

# Council approves settlement with developer

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Staff Writer

The Chapel Hill Town Council ended a suit against the developer of Booker Creek Village Monday night by approving four court-negotiated building permit stipulations.

The council initiated the suit after a November meeting in which developer John Crumpton decided to add 10 units to the approved 21-unit condominium project. Crumpton then appealed the decision to the Orange County Superior Court, where the settlement was reached.

Under the settlement, nine out of the 10 units will be added, giving the project a total of 30 units, and a five-unit building will replace two smaller ones to

create more recreational space.

In other action, the council received a statement on the thoroughfare plan from Edison Johnson, engineer for the state Department of Transportation, but the council decided not to act on it. Johnson discussed the need for clover-leaves on U.S. By-Pass 15-501, but the council considered such a proposal a design criteria and not part of the basic plan. The council said the plan would be submitted to the state for approval as it had already been developed. The thoroughfare plan, which has been under consideration since 1979, has been delayed by disagreements between Carrboro and Chapel Hill over what the plan should include.

In further action, the Town Council

placed \$296,000 of state funds into the Capital Reserve Fund.

The state granted the money to Chapel Hill in exchange for fire protection service it provides to state-owned buildings in the town. Town Manager David Taylor said the money would be held in the capital fund because it had not been budgeted for 1983-84. The council may authorize the use of the money on capital projects, but finance director Jim Baker said he was "not aware of any specific designation (of the funds) at this point."

Capital projects in the past have included building sidewalks, community centers, and police headquarters, paving roads and improving parks.

Also in other business the council set a

March 12 public hearing date for discussion on the use of a possible \$360,000 federal community development grant. The money, which the town hopes to receive in July, 1984, was set aside for Chapel Hill in July, 1983, by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and will be given when the town's plan for using it is approved. The money will improve housing, living environments and economic opportunities for the low to moderate income residents.

Council members Winston Broadfoot said the grant provided an "excellent time to look at the possibility of a Human Services Advisory Board ... because the Planning Board is up to its ears in (working) with developers."

# Half-cent boost in sales tax under consideration for county

By TOM SMITH  
Staff Writer

The Orange County Capital Outlay Task Force will meet today to consider recommending a half-cent local-option sales tax for the county, Richard Sharpless, chairman of the task force, said Monday.

The half-cent boost in the sales tax would go in part toward funding the capital needs and maintenance of Orange County Schools. The option was passed by the General Assembly last year as a method for counties to raise additional revenue. So far, 87 of North Carolina's 100 counties have passed the tax. The counties that have not yet levied it, in addition to Orange, are: Alamance, Buncombe, Burke, Dare, Durham, Lee, Martin, Mecklenburg, Person, Randolph, Rockingham and

Wake counties.

Sharpless said the task force was also considering a bond issue as an option to increasing the sales tax.

Sharpless said either a special capital tax would be levied or the usual sources of county revenues, such as property tax, would be used to retire the bond issue if that option was taken. In any case, the half-cent local-option tax could also be used.

If the sales tax is increased, 40 percent of the proceeds during the first five years must be used for public school capital outlay or to retire debt incurred from the outlay, according to George Long of the N.C. Department of Revenue. During the next five years the tax is levied, at least 30 percent of the revenue must be used for that purpose, he said.

Phyllis Sockwell, former chairwoman of the Chapel

Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, said the potential for reducing the amount going to the schools was a major drawback of the half-cent tax. After ten years, the commissioners could determine what would be done with the tax's proceeds, Sockwell said.

Sockwell said that, in contrast, imposing a local supplemental tax to retire a bond issue could have positive effects. Part of the proceeds from such a tax could also directly provide additional revenue for the schools, she said.

Orange County Commissioner Richard Whitted, said the task force was to present its recommendation to the commissioners soon but they may not make a decision today. Whitted said the county would have to hold a public referendum to pass the half-cent increase.

# UNC student robbed on campus

Two unidentified assailants robbed a UNC sophomore of more than \$600 in cash and jewelry Tuesday afternoon on the walkway between Davie Hall and the Morehead Planetarium, according to University Police Officer Ned Comar.

Bruce Kallor, a sophomore from Melville, N.Y., was robbed of \$70 in cash and a family bar mitzvah ring that was given to him by his grandfather.

According to Comar, the incident was reported to authorities at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday. The two assailants came up behind Kallor and acted as if they were

carrying weapons, Comar said.

"He just yielded to what they said at face value, and in my opinion that was the wise thing to do," Comar said. "I'd rather be alive without \$670 than to be dead."

One of the assailants was a white male with blonde hair, Comar said. There was no physical description given of the other culprit.

Comar said the case was under investigation.

—JIM ZOOK

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**Course on self-defense for women to be offered**  
By BETH OWNLEY  
Staff Writer  
The myth that women are the weaker sex and unable to protect themselves will be challenged by a self-defense course for women, said Maj. Arnold Gold, instructor, and a member of the Chapel Hill Police Department.  
The course is co-sponsored by the Chapel Hill Police Department and the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.  
Gold said that much of the course, which will begin late next week, would deal with safety precautions and building confidence in women.  
"It will also teach women to become accustomed to being punched and grabbed so they can learn how to maintain their composure," Gold said. The women will learn aspects of boxing, wrestling, and karate as well as how to use their ability to hit and kick to their benefit, he said.  
Gold said the course, however, would not be able to teach women how to decide whether to fight or to give in to their attacker. He and his assistants will discuss hypothetical situations with the students, "but we will probably never be ready to teach anyone how to handle those situa-  
tions," Gold said.  
Gold, who has taught self-defense courses to more than 200 women since 1980, said that probably one or two women in each of his classes had been previously assaulted. Mary Ann Chap of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center said that while 52 rapes were reported to the Rape Crisis Center in 1983, the figures did not necessarily represent all of the rapes that occurred, because some cases were not reported.  
Chap said in addition to the self-defense course, which it conducts, the center also offers companion services to work with rape victims.  
"Companion services provide rape victims with support and information about medical and legal procedures, Chap said.  
The center also presents general programs to community groups about rape, sexual assault, and incest.  
The six-week self-defense course will be held on Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Umstead Recreation Center in Chapel Hill and will run from February 25-March 31. Enrollment will be limited to 30 women.  
Women interested in registering for the course should call the Chapel Hill Police Department at 968-2760 or the Rape Crisis Center at 968-4647.

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