

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL
TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL, MUNICIPAL BUILDING,
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1987 7:30 P.M.

Mayor James C. Wallace called the meeting to order. Council Members present were:

Julie Andresen
David Godschalk
Jonathan Howes
David Pasquini
Nancy Preston
R. D. Smith
Bill Thorpe
Arthur Werner

Also present were Town Manager David R. Taylor, Assistant Town Managers Sonna Loewenthal and Ron Secrist, and Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos.

Minutes

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 1987 AS CIRCULATED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Council Member Preston commented that there was a typographical error on page 9. (Site plan rather than sit plan.)

COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GODSCHALK TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 23, 1987 AS CORRECTED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Remarks by the Mayor and Members of the 1985-87 Council

Mayor Pro-tem Bill Thorpe said that he had been a part of a fruitful campaign and had worked hard to get support. He thanked his wife, Jean, for all her help, his daughter, Beverly, and son, William for their support. He said he hoped the new Council would be sensitive to the needs and programs he had supported over the years he had served on the Council. He stated that he had met many interesting and exciting people through his role as Council Member for the Town of Chapel Hill and he thanked the citizens of Chapel Hill for providing him with that opportunity. Mayor Pro-tem Thorpe said he had enjoyed his tenure and wished the new Council luck in their endeavors.

Council Member R. D. Smith thanked the citizens of Chapel Hill for allowing him to serve on the Council for the last twenty-one years. He said a life of service was a life that counted. He stated that a lot had happened during his time as a Council Member and he gave thanks for the accomplishments, friends and family who supported him over the years. He encouraged the new

Council to keep in mind the needs of all of Chapel Hill citizens and he hoped the Council would be able to work together to accomplish its goals and objectives. Council Member Smith introduced his family to those present, commenting that he had been able to spend the last twenty-one years on the Council because of the encouragement and support of his family. He said he was retiring as a Council Member but that he planned to remain active in community affairs.

Council Member Andresen said that she would miss Council Members Thorpe and Smith. She stated that the Council would miss Council Member Smith's ability to direct the Council's attention to those things that were important. Council Member Andresen said that the Council of 1985-87 had demonstrated that it looked squarely at issues before it, with little advance discussions among themselves of issues prior to the meetings. She said the Council had shown there were no voting blocks on the issues. She commented that she felt this was a positive factor. Ms. Andresen said she looked forward to two more years of new leadership under Mayor Howes.

Council Member Godschalk said that he had appreciated Council Member Smith's willingness and generosity in sharing his deep experience and knowledge of Town affairs. Mr. Godschalk stated that he would keep Council Member Smith's vision of how to deal with Town traffic problems in mind when the Council deliberated on traffic issues. Council Member Godschalk said that he had learned a lot about the art and science of practical politics from Council Member Thorpe. He said he would also like to applaud Mr. Thorpe's masterful handling of the job of Mayor Pro-tem during the last two years. He stated that Council Members Smith and Thorpe had clearly represented the Black community very well and as importantly, he said they had represented the entire community very well.

Council Member Werner said he felt the 1985-87 Council had been a very good Council and had demonstrated the Town's business was the public's business. He said he had been impressed by how the Council addressed every issue in public. He said he would miss both Council Members Smith and Thorpe. Mr. Werner said that the Town was closing out an era with the retirement of Council Member Smith, especially with regard to the perspective of how and why things had occurred in Chapel Hill and how the Council's actions would affect others.

Mayor Wallace expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the Town for permitting him to serve as Mayor for the last two years and for allowing him to serve as a Council Member in the upcoming years. He commented that although the Council was losing Council Members Smith and Thorpe there would still be a continuity on the Council which was necessary for successful operations of the Town. He said he felt the Town was well-governed and managed. Mayor Wallace stated that he believed the upcoming leadership on

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I, Jonathan B. Howes, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Mayor of the Town of Chapel Hill, so help me God.

Jonathan B. Howes

The above oaths were this day December 7, 1987, subscribed before and sworn before me.

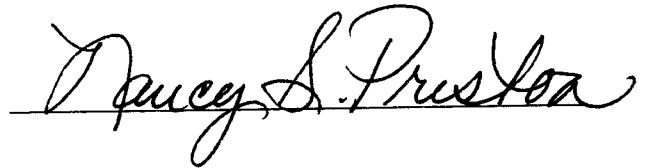
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I, Nancy S. Preston, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Council Member of the Town of Chapel Hill, so help me God.



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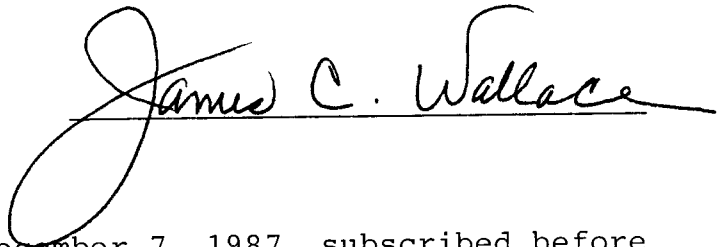

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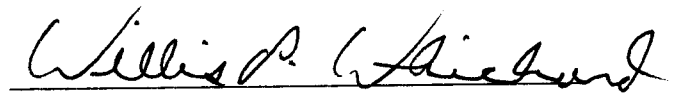
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I, James C. Wallace, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Council Member of the Town of Chapel Hill, so help me God.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James C. Wallace". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

The above oaths were this day December 7, 1987, subscribed before and sworn before me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Willis P. Whichard". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

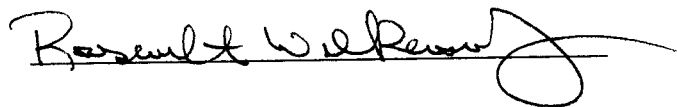
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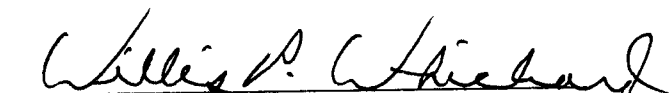
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I, Roosevelt Wilkerson, Jr., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Council Member of the Town of Chapel Hill, so help me God.



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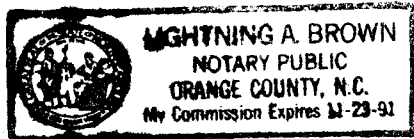
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I, Joseph Herzenberg, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina, not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Town Council Member of the Town of Chapel Hill, so help me God.

Joseph Herzenberg

The above oaths were this day December 7, 1987, subscribed before and sworn before me.



Lightning A. Brown

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR
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the Council would allow for a continuance of the high quality performance. He expressed appreciation for his assistant, Claudia Cannady for all the help and work she had done for him for the last two years.

Administration of Oaths

Associate Justice Willis P. Whichard administered the oath of office to Mayor-elect Jonathan B. Howes.

Mayor Howes asked that Council Members-elect Nancy Preston, James C. Wallace, and Roosevelt Wilkerson, Jr. be administered the oath of office. Justice Whichard administered the oath.

Mayor Howes asked that Council Member-elect Joseph Herzenberg be administered the oath of office. Council Member-elect Herzenberg said that in keeping with the theme of neighborhoods, he asked that his neighbor, Lightning Brown, a notary, administer the oath. Lightning Brown administered the oath of office.

Mayor Howes, before the Council began its organizational business, noted that Senator Wanda Hunt, Mayor Eleanor Kinnard and Mayor Pro-tem Hilliard Caldwell of Carrboro, and Mr. Lee Campbell, new publisher of the Chapel Hill Newspaper were in attendance at the meeting.

lection of Mayor Pro-tempore

Council Member Preston said the recent tradition was that the Council Member with the most seniority was elected Mayor Pro-tempore. She said that as such, she nominated Council Member Pasquini for the position of Mayor Pro-tem. She stated that he was willing to assume the duties of Mayor Pro-tem and that she felt he would do a good job.

COUNCIL MEMBER WALLACE MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GODSCHALK TO ELECT COUNCIL MEMBER PASQUINI AS MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE BY ACCLAMATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Triangle J Council of Governments - Delegate and Alternate(s)

Mayor Howes said that he would remain as the delegate to Triangle J and he appointed Council Member Godschalk as the first alternate and Council Member Andresen as the second alternate. He said Council Member Andresen would be a member of the Water Resources Committee of the Council of Governments.

Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees

Council Member Werner nominated Council Member Wallace.

Council Member Godschalk nominated Council Member Wilkerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER GODSCHALK TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS WALLACE AND WILKERSON TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY ACCLAMATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Transportation Advisory Committee

Mayor Howes said that he would serve on this Committee and that he would appoint an alternate at a future date.

Municipal Building Expansion Committee

Council Member Pasquini nominated Council Members Preston and Wilkerson.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANDRESEN MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WERNER TO APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESTON AND WILKERSON TO THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE BY ACCLAMATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Library Committee

Mayor Howes commented that the current appointees were Council Member Pasquini and he. Mayor Howes also stated that Council Member Herzenberg was serving on the Committee as a representative of the Library Board of Trustees. Mayor Howes said that at the request of the Committee he had agreed to stay on the Committee through the site selection stage which should be soon. He suggested that the Council make another appointment following this stage, and that Council Member Herzenberg continue to represent the Library Board of Trustees. He suggested the Council reappoint Council Member Pasquini and him and make the other changes after the first of the year.

COUNCIL MEMBER GODSCHALK MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER PRESTON TO APPOINT MAYOR HOWES AND COUNCIL MEMBER PASQUINI TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE BY ACCLAMATION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

Petitions

There were no petitions.

Remarks by the Mayor and Council

Council Member Herzenberg thanked all those who made his election possible. He gave special thanks to his campaign manager Mike Nelson. Council Member Herzenberg said he would also like to thank his father and grandfather for serving as examples to him by their service on the Franklin, New Jersey Borough Council. He also thanked Frank Graham and Harvey Milk for their influence on his life, Hubert Robinson and Adelaide Walters who had voted for a civil rights ordinance in Chapel Hill in 1964, and the Board of Aldermen of 1975 who voted not to permit discrimination against gay and lesbian employees of the town. Council Member Herzenberg stated that what he wanted and planned to work on during the next four years was to make Chapel Hill a friendly place for all its residents.

Council Member Preston gave special thanks to the citizens and voters of Chapel Hill for allowing her to serve on the Council. She said it was an interesting and good campaign. She stated the issues which she wished to address during the next four years were growth management, solid waste, establishing two new historic districts in the Northside and Cameron Street areas and the municipal building expansion.

Council Member Wilkerson said that he assumed the Council seat with a deep sense of humility, fear and trepidation because of the precedent set by R. D. Smith and Hubert Robinson. He stated he hoped he could live up to their standards. He thanked his family, especially his wife Anne, and friends for their support during his campaign. Council Member Wilkerson stated that the main issues he wished to address during the next four years were providing low and moderate income housing and handling of traffic.

Mayor Howes said he owed a great deal to the many people who had made it possible for him to be elected mayor. He thanked his wife, Mary, and all his family for their support during the election effort. He also said he was grateful to those who had preceded him in the Office of Mayor because they had set high standards for the conduct of the Mayor of Chapel Hill. Mayor Howes thanked those individuals who had served with him on the Council for the last twelve years. He said he wanted to say a special word about Council Members Smith and Thorpe who were leaving the Council that evening. He said it could be traumatic to lose twenty-nine years of service at one time. He said that Mr. Thorpe had served two four-year terms, the last two years as Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Howes said Mr. Thorpe served as Mayor Pro-tem at a time that demanded more of the position than had ever been demanded. He said Mr. Thorpe had handled the job well, ably and with dignity and brought great distinction to himself and the community. Mayor Howes said that one of the consequences of Mr. Thorpe's not returning to the Council was that he lost his position as President of the North Carolina Black Elected Officials. Mayor Howes stated that he wanted to express his personal appreciation to Council Member Smith for the time they had spent on the Council together. He said he had learned a great deal from Mr. Smith and profited a lot from the conscience and representation that Mr. Smith had brought to the Council. He complimented Mr. Smith for his honesty and straightforwardness and having the courage of his convictions. Mayor Howes stated that the poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Not Taken", with the refrain "... two roads converged in the woods, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.." best exemplified his feelings for Mr. Smith in that Mr. Smith had made all the difference. Mayor Howes also thanked Claudia Cannady for her work and efforts for the Council as the Mayor's Assistant. He stated that his assistant would be Beverly Kawalec, a former Council Member, and welcomed her to the staff.

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Mayor Howes said he planned to occupy the Mayor's Office in the Municipal Building and he hoped citizens would feel free to come to him and discuss issues of interest. He said that he hoped the Council, staff and community would work as a team to make Chapel Hill a better place to live.

A MOTION WAS DULY MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, (9-0).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.