

City

Council delays vote on Gateway, North

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A crowded room of citizens left the Chapel Hill Town Council meeting unsure of the future plans for the Chapel Hill Gateway and Chapel Hill North projects on Monday night.

The vote on the two projects was delayed by legal problems the town attorney had overlooked until Monday afternoon.

Ralph Karpinos, town attorney, decided that testimonies taken two weeks ago at a public hearing were not valid, since witnesses were not

sworn in.

"It was an oversight on our part," Karpinos said. "Our ordinance requires that all hearings be held under oath and the hearings on June 26 were not."

The council decided to hold a second public hearing on the plans Aug. 29, after discussing the possibility of holding the hearing Monday night.

The delay will give the council time to encourage the developer of Chapel Hill Gateway, Jamestown Properties of Atlanta, to make changes in their preliminary plan for a pro-

posed 50-acre site near the intersection of Interstate 40 and Chapel Hill Boulevard. Many citizens have criticized the project on its design and for the traffic problems it could cause.

The council will hold a session in the next two weeks to suggest modifications of the projects, which they will send to developers. The Chapel Hill Planning Board will meet after this session on Aug. 15 or Aug. 22 to review changes the developers have made to accommodate concerns of council members.

Town Manager David Taylor has

recommended approval of both projects' master land use plans. However, neither developer has applied for a special use permit which is required before construction can start.

The Chapel Hill North project was also approved by the town's planning board and transportation board, but both boards denied Chapel Hill Gateway approval.

In other business, the council approved the Delta Zeta sorority's request for rezoning their land east of Hillsborough Street between North Street and Bolinwood Drive and is-

sued a special use permit so the sorority can begin construction of its house.

The permit allows the sorority to begin building a multi-housing unit for a maximum of 40 people and a parking lot, starting July 10.

The council also approved a \$16,000 study to find out if Chapel Hill residents would be willing to pay the remaining \$3 million needed to build a new public library.

The total cost of construction is \$7.8 million and Mayor Jonathan Howes said the library could not be built with the funds available. Howes said the present library is outdated and a larger one is needed.

"I believe the community values its libraries and will pay for a proper building," Howes said.

The council meeting was the last scheduled until Aug. 28.

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dormitory room in April, was originally suspended from the team in May.

Martin was not indicted by a grand jury on felony charges later that month.

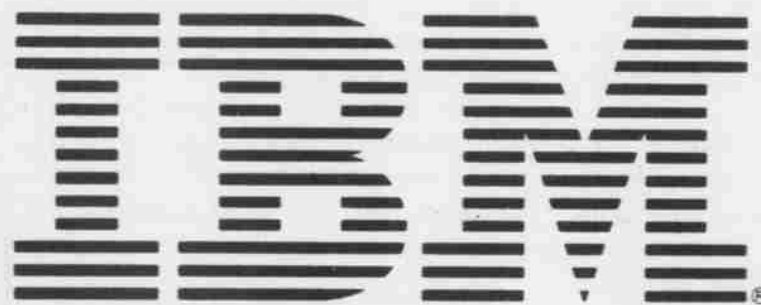
Chapel Hill District Attorney Carl Fox said he is still considering resubmitting charges against Martin.

Martin, a 5-foot-10, 200-pound rising junior from Winston-Salem, N.C., ran for 1,146 yards in 1988 and tied for the ACC lead in touchdowns with 11.

Without Martin, UNC is left with only one experienced player, senior Aaron Staples, at tailback. Staples had six carries for 25 yards last year.

Torin Dorn, who split time with Martin at tailback last year, was shifted to cornerback in the spring.

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