

**DRAFT SUMMARY MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CHAPEL HILL TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017, AT 6:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Mayor Pam Hemminger, Mayor pro tem Donna Bell, Council Member George Cianciolo, Council Member Sally Greene, Council Member Ed Harrison, Council Member Nancy E Oates, Council Member Maria T Palmer, and Council Member Michael Parker.

Council Member(s) Absent: Council Member Jessica Anderson.

Staff members present: Deputy Town Manager Florentine Miller, Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos, Communications Manager Catherine Lazorko, Assistant Town Manager Mary Jane Nirdlinger, Manager Intern Toney Thompson, and Communications and Public Affairs Director and Town Clerk Sabrina Oliver.

[AGENDA ITEM](#)

1. [Open the Public Hearing and Consider an Ordinance to Permit the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday Mornings Beginning at 10:00 a.m. \(O-1\)](#)

Mayor Hemminger opened the meeting at 6 p.m. and began the Council discussion of whether or not to allow on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages at 10 a.m. on Sundays rather than starting at noon. The Council would take up the issue of selling alcohol earlier on Sundays when it returned in September, she said. Mayor Hemminger explained that postponing that conversation to September would give the Campus and Community Coalition to Reduce the Negative Impacts of High-Risk Drinking an opportunity to comment when it returned.

Town Attorney Ralph Karpinos provided background on recent state legislative changes that had authorized municipalities to enact ordinances to sell alcoholic beverages earlier on Sundays. The ordinance before the Council would partially implement that new authority by permitting the sale for on-premises consumption by permitted establishments, he said. As Mayor Hemminger had noted, an ordinance to permit other sales would be considered in September, Mr. Karpinos said. He explained that enacting the current ordinance would require at least six affirmative Council votes at the first reading.

Scott Maitland, a Chapel Hill restaurant owner and entrepreneur, described the positive economic impact that the change would bring, stating that it would make Sunday brunch the third most popular time for people to come out and eat. He pointed out that millennials had given the change the highest priority on a list of their desires.

Mayor Hemminger encouraged all citizens to come out to Sunday brunch, noting that there was free downtown parking on Saturdays and Sundays during July.

Council Member Palmer clarified that merchants would determine the best way to address the prohibition against selling alcohol that people could take home.

Mayor Hemminger repeated her earlier statement that the Council would take that aspect up at its first meeting in September.

Council Member Oates thanked those who had sent information on why the change would benefit the Town. As Mr. Maitland had pointed out, it seemed as though it would benefit food sales as much as alcohol sales, she said.

MAYOR PRO TEM DONNA BELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL PARKER, TO ENACT O-1. THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0) .

[AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 3-7 TO THE CHAPEL HILL CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW THE SALE OF MALT BEVERAGES, UNFORTIFIED WINE, FORTIFIED WINE, AND MIXED BEVERAGES FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ON SUNDAYS BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. \(2017-07-10/O-1\)](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.