE ONE (GIST)

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE DATE FOR THE 2014 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AND DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR THE 2014 SHORT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The purpose of this item was to request that the Board of Aldermen set the date for the 2014 Legislative Breakfast and to facilitate a discussion of legislative issues to present to our local delegation at the breakfast. The delegation may be able to pursue some of the issues presented during the upcoming session of the NC General Assembly.

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

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST AND THE 2014 SHORT SESSION LEGISLATIVE ISSUES FOR THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Section 1. The Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for April 21, 2014, at 7:30 a.m.

Section 2. The Board provides the following comments:

The Board endorses the North Carolina League of Municipalities municipal advocacy goals for the 2014 short session, with the exception of the item relating to “expanded uses of reclaimed water such as for recycling to surface water supplies.”

The clerk is directed to prepare a document summarizing the board's legislative priorities from the past several years for distribution to the legislative delegation.

In addition, the board identified the following legislative priorities:

1. Increase state transportation funds to support local and regional public transportation systems.
2. Avoid further weakening of gun control laws, especially with regard to school properties, college and university campuses, parks, and greenways.
3. Enhance the authority of municipalities to own and operate broadband systems serving citizens in unserved and underserved areas, and last-mile public-private partnerships.
4. Allow municipal rental inspection and registration programs.
5. Amend the Carrboro Town Charter to add sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression to the list of bases upon which the Board of Aldermen may, by ordinance, prohibit housing discrimination.

Section 4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

This the 8th day of April, 2014.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

WALKING CHALLENGE

Alderman Gist stated that she would like the Town to enter into a walking challenge with a Town on the west coast to be challenged to a "race" to each city.

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN GIST, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO EXPLORE THE IDEA AND TO RECEIVE FURTHER INPUT. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

POSSIBLE DISPOSITION OF PROPERTY

David Andrews, the Town Manager, discussed property that the Town owns above Acme that is currently used by Fleet Feet for corporate office space.

Alderman Gist stated that if the space is used for co-working then she would like some of the space to be used for artist space.

Alderman Slade stated that he would like to see what options are available for the space before making a decision to sell.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

OPEN SESSION

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN JOHNSON TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALDERMAN SEILS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN GIST TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOTE: AFFIRMATIVE ALL