

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen met with members of the Orange County legislative delegation on Friday, January 23, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 109 of Carrboro Town Hall.

Present:

Mayor	Mark Chilton
Aldermen	Dan Coleman
	John Herrera
	Randee Haven-O'Donnell
	Lydia Lavelle
Town Manager	Steven E. Stewart
Town Attorney	Robert Hornik for Michael B. Brough
Assistant Town Manager	Bing Roenigk
Senator	Eleanor Kinnaird
Representatives	Joe Hackney
	Verla Insko

Absent:

Aldermen	Joal Hall Broun
	Jacquelyn Gist
Representative	Bill Faison

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen reviewed their legislative priorities with the delegation. Those priorities are as follows:

REQUESTED LOCAL BILLS

1. Town Charter amendment to add sexual orientation, gender identification, and gender expression to the list of bases upon which the Board of Aldermen may by ordinance prohibit housing discrimination.
2. Town Charter amendment authorizing the Board of Aldermen to provide by ordinance that no deed restriction or covenant can have the effect of limiting or prohibiting the use of green or sustainability features on a residential property, including but not limited to solar collectors, clotheslines, rain barrels, garden fences, or other similar items.

SUPPORT FOR THE FOLLOWING STATE-WIDE LEGISLATION

1. Triangle J Council of Governments' 2009 Regional Legislative Agenda, except where noted below.
2. N.C. League of Municipalities' Legislative Agenda, except where noted below.
3. Energy efficiency standards for residential and commercial construction.
4. Climate Change Commission recommendations.
5. Additional taxes to fund regional public transit, including a commuter rail system.
6. Increased funding for the N.C. Housing Trust Fund.
7. Increased medical benefits for uninsured children.
8. Greater state-wide funds for mass transportation including:
 - a) Connections between Durham/Chapel Hill/Raleigh
 - b) Greater funds for buses
 - c) Program that connects and discusses more public transit east to Raleigh/Durham.
9. Opposition to any tax scheme that does not allow cities and counties to tax undeveloped property when it is subdivided.
10. Additional funding and legislation to help mentally ill people and support for Freedom House's request for state funding.

11. Senator Kinnaird's living wage legislation.
12. Ban on smoking in public facilities in North Carolina.
13. Various child care subsidy programs and early childhood subsidy programs, including low-wealth schools.
14. Repeal of State Statute 95-98 which prohibits collective bargaining by public employees.
15. Land for Tomorrow initiative.
16. Opposition to state funding or participation in the Federal 287(g) program, and review of the effectiveness of that program.
17. Request for a comprehensive water resource conservation/efficiency requirements and land use planning requirements.
18. Request for increased energy efficiency and conservation legislation and opposition to additional coal and nuclear power facilities being established.
19. Consumer protection legislation and opposition to predatory lending practices, and strengthening of laws dealing with foreclosures.

The Board also discussed the State budget situation with the delegation.

No action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Mayor

Deputy Town Clerk