

Decision on downtown parking lot hanging on bond attorneys' word

Construction of a municipal revenue-bond financed parking lot in mid-town Chapel Hill was hanging in the balance yesterday, pending a recommendation from the Town's bond attorneys in New York.

An \$80,000 revenue bond issue was approved for the town earlier this month, the funds to be used for the purchase of land on E. Rosemary St. behind the main business block downtown, and construction of a metered parking lot on the land. However, purchase of two of the three tracts involved, from Mrs. Frederic Coenen and Walter Creech, became involved in further negotiations this week.

At a special meeting this past Monday the aldermen agreed to a \$1,500 increase in the price of the Creech-Coenen tracts for loss of revenue, and additional expenses to them as present owners. Mrs. Coenen also noted that she had let living quarters in the four-unit apartment building to University students for the remainder of this school year.

Whether or not the municipality could postpone construction of the parking lot until the ten-

ants moved, or take over all of the land except that at this time became a legal question, which was referred to the bond attorneys. Town Manager Bob Peck said yesterday that he felt the terms of the bond issue would likely have to be changed, though

he had not yet had a reply to the town's inquiry of the bond attorneys.

Immediate construction had earlier been planned on the property, with the idea that the lots could be in use for parking by Jan. 1, 1964.

On \$25,000 cost involved . . .

Town puts up \$10,000 toward right-of-way

A \$10,000 contingency appropriation from the Town of Chapel Hill will make possible a direct four-way corner intersection of Estes Drive with Richards Rd. at Durham Road.

The Richards Road, now under construction from Durham Road eastward to the U. S. 16-501 bypass highway, could not make a direct corner meeting with Estes Drive at its signalized intersection with Durham Road because a pressure regulating station for The Gas Co. stood in the way.

At a special meeting of the Chapel Hill aldermen on Monday afternoon Mayor Sandy McClamroch read a letter from Gas Co. President, B. E. Zeigler who said

it would cost approximately \$25,000 to move the station to a new location. He said that his own firm would pay \$10,000 of this cost. A \$5,000 contribution has been offered from a private source. The Town Board then agreed to appropriate the remaining needed \$10,000 to secure the needed right-of-way.

Town Manager Bob Peck said he felt it quite likely that the State Highway Commission would contribute some part of the needed sum to the town. As soon as the necessary property transfers can be arranged and the equipment moved, the re-routing of the road will be carried out, the aldermen were told.

New meeting schedule set for aldermen

Provision for the second monthly regular and for special meetings of the Chapel Hill Board of Aldermen were changed by a resolution adopted at last Monday's special meeting of the Board.

Under its terms the Board will henceforth have its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on the second Monday and the Tuesday following the fourth Monday in each month. For the past two or three years the second meeting each month had been set for the fourth Tuesday.

Under this schedule the Board occasionally had its second meeting only eight days after the first one. Such would have been the case this week, had not the new schedule been adopted. Under its terms the aldermen will have their second meeting for October next, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The new schedule also provided that the second meeting in the months of February, May, August and November be held immediately following the quarterly zoning hearings scheduled on the fourth Mondays of these months.

It was furthermore provided that special meetings of the Board could be called by the Mayor, Town Manager, or any two members of the Board at any time, but that all members of the Board and the Mayor would have at least five hours prior written notice of such meetings.

Chamber of Commerce charter membership campaign under way

A charter membership campaign for the newly-organized Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce was started yesterday, under the sponsorship of the local Merchants Association.

The three-day drive will end tomorrow, and a wind-up luncheon meeting of the sponsoring committee is scheduled on Monday. All persons and firms signed up in this initial drive will be voting members of the community-wide organization, and will be eligible to participate in its first annual elections meeting, to be held next month.

A follow-up drive for a wider and more all-inclusive membership throughout the community is to be held next spring. It was announced by Joe Augustine, Executive Director of the Merchants Association.

In explaining the Chamber concept he stressed that "This is not simply a glorified trade association. We need an all-encompassing organization that can promote and speak for the entire community — not just its merchant or business interests. Many chamber-type programs would go far beyond those of the existing Merchants Association."

The group's corporate by-laws provide for both individual memberships at \$10 a year and business-professional memberships in multiples of \$25 annually. Honorary non-voting members may be elected by the Chamber's Board of Directors on the basis of their contributions to the community.

Members of the charter membership committee, encompassing representatives from the rural areas, Carrboro, the University, and Chapel Hill, include Sion Jennings, Walt Baucom, Emery

Denny Jr., Ira Ward, Sandy McClamroch, Syd Alexander, See CHARTER, Page 4

'Not one of the 180 days' . . .

School holiday Friday explained by officials

A holiday will be observed tomorrow (Friday) for most of the schools in the Chapel Hill and Orange County public school systems so that teachers can attend the 10-county East Central District meeting of the North Carolina Education Association in Durham.

The superintendents of the two systems, Howard Thompson in Chapel Hill and Paul Carr in Hillsboro, said they were anxious to explain the background of the holiday, which for the first time this year, did not fall during State Fair Week. Ordinarily, they said, the meeting is set for the Friday of the Fair week so that pupils will have a holiday for the Fair coinciding with the teachers meeting. For some unknown reason, they said, the meeting was set a week later this year.

However, they emphasized, this holiday was taken into consideration in the planning of the standard 180-day school year, and is not one of these days, thus will not have to be made up at

any time. Thus teachers will not receive any salary for this day, though it is recommended that they attend the meeting, the superintendents noted.

Tomorrow's holiday will be for the predominantly white pupil schools in the county. Later in the fall, the officials pointed out, a holiday will be set for the Negro schools, to coincide with the meeting of the North Carolina Teachers Association.

Neither the County nor the Chapel Hill System had a State Fair holiday last week.

FIRST BAPTIST REVIVAL

Dr. Thomas Bland will be the preacher for the Revival Services at First Baptist Church in Hillsboro, next Monday, Oct. 28 through Nov. 3. Dr. Bland, a native of Carrboro, is professor of Christian Ethics at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. A nursery will be provided at all the services to enable parents of nursery age children to attend.

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