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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, August 4, 1969, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Huntington Williams, Jr., Minister of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

APPROVAL OF A PORTION OF MINUTES SUSPENDED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle to approve the minutes of the last regular Council Meeting on July 21, the Adjourned Meeting on July 22 and the Special Meeting on July 28, 1969.

Councilman Whittington made an amendment to the motion to hold the approval of Petition No. 69-34 as it appears in Minute Book 52, Page 186 of the Minutes in suspense until such time as the Planning Commission and Council can review this particular zoning petition. Councilman Tuttle accepted this amendment to his motion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Belk read the following statement to the citizens of Charlotte:

"For more than a month and a half now, your Mayor and City Council have been heavily involved in efforts to resolve differences among the city, the employees of the refuse collection, and representatives of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. Several issues have been under consideration. We have met in almost non-stop sessions for the past two weeks. Sixteen - eighteen hours a day have been the rule, not the exception.

The time we have spent on the issues indicates the seriousness with which we have treated them. Throughout our deliberation we have maintained a very real awareness of what has happened in many other cities faced with similar situations. We have also weighed heavily the community's mood of real concern about the other serious issues. This is a critical time in our city's history. Our deliberation has been painful. We have sought advice from all segments of our community. We have welcomed the sound judgment of many citizens. And yes, we have even prayed.

During the entire effort members of Council have shared one common objective: to arrive at a solution which represents the best interests of employees and the entire total community. The health, safety and continued peace and progress of the community have been the values against which we have weighed our conclusions.

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In reaching our decision, City Council has agreed to a number of requests presented by employees. It has also approved a ten percent wage increase, longer vacation and other improved benefits. Matters to which Council has directed its attention this week and which Council has today approved are:

- consideration of a revised grievance procedure giving the employee the right to have someone represent him in his grievance.
- consideration of the employee's length of service along with his ability to perform the work when layoffs, promotions, and transfers are considered.
- the establishment of health and safety committees composed of employees and supervisors to investigate unsafe work conditions and make recommendations for their correction.
- reaffirmation of the city's policy of non-discrimination in the treatment of all employees.
- the continuation of present personnel policies and fringe benefits and written explanations to insure that they are clearly understood by the employees.

Before the City Council decides on any two check system for the payment of salary to members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees as may be requested by said members, the North Carolina courts will be asked to rule on whether the City Council has the legal authority to participate in such a system, provided that the AFSCME will assume all costs involved in the litigation and further provided that in the event the courts have not made a final determination within a period of six months, then the positions of both parties revert to where they were prior to the issuance of this statement with no further commitment or obligation on the part of either party.

Other items 1 through 5 in Mr. Pierce's last amended written proposal have been approved subject to working out specific language and the mechanics involved."

Councilman Whittington made a motion to approve Mayor Belk's statement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF SOUTH POPLAR STREET, BETWEEN WEST STONEWALL STREET AND THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY TRACK, ADOPTED.

The scheduled hearing was held on petition of Swinson Products Company to close and abandon a portion of South Poplar Street, between West Stonewall Street and the Southern Railway Company tracks.

Council was advised the petitioner has agreed to donate and record at the Mecklenburg Registry, land to be included as right-of-way for the relocation of Poplar Street; to reserve and record at the Mecklenburg Registry, necessary utility rights-of-way as now exist in the portion of Poplar Street to be abandoned, and to pay to the City \$900.00, which will be used to defray the cost of relocating the street.

Mr. Larry Dagenheart, representing the petitioner, stated he will be glad to answer any questions Council may have regarding this petition and will make any presentation Council may wish to hear.

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Councilman Tuttle asked to see a map of the property in question. Mr. Dagenheart stated this property is owned entirely by Swinson Products Company and is a matter of moving a street some 16 feet away from the back of the present Swinson building in such a way that it will make a right angle with Stonewall Street; he pointed out on the map the section of land which will be donated to the city to straighten out the street on the other side and also the property showing the portion of the street to be closed so that the street will end up being a 30 foot street instead of the 25 foot street and will make a right angle with Stonewall Street. He stated his client is willing to pay the \$900.00 for street relocation.

No opposition was expressed to the street closing.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving subject resolution closing and abandoning a portion of South Poplar Street, between West Stonewall Street and the Southern Railway Company track.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at pages 371-372.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM NO. N.C. A-3, PROJECT NO. N.C. A-3-(6), ADOPTED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of subject resolution which would encompass the area bounded on the northwest by East Trade Street, on the southeast by South Brevard Street, on the southwest by East Fourth Street and on the northwest by South Tryon Street in the City of Charlotte, State of North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Short stated he just wanted to get it straight that we can proceed with this and it is practical to proceed with this and he asks the question in view of the fact that there is still some question as to what is to be done with certain of the urban renewal areas; that a committee is examining one of them; are they tied together to the extent that we cannot proceed?

Councilman Whittington replied that Mr. Sawyer is here and also Mr. King, Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission and, in discussing this with the City Attorney and with the Commission, they realize that Section 4, which is "blue heaven", is to be held in abeyance because Council granted sixty (60) days for this to be restudied and replanned two weeks ago. He asked Mr. Sawyer if this was correct and Mr. Sawyer, Director of the Redevelopment Commission, replied this is correct.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 373.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM NO. N. C. A-3, PROJECT NO. N. C. A-3-(3), ADOPTED.

Councilman Whittington advised that this particular item was delayed by Council two weeks ago so that Mr. Oliver Rowe, the Chairman of the Master Plan Committee on Low Income Housing, could give us his recommendation and he would like to read their recommendations into

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the record, and read the following:

"To the Mayor and Council, City of Charlotte
Reference: Report from the Master Plan Committee on Low
Income Housing.

Gentlemen:

This is a report on the request of Council on July 21st that our Committee investigate Brooklyn Section 5 of the Urban Renewal Program as a possible site for Public Housing.

Our Committee does not judge this to be a good site for public housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Master Plan Committee on
Low-Income Housing

O. R. Rowe, Chairman"

Councilman Alexander asked why is this just getting into our hands now in response to this Committee of Mr. Rowe's. Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, replied Mr. Rowe turned this statement over to him about 30 minutes ago and stated he had trouble getting his committee together but they did get together over the weekend and made a study of this and this is their recommendation.

Councilman Tuttle stated also in reply to Councilman Alexander's question, he would like to say that Council requested Mr. Rowe to handle this with dispatch and he rushed down here thinking Council wanted this today and if Councilman Alexander wished to defer this item, he would be glad to second his motion.

Councilman Alexander moved to defer action on this item by virtue of the fact that we are just now getting this report from Mr. Rowe's Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Whittington pointed out to Council that this action would delay again, for two more weeks, all of the programs, Greenville, First Ward and Downtown.

Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Sawyer if it is possible to detach any section of this as it relates to Section 5 as this recommendation today leaves doubt as to whether the architect who submitted his presentation had talked with Mr. Rowe's committee or knows that this report has been submitted - that this is the first time he has seen it.

Councilman Tuttle stated the architect was contacted; the architect was taken to the site and after seeing the land and studying it, he decided he had made a mistake and did not think it was fit for public housing. Councilman Alexander stated he would like to hear from the architect himself before voting on this item.

Mr. Sawyer, Director of the Redevelopment Commission, stated he believes the question is whether, if Council takes no action on Item 5 today, you delay the entire NDP Application - that the answer is yes. This is one of the projects that is included in this application; it has been delayed two weeks already because the question was raised two weeks ago and any further delay on this project will automatically delay the Neighborhood Program Application.

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Councilman Alexander stated that he still feels this matter ought to have some consideration if he is to vote on it because he is intensely interested in it and he does not feel he is in a position to accept this report as it is - just handed to him - without any consideration whatsoever.

Mr. Sawyer replied he has not seen the report but he heard it read; Councilman Alexander stated he is only trying to find out if this portion of Section 5 that this report reviews, can be taken out until we have a chance to review it further.

Mr. Sawyer stated this question has been raised before as Council will remember - the last time being February of this year and he believes Councilman Alexander raised the question on not just this site but the other site across the proposed Expressway. This was discussed thoroughly at that time and the Chairman, Mr. Raymond King, appeared before the Council with maps, and he had a recommendation at that time that the site and location were unfit for housing. That he does not know if this is out of order or not, but this is one of the many times this question has been raised.

Councilman Alexander asked at the time this matter was submitted, was there not a motion to appoint a committee to review this situation or was the only motion to refer it to Mr. Rowe's Committee?

Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, read the following from the Minutes of July 21st: "Councilman Short moved that this matter be referred to the Redevelopment Commission, Housing Authority and Mr. Rowe's Committee, and asked them to advise Council in due course about the suggestion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower."

Councilman Alexander asked if anybody else reviewed this - other than Mr. Rowe's Committee? Councilman Tuttle replied not to his knowledge. Councilman Alexander asked if Council has received any report from the Housing Committee or any other Committee? Mr. Bobo replied we have not.

Mr. Sawyer advised he discussed this by telephone with Mr. Harold Dillehay, who is aware of the motion, but does not know if it was officially referred to him or not. That by telephone discussion, they came to the same conclusion that had been reached before - that the Redevelopment Commission did not need to discuss this any further as their conclusion was available to him which was reached back in February and prior to that time.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Attorney, Mr. Underhill, if he could withdraw his second to Mr. Alexander's motion; that he seconded the motion without knowledge of the fact that this would disrupt the NDP Plan. Mr. Underhill replied yes, his clarifying statement and a vote against the motion would set the record straight.

Councilman Short asked Councilman Alexander if he still would like to delay this item and Councilman Alexander replied yes. Councilman Short advised Mr. Draper, the architect, reported to him that he found to use this site for housing would require putting a great many units of housing because of certain ratios relating to cost as versus the number of units; the cost of putting housing here was rather extreme because a culvert or spillway of some sort which had to be put through here to enclose the creek at a very, very considerable expense. That the result of this was that only high rise housing, and very high, would produce enough units to fall within those guidelines of land preparation versus the number of units. For this reason he feels the architect was correct in this and it got to be a question of whether the housing authority was willing to put a very high rise housing project on this area which apparently, from what Mr. Sawyer reports, they are not.

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The vote was taken on the motion to defer action on this item and lost by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilman Alexander.

NAYS: Councilmen Jordan, Short, Thrower, Tuttle, Whittington and Withrow.

Councilman Whittington stated in view of Mr. Rowe's recommendation, following the study by his committee of Brooklyn Project Number 5, he would move the adoption of a resolution which was presented to Council two weeks ago approving the Redevelopment Plan and the feasibility of relocation for this project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Reverend James Frieson, Pastor of the Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church in the Greenville Community, stated he would like to get some information on Item 5 on the last vote; did Council vote for the NDP Program in its entirety or did they vote for the Brooklyn Program only?

He stated there are people here who want to know when you come to the NDP Program in its entirety. Councilman Alexander replied he would like for Reverend Frieson to state at this time if he is speaking to Council as an individual citizen of the Greenville area or as a representative of the Model Neighborhood Program? Reverend Frieson replied at no time has he ever spoken to any Council as a representative of the Model Cities Program. That he is on his own time, he has asked for this time off to be present, he is not getting paid for this time, he is here because he is concerned for the community. At anytime he is here, he is only here out of concern, not for any program. That he is speaking as Reverend Frieson only.

Councilman Whittington stated the motion that is under consideration now is not what Reverend Frieson wants to speak either for or against but the two changes in Project 5 which relates to the size and to the cost; that Council has not acted on NDP as yet, they are just on the plans. He asked Mr. Sawyer to read into the record the two amendments to Project 5.

Mr. Sawyer stated there are two changes proposed in this Redevelopment Plan; one in the text and one in the budget. That the one in the text is to change the wording concerning the plans that the Redevelopment Commission receives from a developer for approval. There is a series of three plans, originally they called them "schematic drawings, preliminary plans and final architectural and engineering working plans and specifications"; they propose to change that language to "concept drawings, design development plans and final construction plans" in an effort to remove some misunderstanding that the architects and others related to the profession have drawn concerning the wording as originally included. He advised that is the text change and the only change that they propose. The second change is a change in the budget which takes into account the need for increased land in the Independence Expressway Right-of-Way and this increased land also increases the resale value of the land because the payment for this land to the Redevelopment Commission is a re-imbusement of actual cost, therefore, the 1/3 share which the city is required to pay for this project decreases slightly, it goes down in this case, it goes down from \$796,501 to \$790,640, a little less than \$6,000 reduction for this city.

Councilman Short asked are we voting on a motion to approve a resolution which is Item 5 on the Agenda and Councilman Whittington replied no, we have a motion to approve the two amendments which Mr. Sawyer just read, not Item 5, but two amendments as they relate to Project 5.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning on Page 385.

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Councilman Whittington stated we are now back on NDP and this program has been approved by the Planning Commission and the Redevelopment Commission; that Council had a public hearing on it on July 21, we had another public hearing on it at First Ward School this week and would like to add that this has been presented to City Council on four different occasions by the Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council approve Item 5 on the agenda which is N. C. A-3, relating to the NDP Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Reverend James A. Frieson stated for the record he is speaking as a private citizen, not as an employee of the Model City Program, and he is asking Council on behalf of the residents of Greenville and for his church and its membership that Council find some other method by which to develop the downtown area; that to vote and pass on the NDP Program will certainly delay the hopes and the dreams of the people of Greenville, to delay the new housing, the new school, the new sidewalks and the dream for a better community. That the people of Greenville are very concerned; they want progress for the whole city, but Council is again asking that the people of Greenville and First Ward bear the burden of progress for the downtown community; this is unfair - this is not a dime and dollar issue - this is a moral issue - at this time to pass on the NDP Program.

He asked the question - why are they opposed to the NDP Program? Because the NDP Program gives Council the right to work in any one of the areas as they see fit and though Greenville has a high priority this may be so today but it may not be so next week. It may not be so in the near future. We have seen it in our schools when Council asked us to pass bond issues, we passed them for a specific purpose, for a specific reason and then Council went back and said we have higher priorities. That he is certain today this will be the same situation in the Greenville and First Ward Area.

He stated we have \$14 million, we have it because we voted for it, the Greenville people asked for this. They knew the hardship that urban renewal would bring to them; they knew they would have to give up their homes; they knew that they would have to be moved and they asked for this because they wanted a decent home. They wanted a better place for their families; that people have said so often - the black and poor community don't want anything, and he would like to tell Council they are wrong - they want it and want it now because they have voted for it. They are asking Council to use some other method to develop the downtown area. There are other avenues that are open to Council; the thing that disturbs him so much today is that a vote was taken that three members would go down to Atlanta and ask them to consider keeping the Conventional for Greenville and First Ward and then trying to get the NDP Program for our community, but nobody thought enough of our poor people of Greenville to even spend a few dollars to go down to Atlanta and to Washington.

Reverend Frieson advised he knows Atlanta will approve both the Conventional and the NDP Program if the citizens of Charlotte are really concerned and voice the opinion that they want both programs. That Council is asking them again, and he wishes they would not, as they have enough problems - their community is torn with the School Board, the garbage and everything else. Surely they want the downtown and he knows how much it means to Council, but please do not ask the citizens to bear the brunt of this action. That Council is aware that the government is cutting back on funds. They know that they are trying now to call to an end the inflation in our country. We have \$14 million

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which has already been reserved for us and if we turn this \$14 million back to the government, there is no assurance in the world that, after this year, there will be any money available to any city for urban redevelopment, and yet you are saying maybe. Now you are saying to us that Greenville and First Ward have a high priority; he questions this as Mr. Sawyer has already drawn up the plan for the first year and states there is \$10 million set aside for the development of the first year and most of that money is being spent downtown.

He stated let us be fair - priority means dollars - how can Greenville and First Ward have first priority when you are spending the money downtown? Once you have spent a great number of dollars in the City of Charlotte, regardless of what program you go under, Atlanta is going to take a look at it and Washington is going to take a look at it and say now Charlotte has its share, they do not care whether they develop Greenville in its entirety or not. They look at the total number of dollars they have spent in this area. He stated this means if Greenville has one year of development in an area, you have had your amount of money and it means you will not get any more dollars. Greenville is already becoming a Ghost Town; they have homes over there that are already boarded up, with windows knocked out. People are constantly moving out of the area; it will be one of the worst slums that this city has ever known. Which is cheaper, to let these businessmen stay downtown in a fairly decent area, it is not the best; it is not something we can point out to the citizens of Charlotte and say look at these blocks, they are the best in the whole country, but it is in a fairly decent area. What about the people in Greenville, what about their situation? That he begs of Council, he pleads with Council, don't make the poor and black community suffer again and again for progress in the city. Let all of the city, the whole city, bear a part of this burden that is being placed on us. Many of the Councilmen have already made it up in their minds because they have talked about this NDP Program as if it has already passed, as if there is no doubt but he hopes there are some doubts and he hopes the citizens of this whole city will call to Councils' attention that you are mistreating again and you are asking the community again to become riled about something that is not their problem. They voted for Greenville Redevelopment Area; they want that more than anything; they are praying for it; they want decent homes; NDP does not offer them at this time, this program.

Reverend Frieson stated he would like clear one other point that was made by the Director of the Urban Redevelopment Program who said that Greenville and First Ward are selfish but they are not selfish, they are part of the total community, they want the other areas to be developed but they do not want to pay the price. They have been trying for so long to get the downtown area developed; he realizes how tempting it is to say now we have it - regardless of who must pay the cost for it, but let us get it.

That he would ask Council with all sincerity and concern for their community - forego the temptation for downtown - keep the \$14 million for the poor people; that Council is going to present to these same people again another bond issue. Council is going to tell these people again that they are going to get something out of it. He stated if you pass this NDP Program today, they will have no faith, because the School Board has proven it, in the City Government. That they have begged our people to trust the City government and now that we have a small piece of the pie, Council wants to take this from them. Please do not do this because you need the whole community behind you and he promises the persons in the Greenville community will not vote for another bond issue if this is taken from them.

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He stated Mr. Sawyer said the Greenville Program is ready to roll; all he has to do is pass it in and they are ready for acquisition of land in the area; there is no delay. Some say the NDP Program will speed up action but for what - only downtown. It will not speed up action for any other area in this community - only downtown. The Greenville people are ready to go, the First Ward people are ready to go; the money is there; it is only a matter of presenting the plan, so don't kid them.

He requested that Council please not lie to these poor people, be truthful and say we are not passing this because we think it is going to speed up anything, we are passing it because we want downtown and tell the citizens of Charlotte this fact, that downtown means more than any black baby who is sleeping, working, and walking in rats, slums and garbages. To tell the people in this whole city that no black child is worth as much as the bricks and mortar of downtown. Tell the people in Charlotte that no black woman is worth walking on good cement and worth walking in a good community; tell the people of this town that the black people do not want a good, decent park for the children to play in.

He stated these are the facts. Weigh them as you will but they are asking Council, they are begging Council to give that thing which we have. Do not take it away from them - that there is enough in Myers Park - that they do not have anything; they are trying to be better citizens and this will help them to be better citizens; it will cut down on the crime in the community. It will give pride to the black people; it will help them to point to something that they have done and supported. He stated the NDP Program can be a part of Charlotte, but not at the expense of the black people and the poor people in Greenville.

Reverend Frieson asked Councilman Whittington to change his motion and let Atlanta and Washington know that the citizens of this area do not want to turn back this money and they will heed if he will only ^{try} there are other cities in this country who have both programs and we can have it too.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Sawyer if he would speak to Council regarding the statement by Reverend Frieson that both conventional and NDP programs could be used in Charlotte. Mr. Sawyer stated at the meeting held in First Ward last Thursday night, they had the highest official from HUD from the Regional Office in Atlanta present, Mr. Edward Baxter, Regional Director of all the HUD programs in this region, who has authority over the Model Cities Program, the Housing Program, the Urban Renewal Program and all of the others. That Mr. Baxter made the clear statement that any NDP Program submitted by Charlotte to be approvable would have to include the First Ward and Greenville Projects. That was his statement - to be approvable.

Councilman Alexander stated he made the motion earlier that this matter be deferred until the people in the Greenville and First Ward area get explanations as to facts they stated on the previous hearing that they were not clear on; it is indeed unfortunate that the same night this hearing was being held, Council was involved in attempting to adjudicate the sanitation strike problem and were not able to attend the meeting on that night.

Councilman Alexander stated he is in no position to say where Reverend Frieson obtains his information and would like for him to tell Council who gave him this information regarding both programs because he was in Atlanta when Council was first confronted with the problem of NDP over against the Conventional Method. He raised the questions specifically about the placement of the Greenville project in the new proposal and it goes without saying that Council was assured then Greenville did have first priority and would not be moved out of this priority regardless of the changes.

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He stated the records of Council will show that he again raised the question that there will be no shifting aside of the Greenville project for any other development under this program and this is why he is so concerned. He would like to clear the record once and for all that if Reverend Frieson knows that on a request from Charlotte we can have both programs, whether he says it now or later, that he would like for him to give to Council the name of the person who has assured him that that can be done. He will personally guarantee him that efforts will be made to find out whose statement is right because we cannot continue to go with a program as important as this is to the life of Charlotte and Greenville section with statements that are not true or statements that are not representing the facts if we have got to come to the right decision that must be made in regard to matters as important as this.

Councilman Alexander stated Reverend Frieson also stated he has been informed that \$10 million of the first year's funds if we go into NDP, was to be spent in downtown; he would like for the Redevelopment Commission to speak on this statement.

Reverend Frieson stated he had made the statement that \$10 million would be allocated for the first year and most of this money would be spent for the downtown development, not the whole \$10 million; that Mr. Sawyer stated at the Greenville meeting that \$10 million would be spent during the first year and most of that amount will be going to the downtown development.

Reverend Frieson stated he has a personal telephone bill he made to Atlanta out of his pocket to find out information on this issue and two people in Atlanta talked with him; he would rather not identify them, and they said it was possible to have both programs and also said HUD does not want this to happen, the federal government does not want this to happen as they have \$100 million down there which has been reserved and they want to spend this money and encourage it. That the issue that bothers him the most is that Council voted to send someone to Atlanta and then did not bother to go or take the time to go.

Councilman Alexander stated if someone in Atlanta has made this statement Council should know about it. He also questioned the statement that of the \$10 million a larger portion of this money would be spent in downtown development.

Mr. Sawyer stated the \$10,700,000 figure is the cumulative total of the capital grant funds which we are asking for this year. Of that total, our proposal, as presented, would require \$2,600,000 for downtown; \$1,300,000 for First Ward and \$1,500,000 for Greenville. The rest is either already spent in Brooklyn or will be this year's allocation for Brooklyn. He would like to point out that money does not mean priority. In downtown, we are buying property at the 100% corner in Charlotte and that does not come cheap. We are buying some 22 parcels and he thinks if any priority can be assigned to our figures then they ought to be assigned according to the number of parcels of property we intend to buy in each project not the cost of the property because there is no relationship actually between the cost of business property as 100% corner in downtown Charlotte and the cost of Greenville or First Ward or any other section of the city for that matter. The fact that they have allocated more of these capital grants on the downtown is related only to the price of the property we are buying there and has no relationship to priority. Under the conventional program, as long as we have more than one project, and we have, we would have the same opportunity to assign a priority to Greenville or not to. They are saying they will assign a priority to Greenville whether they go conventional or NDP and the fact that NDP relates more to funding than to anything else does not change that.

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Councilman Alexander asked if \$2.6 million was being spent in Greenville and \$1.5 was being spent in downtown, would more be done in a year's time in Greenville? Mr. Sawyer replied more land would be bought if we could buy it. What they did was to build up a program that stays within their ability to perform and that ability to perform is not solely related to money. Either it is related to manpower, or it is related to the docket of the courts as some of the property has to be acquired by condemnation, and when they put it all together, they gave the largest number to Greenville, the second largest to First Ward and the third to downtown and then the other to continuing in Brooklyn.

Councilman Alexander asked if \$2.6^{million} is spent in Greenville, we could buy more land but it would not mean that all of the land which was purchased could be developed in that 12 month period and Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct. They have programmed what they think they can do and it is not a case of trial and error. They can look at their past performance and gauge our future. HUD will do this when they review this application; HUD has now developed a system of reward-and-penalty, based on performance so if Charlotte sets forth a program that is reasonable and is able to accomplish it this year, then we will be rewarded by being allowed to increase our program and they will increase the funding next year.

Councilman Alexander asked if this is the case and we procured more land than we could develop in this one year's time, in our next year's request, what would be the extent of our penalty for having over-budgeted for this year or over-spent as far as development of the program is concerned over against what we would do the next year? Mr. Sawyer replied he could not say what the penalty would be, but there would be a penalty if we fell short of our performance. If we went out and bought more property in Greenville and could do nothing with it, we would also violate one of our agreements with the people of Greenville who have asked us not to go out and clear on a large basis as we have in Brooklyn; to buy the property in the first year that will get a program of housing started and then from there build from year to year and do this in such a way that the fewer number of people will be relocated at any given time.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Sawyer if the \$1.5 million in Greenville in the next 12 months is all he thinks is feasible, or practical, for him to do and Mr. Sawyer replied yes. Councilman Tuttle asked if the whole ten million were allotted then, we would have to turn it back really or we would be in trouble by violating the contract as we could only spend \$1.5 million in 12 months anyway? Mr. Sawyer replied if we gave no priority to any other project and gave 100% priority to Greenville we could spend more money, but we would be penalizing both the Greenville citizens and the City's program if we did. Councilman Tuttle stated this is true because if you build Greenville and put them in better homes and do not create some jobs for them, then we really have not accomplished much. Mr. Sawyer replied in his opinion, then we would not have done the whole job.

Mr. Raymond King, Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission, stated Reverend Frieson and he have exactly the same goals; the only difference they have is the method or means to reach that goal. He has long thought there were two real purposes for urban renewal, or redevelopment, and he thought one of the main reasons for urban renewal in Charlotte or elsewhere is to develop safe, sanitary standard housing for people that they can afford to pay for. He has always thought the second reason for urban renewal is to provide jobs that will provide dignity and a livable income. Now if we provide homes without jobs, we have only solved half of the problem. He is just as concerned as Reverend Frieson that we not let these citizens of Greenville or First Ward, or any other low income residential area of Charlotte, suffer and prolong their agony. He is convinced today after spending many weeks and months in studying in depth urban renewal in Charlotte and in this area of the country that the best way, the faster way and the quickest way to help solve their problem in Charlotte is to go to the Neighborhood Development Program.

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He stated the Conventional Plan of urban renewal requires, first of all, that you make an application for a survey and planning grant and the money then is reserved on a project basis. We have done this in Greenville and First Ward and the money has been reserved for a project in Greenville and First Ward. That amount of money which has been reserved is the Federal share of the Capital Grant which has not been made available but has been reserved for them in those areas in the years to come to develop those particular urban renewal projects. That is the estimate today, the record across the United States in the urban renewal program that the amount of Capital Grant Funds that is initially reserved for a project is approximately 1/2 of the funds that are needed to ultimately complete the project.

He stated if the record holds true in Greenville and First Ward we can assume then that if it is the same as other projects throughout the United States on a average, we can assume we have only reserved 1/2 of the funds necessary to complete the project. So regardless of whether we go NDP or the Conventional Plan, it stands to reason we are going to have to go back and get additional federal funds in order to complete these projects. Under the conventional plan we are required to do all of the planning in an area before we start any execution. That in Greenville, we have ^{been} planning out there for some several months. We have almost completed the utilization plan of Greenville and as soon as that plan is completed and we have something concrete to present, we must present the plan to the Planning Commission, they must approve it, after the Planning Commission approves it, then it comes to the Redevelopment Commission, then hold a public hearing and after the public hearing, the Redevelopment Commission approves it, it then comes to City Council who must hold another public hearing and approve it before it can even be submitted to HUD.

Mr. King stated even if we move right now to follow in Greenville on a Conventional basis, it would be several months before we could even submit our application for the capital grant funds for execution in Greenville. That our record with HUD is it may take some several months to review and approve our application for capital grant funds so anyway that we figure it, we are several months away under the Conventional Plan, even in Greenville, where we have already been planning for several months. We have just gotten the planning and surveying funds for First Ward; we have even started the planning in First Ward so it is going to be several months of planning and then we will have to go through exactly the same process and anytime there is a change made as a result of the public hearings, we have to start the process all over again. There is simply no way under the Conventional Plan that it can be speeded up. It is his understanding, as a representative of the Redevelopment Commission, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Charlotte have directed the Redevelopment Commission to continue to give top priority to the Greenville and First Ward area and he assures Council today that it is the plan of the Redevelopment Commission to continue to give that high priority to those areas. It is his sincere belief that the only way we can speed up these projects, and use these funds to the best advantage for all of the citizens of the City of Charlotte, to provide better homes and to provide increased and better jobs is under the Neighborhood Development Program.

He stated the Redevelopment Commission is not taking advantage of anyone but taking advantage of a fine opportunity. We had at our hearing last week the highest official in the southeast, Mr. Edward Baxter, who said, without equivocation, that there was no way Charlotte could get the NDP Program without turning in First Ward and Greenville. He recommended it without equivocation; he said he hoped that Charlotte could get it. Mr. Baxter also stated last year there were only 35 cities in America

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that received NDP; only 6 cities in his entire 8-state area. He does not know how many will receive it this year; he recommended during the public hearing that if Charlotte could get it, it would be the best thing that ever could be done for our urban renewal program in this area. He anticipates that about six cities will receive NDP this year in this 8-state area. We do not know that Charlotte can get it but in his opinion, every day or every week that we wait to submit this application, further reduces our chances of getting NDP.

Mr. King stated he feels this is the best thing we can do for the program. It will help people in all areas of Charlotte and will benefit Charlotte and allow them to speed up the program and do a better job. That he urges Council to pass this resolution quick and early so that our chances will not be reduced of getting it approved by HUD.

Reverend Earl Newberry, Minister of Brandon United Presbyterian Church in the heart of Greenville, stated he represents people; people who are frustrated and in dire need and that includes Councilman Alexander. He stated you can fool some of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all the time. That this is his second appearance before Council but many times he has appeared before the Model Cities Commission as well as the Urban Renewal Commission and he hopes this will be the last time that he will have to stand before this body on an occasion such as this.

He stated he is tired of a whole lot of talk and promises and no faith can be exercised on those promises. That he stands before Council as a Minister and citizen regarding one of the most dangerous things that could happen; as there are many problems facing our City; the Queen City, the potential mortal city and recently having been honored with the title - an "All America City" - which is a farce. He stated he comes at a time that demands sincere decisions and immediate actions; a time that hinges upon the integrity of certain elected officials by the people as trustees of that which is noble.

Reverend Newberry stated already the residents of the Greenville community have acted in good faith in making such proposals to the Redevelopment Commission that would present a better image of our community. It is their understanding that such proposals were received with high praising. On this basis, their hearts were made glad because they had been told, over and over again, by Mr. Vernon Sawyer and his staff that the proposals made deep impressions on the minds and decision of the Commission. They have sought to maintain their community in peace, stability, faith and tranquility but they cannot say that this is true now after they have been presented with another plan. Therefore, let it be known to Council of the City of Charlotte - not yet an "All America City" - that the residents of Greenville do not favor the NDP plan. He stated he will remind Council of the fact that righteousness exhalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people; that when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when the wicked bear the rule, the people mourn. Charlotte is mourning at this hour; the obituary has almost been said - all we need to do now is see that we have enough graves should such action take place.

He stated downtown Charlotte could not qualify for this plan unless it would incorporate Greenville and Second Ward. The destiny of this supposedly "All America City" rests in the firm decision, and I do not mean tomorrow or next week, but now, and the right direction of the course of action that Council, as our elected officials, will take.

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Reverend Elo Henderson stated it is very regrettable that Council did not attend the hearing held on July 31 because at that meeting there were hundreds of people present. That Mr. Baxter was present and has been referred to as the "top official" but those present today have not mentioned the reaction of the people who were there. He stated the people reacted very bitterly against the NDP Plan. That Mr. King, Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Baxter did an excellent job of explaining the NDP Plan but after all the explanations those people said they did not want it because it was only a method of riding downtown in on the coattails of the poverty of Greenville and other disadvantaged people in the City of Charlotte.

He stated Greenville has had priority for a number of years but while it had priority, Dilworth was funded; that Mr. Sawyer stated he did not know how this happened. These are things that make the people frustrated and Council should become aware of this. He can sympathize with the people who are concerned with what is going to happen in Greenville, First Ward and other disadvantaged areas in the City of Charlotte. He stated this is vitally important and we would not be here this afternoon on the NDP Plan if the downtown urban renewal program had been approved by the citizens of the City but because it was not approved, this is a method of getting it in on your urban renewal program - there is no other way to do it.

Reverend Henderson stated it is time for us to stop placing the burdens on the disadvantaged people and let the burden rest where it ought to be. The predicament we are in now in the City of Charlotte is that the burden is being placed on those who cannot afford it, rather than on those who can afford it most. He stated he hopes Council will vote against this issue today.

Mrs. Lucielle McNeel, resident of the Brookhill Village Apartments, stated she is very concerned about her community and about her city. That she has come before Council regarding Park and Recreation and was referred to the Park and Recreation who did not give her group any satisfaction. They went back home and obtained 3 or 4 thousand signatures and went back to the Park and Recreation Commission and asked for some parks in the city. They were given the run-around as they were aware that all the parks were built out in the white neighborhoods and were so far out the people in the poor areas and neighborhoods would not be able to get there.

She stated they informed the Park and Recreation Commission they were aware of the amount of money to be spent for those parks and that they were black taxpayers and had a right. Again, they were given the run-around and were told they would be given some information within two weeks. In two weeks time they received a letter addressed to their Chairman, Mr. Joe Carter, stating they were not able to talk with their group although they had previously stated they needed two weeks to take this under consideration.

Mrs. McNeel stated she again went to the Park and Recreation Commission and asked the Chairman why they could not be heard; and the Chairman closed the meeting and walked out on the people as though they were "black dogs". She has come today before Council to tell them she wants justice in Charlotte - that Charlotte is supposed to be the Queen City. She voted for the present Mayor, hoping he would do something to save this city but the City of Charlotte is dead. There is no justice; she would ask the Mayor why he is putting the burden on the black people? Why are the people in Greenville getting the run-around about the money? It is like that when it comes down to the black people, but when it is for the white people, it is right there.

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She stated she would like to see the Mayor of the City of Charlotte do something to save the City in every way that he can because if he does not, he has opened up the gates of hell. The black people are frustrated and Council is aware of what the black people are up against. Seven schools have already been closed; telling the black people that they are ignorant, dumb and that their teachers do not know anything and plan to bus the black children one way. But it will not be any one way if they can help it; if there is one way bussing, there will be two way bussing or no way bussing.

Mrs. McNeel stated she would like to have the Park and Recreation Commission sit down with her group and give them some answers to their questions. That is all they want - they want the answers to their questions. That she lives in Brookhill and the little children stand on the sidewalk and pray to God to send them some rain so the street rises from Brookhill Road to Tremont and you can wade through it waist deep and that is where they play. This is what made her so interested in the need for parks. She would like to have a representative of the Mayor's check that particular street to see why the water is rising and have it cleared up.

She stated on Friday afternoon she called for a black youth rally which was attended by approximately 250 people who were confused about the schools and were being treated like dogs. She was getting people lined up to come to a march and pray for Charlotte. She stated before she could get back home a carload of "white pests" drove down Bank Street, got out of their cars and shot out the lights in front of a lady named Jean's house at 3109 Bank Street. She called the police 4 times and they would not send anyone out because they were holding a mass meeting. She was begging the people to bring their children and come out to the march and let them see if they could get justice. She was begging the people to pray for Charlotte and this is what happened.

Mrs. McNeel asked the Mayor if there was anything within his power that he could do to help. She is not threatening, but if nothing is done about these issues, then Council has opened up the gates of hell and blood is going to run down the streets. The black people are going to have justice if they have to do the "lawing" themselves. That Councilman Alexander is aware of the condition of the black people. They did not put him on the Board for the whites as the white people have everything now. They put him on the Council to represent the black people. He knows the conditions, situations and is aware the poor blacks are not treated right. She stated Councilman Alexander may want to come back in two years - that when he leaves today, is he going home in Myers Park or back out to the black people's community?

Mayor Belk thanked Mrs. McNeel for taking the time to come before Council today and assured her that every effort would be made to check into the events and investigate the complaints which relate to city government.

Mrs. Ruth Staten stated she lives in the Greenville area neighborhood and has fought real hard for a program which would better their neighborhood; that Mr. King does not feel for the neighborhood like a lot of the residents. They had hopes of their neighborhood becoming a place where they could hold up their heads with pride but it seems now all their hope is gone. That last year they were told next year they would have better housing. She asked Mr. Sawyer if he had any idea how many houses would go up to better their conditions because she has gone along with the School Board up to this point.

She stated they feel they need something done in their neighborhood now. She would like to see Mr. King walk with her through the neighborhood and talk to some of the people. Mrs. Staten advised she has people all the time asking when are we going to get some better houses. They want to stay, but to stay for what?

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Councilman Thrower asked that Mr. King and Mr. Sawyer come back before Council and answer some of the questions. If he had thought this was detrimental, he would have never seconded Mr. Whittington's motion. This is in the best interests of the people in Greenville and he has been assured by everybody conceivable this is in the best interest of the people.

Mrs. Staten stated the Redevelopment Commission told them last year they would have better neighborhoods this year. Now they tell them next year; the situations are getting worse, you can not get anything repaired; the homeowners have a lot of pride and take care of what they own but the other houses are getting run down. You can not expect people to wait when they have lost hope and her heart is getting heavy - just a lot of promises.

Mr. Ray King stated he has been in this area and is as concerned about it as any man in Charlotte even though he is not a resident of this area. Under the present Conventional Plan in Greenville, with the funds that have been reserved, it will be several months before the Redevelopment Commission could possibly start execution in Greenville. They have talked about the action work to begin in September - on the basis on the Neighborhood Development Program. The difference being that the funds are being allocated on an annual basis. The Neighborhood Development Program allows planning and execution to go along at the same time and if the NDP Application can be submitted and approved as they think they can within 60 days, from that point we can continue the planning and begin execution immediately. He stated both he and Mrs. Staten have exactly the same goal. He is convinced that the only way we can speed it up is under the Neighborhood Development Program because we can plan, acquire property, tear down the houses, relocate people in standard, sanitary housing at a price they can afford to pay; build new homes out there and move right on to planning and execution at the same time and we can not do it under the Conventional method.

Mrs. Staten asked if it is correct that there really was never any guarantee anything would be changed in the first place. The people had their hopes up after reading the headlines in the newspapers and then there is nothing to hope for. Mr. King replied everyone hopes to speed up urban renewal faster than it can be done. Urban renewal is a low, slow, methodical, deliberate process and there is no way that it can be speeded up except under the Neighborhood Development Program that allows planning and execution at the same time. He stated this is the only way it can be speeded up in Greenville.

Mayor Belk asked Mrs. Staten if she has seen the plans in the Greenville area and Mrs. Staten replied yes. They look beautiful and the people had hopes, but now you come back and tell the same people it is another year away.

Mr. Sawyer stated Mrs. Staten has been very cooperative in the development of the site plan that we have in Greenville. That in May, 1968 the Redevelopment Commission stated we are in for about an 18 month planning period which includes the approval route. At that time they were basing this statement on their past experience here in getting projects approved in Brooklyn. The national average is 3 years and he made this statement based on a slide program that he presented at the meeting last Thursday night in the presence of Mr. Baxter who noted this was still the national average; we are cutting the national average almost in two in Charlotte.

He stated when First Ward was approved just two months ago we were also expecting about ²¹18 months planning and approval period. When this Greenville project was approved and we started the planning, it was on the Conventional basis - it still is - and will not change unless HUD approves an application for NDP. We are now about 14 months into this and perhaps have about 6 months more under the Conventional Plan.

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Mr. Sawyer stated from the time he received approval on the site plan by the Greenville Citizens Council to the point where can now develop all the additional financial relocations, site improvements and all the other data to back up this site plan; that the citizens have helped them plan and submit it to HUD to get their approval and the local approvals that Mr. King has outlined.

Mayor Belk stated it seems though we are not getting the point of what is being done across to the neighborhoods as we should. Mrs. Staten stated we can talk about something for one hundred years, but until the people see something happen; unless something is done to change the situation - it looks further and further away.

Councilman Thrower stated we do not want to see what has happened in the other areas where we just go in and tear down the houses and say go find new homes. Through this program and only through this program, through intelligent planning and working together with people can we accomplish what all Charlotteans want to accomplish. That is not just to tear down block after block and leave it abandoned and barren year after year, but to go in block by block and build reasonable facilities and move people out and find jobs for people. We are not working against these people, but are working with them as hard and as diligently as they know how.

Mrs. Staten stated it may be that Council needs to talk to the Board of Realtors because it sounds as though this is going to be several years away. That theirs is the property that looks the worse and they are the hardest ones to get to do anything about it. Even minor repairs that will make living conditions better until redevelopment does take over, needs to be done, but it is just like pulling eye teeth to get the realtors to do anything about it. Councilman Thrower stated he feels something can be done about this.

Mr. King stated the point he wanted to make is that NDP will not change the site plans, will not change the development, will not change the fine community which Mrs. Staten has helped plan for Greenville. The NDP in no way will change this, whether it goes conventional or neighborhood development program, none of this will change. NDP merely refers to the method of funding out there which they believe will speed up the funding. That under the conventional plan we have about three or four more months and the planning will be complete. Then, the steps it will have to go in order to get it approved by the Planning Commission, the Redevelopment Commission and the City Council, then it goes to HUD. So, under the Conventional Plan, no matter how much she wants it or he wants it, he cannot see within nine or twelve months actually doing any execution or visibility in Greenville. If we go to Neighborhood Development Program and if we get it approved by September 1, as he had hoped, then we can start to see the visibility real soon. That they plan during the first year to purchase 70 parcels of land in Greenville the first year and plan to get those people relocated from those sub-standard houses into standard houses at a reasonable price. They plan an additional 8 acres in Greenville that is vacant land to start within the next few months of having houses, a range of houses from relatively low income apartments in this first year to home owners on the 70 parcels which have been purchased. They expect to get the land execution started under NDP Program on the eight acres in housing, in homes, or apartments; it sometimes takes weeks or months to get people relocated. That as bad as that housing is, it is better than nothing and we cannot move them out.

Reverend Frieson stated he cannot sit by and see our black ladies "white-washed". He would like to hear the facts; that he would like to hear them admit the real reason they want the NDP Plan is that they want downtown. It is wrong not to tell people this.

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He stated they would do this same thing under the Conventional Plan; nothing will be any different for the Greenville community in the NDP program. That Mr. Sawyer has already made a statement for the newspaper that land will be purchased in July and September. This is not fair to the poor people because under the NDP Program the benefits will go downtown. Under the Conventional Program, we will go through the same process as already outlined.

Mayor Belk stated we are not trying to "white-wash" anyone, but only trying to get the facts out in the open so everyone will understand it. He suggested that Mr. King and Mr. Sawyer get together with Mrs. Staten and give her any information she needs to understand this issue.

Mrs. Staten asked if either plan has been approved at this point and Mr. King replied the application for planning and survey funds has been approved and the capital grant funds have been reserved. We cannot get the capital grant funds until all of Greenville is surveyed and planned and that is what we have been working on, a site plan, a re-use plan. That plan has not been approved because it has not been submitted. All they have done is the planning and surveying funds.

Mr. W. B. Taylor, a business man in the Greenville area, stated he is very much concerned as Greenville had the first priority to start with and then they took Dilworth first and started developing there. They have a small business league organized in Greenville and the business people in Greenville are suffering because of the deterioration of the homes. That he owns some homes down in Greenville and after they were told the homes would be torn down, people started moving out and the winos moved in. Therefore, when they get ready to purchase the land, the houses are gone and they are losing money in Greenville and it is becoming a regular "ghost town". He stated we should take first things first; not go downtown but we should start in Greenville with the first program.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated last week the redevelopment people failed to get across to the people what they were trying to get them to understand. He attended the meeting and it was unfortunate Council members were busy elsewhere on other problems which were very urgent.

He stated he read an article in the newspaper by Doug Smith, and he quoted the following:

"The decision was made to switch to NDP because the new national ruling wouldn't have allowed the downtown project to be funded under the conventional approach".

Mr. Pearson asked if Mr. Smith had made a mistake on the facts as printed in the newspaper or if that is actually the facts as told to him by Mr. Sawyer. It would seem to anyone interested that Mr. Baxter was there to sell a certain program and he was asked the question whether there was any separate money available in Atlanta for the downtown area and he answered no. He was asked if it was true that there was no separate money for downtown areas? If this money was all spent on residential areas, it would go faster than if they spent some for downtown areas and Mr. Baxter reluctantly admitted that this was so.

He stated once they took this vote on the urban renewal in the first place and forced Councilman Alexander to accept on the ballot, the downtown urban renewal with Greenville and the other areas, so that he could get them on the program, they were making these people who are fighting for what they need, vote for urban renewal, downtown and all. They were not given a choice then. Now they are fighting to get that choice. They want the residential urban renewal first and until they get this, they are not interested in downtown.

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Mr. Pearson stated for anybody to say that downtown Charlotte will die without this federal money, that the initiative will be killed, is just not looking around and being honest. He is not taking part on whether to use NDP or the old plan; that could be solved without any problem. He advised Council to tell the people you will not go ahead with downtown until you straighten out the residential areas first and you will not have any trouble. He stated he feels Council is sincere but he would like to have them look a little further than downtown.

Mr. Joe Faulkner, representing the First Ward area, and all black Negroes, stated he has been listening to all that has been brought up today and if all the money that has already been spent downtown for buildings such as the Charlotte Fish and Oyster - could have been spent in black neighborhoods, we would be an "All America City". That he noticed we are now called an "All America City", but there is no way in the world we could be an "All America City", divided like it is.

He stated this city does not have unity, and will not have it until people think of what is right for everybody, not for just one and be able to give others the way you take from some. That Mr. King has stated the NDP Plan is fair, but since we have waited this long, why does he want to speed it up? If we are guaranteed \$14 million for Greenville and First Ward, then let them take their time and build what the people want in their neighborhoods so that it will be nice and not something just stuck up. They are not in a hurry, they just want a guarantee. He asked that Council, in making their decision, think of that. Not something fast, what they want is something to be sure of.

Mr. Charles Black stated when redevelopment took Brooklyn from the people, they took everything from the poor people because most of them either worked or they went to Brooklyn for their relaxation. Then urban renewal came in and promised the people in Greenville that they were going to do something; they stood by again, waiting and hoping.

He stated if the businessmen wanted it, that downtown could look as fabulous as California and other places he has heard about and seen on television, but they should go into their own pockets because they have the money; they take it from the black people every week.

Mr. Black stated his people only want what urban renewal started out to do in the beginning. He would like to know if Mr. Sawyer would spend the night in one of the houses in Greenville and stated he has spent many nights there and he is aware of the rats, roaches and snakes. The people have stayed in the area because the renewal people begged them not to move out of Greenville because urban renewal was getting ready to do a fancy job in Greenville. Now, a new program has come up. That Charlotte has too many federal programs now. He stated let's give the people the "All America City" that he has seen written on the signposts on the highways.

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He stated Earle Village now looks like a concentration camp for unwanted people like we see on television in Vietnam and people have to accept this because they do not have anywhere else to stay. Now we have an opportunity to make Charlotte the "All America City". We should not lie to the people anymore, whether white or black, saying that the City of Charlotte is so great, when when they really slam the door in poor people's faces.

Mr. King stated last Friday afternoon Mr. Sawyer and he, along with one or two others of the Redevelopment Commission Staff, met with Mr. Paul Jones and members of his staff and members of the Planning Commission in Charlotte so that they might be properly coordinated as far as the benefit of this program for all of the areas, particularly the Model Cities Neighborhood area and as a result of that conference of about two or three hours, they made a couple of minor changes which are beneficial particularly to the Model Neighborhood area and Mr. Sawyer would like to present them now.

Mr. Sawyer presented a map of the area including the portion Mr. Jones wanted to add which was more residential in First Ward in the block between Myers Street and Alexander, Ninth Street and Tenth Street, right next to the block already designed for the Neighborhood facilities. That this will add more parcels and a change made of the net figures from \$4,975,646 to \$5,140,000 in round figures; that this would be a top figure and as the adjustment is made in the application, then they can adjust the application to the final figure.

He stated on the second page of the resolution, in the first sentence of the last paragraph, this is a loan figure that represents the maximum amount which can be borrowed from the federal government of \$19,923,876 and asked that this figure be changed to \$20,035,000 in round figures. Mr. Sawyer stated this would take care of the increase in the program; minor in cost but significant in terms of the activity in Mr. Jones' opinion.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Short stated he expects to do everything that he can to further the cause of urban renewal in the Greenville area. He had the opportunity about five years ago to hear Reverend Frieson when he proposed this step for Greenville and he discussed it with him personally. That he was flattered to have been chosen by Reverend Frieson to discuss this and stated Reverend Frieson is a very convincing person and he has admired him ever since then to promote this plan.

He advised that although we just have to go this route in the interests of the entire city, he will certainly do everything he can to see that urban renewal and Greenville is forwarded.

The resolution is recorded in Resolutions Book 6, beginning on Page 377.

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DISMISSAL OF CITY EMPLOYEE REQUESTED BY CITIZEN.

Mrs. Lucielle Lynch, 609 Baldwin Avenue, stated her complaint regards an employee of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee. That she is very candid in what she has to say; his name is Murdies Arnold. He was employed to better community relations and has taken the liberty of making an accusation regarding her son and daughter.

She stated he could not adequately represent the people when he is making false statements by accusing her son and daughter of being police informers. That in her opinion if either her son or daughter were a police informer, they would be helping Mr. Arnold. That she has prayed her son and daughter would be assets to this city and not cause dissension.

Mrs. Lynch stated she does not want Mr. Arnold reprimanded; she would like for Council to replace him because, in her opinion, he is not fit to serve in the position he now holds; that he is detrimental to their community.

Mayor Belk thanked Mrs. Lynch for her comments and stated Council will investigate her charges and take appropriate action.

OPERATION OF KNOXVILLE CITY PARK DISCUSSED BY CITIZEN.

Mr. L. F. Snyder stated the City of Knoxville has had a large city park for years and it has worked out real well. That he was in Knoxville about a week ago and met with two of the park officials for about an hour and told them what we were trying to do in Charlotte. He stated they prepared and mailed him a brief on the history and operation of the park in Knoxville so he might pass it on to Council for their study.

He stated it is the desire of the Park Commission in Knoxville to visit with Council in Charlotte and answer any questions they might have regarding the operation of the city park. They would like to see the Brooklyn area to see if it is suitable as they do not feel we have enough land in the "blue heaven" area to put a decent park. They would like to visit anytime Council would like to talk over this park and explain how the one in Knoxville operates.

Mr. Snyder stated Knoxville had a special "Youth Day" two Saturdays ago, with about 40,000 persons in attendance, from 2:00 until 7:00 in the evening. They had free rides, free ice cream and free drinks. It was very successful.

ORDINANCE NO. 285-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CCDE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF FUGATE AVENUE, BEGINNING 177 FEET FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Whittington moved that subject ordinance be adopted changing the zoning from R-9 to O-6, except for a 30-foot strip along the southwest side of the property to remain R-9, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Jordan stated some of the neighbors in this area felt that the Downtowner Motel was going to enlarge or double their capacity and they were concerned about this. That under this change, it will not be permissible and will remove any doubt they might have had concerning this property.

A vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Jordan, Alexander, Short, Tuttle and Withrow.

NAYS: Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Thrower stated he is casting a no vote, not for political reasons, but because we do not have a firm policy on this type of situation.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 247.

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PETITION NO. 69-68 BY G. B. HEATH, JR., ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-15MF OF A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED BETWEEN BRIAR CREEK AND HANSON DRIVE, BEGINNING ABOUT 970 FEET SOUTHWEST OF PROVIDENCE ROAD, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition changing zoning from R-12 to R-15MF of a tract of land located between Briar Creek and Hanson Drive be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short stated we have in the City Charter a provision which is pertinent to this and he would like to have it in the record; that this provision gives Council the authority to deny the use of flood plain land for human habitation.

PETITION NO. 69-73 BY JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY AND CHARLES R. MILLER FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BEGINNING 120 FEET SOUTH OF STARBROOK DRIVE, DEFERRED.

Councilman Short stated he feels the petitioner should come back to Council on another day with a plan which cuts down the number of units; this is a conditional type of zoning and Council can approve it or not, related to the number of units involved. He stated this includes a lot of units and runs right up to the boundaries which distinguishes it somewhat from the other R-20MF zoning we have.

Councilman Short moved to defer this petition and ask the petitioner to come back to Council with another plan which will curtail the number of units. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Whittington stated in explanation of Councilman Short's motion, this gives the petitioner a chance to reduce the number of units and put more in the buffer between the single families and the attached units Mr. Crosland proposes to build. This does not mean Council is taking any action today one way or the other, except to make him come with a more restrictive plan with less units and more buffer.

Mr. Scott Blanton stated the people out there have been living under a great emotional strain regarding this proposed zoning change.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Watts, Assistant City Attorney, if the new plan should eliminate anyone who has heretofore objected, would this change the 3/4 Rule? Mr. Watts replied the 3/4 Rule would still apply; that is the original protest and unless the protestors should withdraw it, you would still have your 3/4 Rule. Councilman Tuttle asked if these people will be allowed to have their say again on the new plan? Mr. Watts replied he would grant another hearing if Council desires to do so, but it seems if we have what is, in effect, a new plan, you might well run a notice, etc., so that the people can come back in and be heard.

Councilman Tuttle stated he does not want to impose any hardship on the people or the developer; that if Councilman Short will include in his motion, without another hearing, that we will grant equal time to these people if they want to come back.

Mr. Blanton stated their group does not have an attorney; that they are leaving this up to Council to see that their property rights as well as their rights as citizens are protected. During the month of the 4th of July, they had 516 signers protesting this change and a few units one way or the other would not change their feelings. A great many of these people were told when they bought the property out there that this definitely was

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going to be part of Huntingtowne Farms and they bought their single residence homes and have put money into landscaping, building their homes, at great sacrifice.

He stated they have had a herculean job of getting these signatures as they are not an organized unit; they are just very concerned people and to ask them to go back and tell these people - some of whom have given up two weeks vacation to wait for this decision - and then tell them we have to start all over again would be almost as bad as Council approving the petition. That only one person in the whole City of Charlotte could possibly profit from this zoning change and that is the contractor - the rest of them are going to lose.

Mr. Blanton stated this is not a hospital or cancer clinic to take care of the needs of the people; this is simply just an apartment project and there are many, many acres of open land here in Charlotte on which this project could be built. That they would suggest this attractive unit be built on open land.

Councilman Short stated he would like to include in his motion that Mr. Blanton be advised as soon as possible when the date of this representation is put on the Agenda and see that he is made aware of it.

Councilman Short stated his earlier motion did not include any comment about a "few" units; the motion was and is that the petitioner come back and curtail the number of units. In that regard, it was the intent of Council, in establishing this type of zoning category, that while this was put together in the form of attached units, as apartments, it is virtually the same as single family residences.

Councilman Tuttle stated this method is not acceptable to him; if we notify these people to come down here, they will probably be told they cannot speak as the hearing has already been held. That he would ask Councilman Short to amend his motion to notify the people and at the same time give them the right to speak.

Councilman Short moved to defer this petition and ask the petitioner to come back to Council with another plan which will curtail the number of units and that Mr. Blanton be advised as soon as possible when the date for this representation is put on the Agenda and to allow the people the right to speak at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 286-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF IDLEWILD ROAD, BEGINNING 669 FEET EAST OF CENTERLINE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, and seconded by Councilman Jordan, to adopt subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to B-2 of a 4.09 acre tract of land on the south side of Idlewild Road, beginning 669 feet east of centerline of Independence Boulevard as recommended by the Planning Commission. The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 248.

ORDINANCE NO. 287-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED 445 FEET SOUTH OF IDLEWILD ROAD AND 400 FEET NORTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-9 to B-2 of a 1.93 acre tract of land located 445 feet south of Idlewild Road and 400 feet northeast of Independence Boulevard, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 249.

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ORDINANCE NO. 291-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF LAND ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF FARMINGDALE DRIVE; AND ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF FARMINGDALE DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting subject ordinance changing zoning from R-9 to O-6 and R-9MF of 3.613 acres of land on the northwest side of Farmingdale Drive, beginning at the rear of lots on Amity Place, and extending 762 feet toward Independence Boulevard; and change from R-9 to R-9MF 7.99 acres of land beginning on the southeast side of Farmingdale Drive and extending 1,167 feet southeastward along the rear of lots on Amity Place, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 253.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains and trunks, as follows:

- (a) Contract with H. L. Coble Construction Company for construction of 560 feet of 10-inch trunk to serve Low Rent Housing Project N. C. 3-11, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$5,780.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will not be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
- (b) Contract with Charlotte Eight Corporation for the construction of 100 linear feet of 8-inch trunk to serve 4329 East Independence Boulevard, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

SUPPLEMENTAL MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT NO. 8.1654801, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, subject supplemental municipal agreement was approved between the North Carolina State Highway Commission and the City of Charlotte for the Northwest Expressway Project No. 8.1654801, from the eastern limits of the North-South Expressway to near the intersections of Independence Boulevard and Louise Avenue, and Independence Boulevard and McDowell Street.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of Change Order No. 2 in contract with Blythe Brothers Company to comply with the terms of the agreement entered into on February 17, 1969, by and between the Redevelopment Commission of the City and Bishop Walter McCullough, Trustee for the United House of Prayer, increasing the contract price by \$8,819.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND IMPROVING OF FOURTH STREET, FROM MCDOWELL STREET WEST 550 FEET.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Tuttle, approving subject Supplementary Contract with Blythe Brothers Company, in the amount of \$44,884.00, for the widening and improving of Fourth Street, from McDowell Street west 550 feet.

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Councilman Short asked if the City can do paving without bidding and Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied this is an extension of an existing contract with them; that the City Attorney's office has checked into this and the quantities involved are such as within our discretion to do this.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing the issuance of \$400,000 Revenue Anticipation Notes of the City of Charlotte for the Park and Recreation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 379.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving the following ordinances ordering the removal of weeds and grass pursuant to Section 6.103 and 6.104 of the City Charter, Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-9 of the City Code and Chapter 160-200 of the General Statutes of North Carolina:

- (a) Ord. No. 292-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Flamingo and Springway Avenue.
- (b) Ord. No. 293-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 3025 Simpson Drive.
- (c) Ord. No. 294-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 625 E. Ninth Street.
- (d) Ord. No. 295-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 1520 North Caldwell Street.
- (e) Ord. No. 296-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 125 Martin Street.
- (f) Ord. No. 297-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2028 Russell Street.
- (g) Ord. No. 298-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2317 Arden Street.
- (h) Ord. No. 299-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1120 Pharr Street.
- (i) Ord. No. 300-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2309 Sanders Street.
- (j) Ord. No. 301-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2401 Celia Avenue.
- (k) Ord. No. 302-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Belhaven Blvd. and N. Cloudman Street.
- (l) Ord. No. 303-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 416 Heathcliff Place.
- (m) Ord. No. 304-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 3033 Cornet Way.
- (n) Ord. No. 305-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1532 Kimberly Road.
- (o) Ord. No. 306-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1309 West Boulevard.
- (p) Ord. No. 307-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1822 South Boulevard.
- (q) Ord. No. 308-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at rear of 3000-3024 Stancil Place.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning on Page 254.

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ORDINANCES ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLINGS PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160, OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, ordinances were adopted ordering the demolition and removal of dwellings pursuant to the Housing Code of the City of Charlotte, and Article 15, Chapter 160, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as follows:

- (a) Ord. No. 309-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 420 South Summit Avenue.
- (b) Ord. No. 310-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 300 Yeoman Avenue.
- (c) Ord. No. 311-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 2214 Blanton Street.
- (d) Ord. No. 312-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 216 Edgefield Court.
- (e) Ord. No. 313-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 526-28 Beatties Ford Road.
- (f) Ord. No. 314-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 1000 North Church Street.

The ordinance are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning on Page 271.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following property transactions were authorized:

- (a) Acquisition of 34.96 square feet of property at 902 North Davidson Street, from Grady L. Ross and wife, Robbie Lee Gillis Ross, at \$100.00, for the Northwest Freeway.
- (b) Acquisition of 5,162.50 square feet of easement at 3217 Harrow Place, from Universal Agency, Inc., at \$265.00, for the Upper Briar Creek Outfall.

APPROVAL OF ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER LINE WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF EASTWAY DRIVE FOR THE BRIAR CREEK OUTFALL.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, and seconded by Councilman Withrow, approving subject encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct a 24-inch sanitary sewer line within the right-of-way of Eastway Drive for the Briar Creek Outfall. The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3843 CRAIG AVENUE.

Councilman Short moved approval of the sale of city-owned water department property located at 3843 Craig Avenue to the high bidder, Sinkoe Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$1,650.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

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APPRAISAL CONTRACT APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, an appraisal contract was approved with William L. Frickhoeffer, for two parcels of land at a fee of \$125.00 each for the Airport Expansion Project.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following streets to be taken over for continuous maintenance by the city:

- (a) Worcester Place, from 120 feet south of centerline of Ardberry Place to 238 feet north of centerline of Erinshire Road.
- (b) Ardberry Place from Worcester Place to 245 feet east of Worcester Place.
- (c) Eastbrook Road, from 110 feet east of Cardigan Avenue to 655 feet west of Cardigan.
- (d) Cardigan Avenue from Eastbrook Road to 535 feet north of Eastbrook Road.
- (e) Kallam Court, from Cardigan Avenue to 235 feet west of Cardigan Avenue.

CLAIM OF MRS. LUREEN HARRIS FOR PERSONAL DAMAGES, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject claim of Mrs. Lureen Harris, 915 West Fourth Street, for personal damages when she tripped and fell near the intersection of West Fourth Street and Clarkson, was denied. The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 315-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1969-70.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the reduction from 218 to 188 in the number of firefighter positions approved in the budget for the year 1969-70. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 277.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE INCORPORATING CHANGES IN FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARY SCHEDULES.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving subject resolution amending the Pay Plan of the City of Charlotte incorporating changes in Fire Department Salary Schedules.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 380.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the following Special Officer Permits were authorized for a period of one year:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Paul E. Halberstadt for use on the premises of Sharon Memorial Park.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Leonard W. Hedrick for use on the premises of Sharon Memorial Park.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Howard W. Halberstadt for use on the premises of Sharon Memorial Park.
- (d) Renewal of permit to Walter C. Thomas for use on the premises of Sharon Memorial Park.
- (e) Renewal of permit to Bowell Adams for use on the premises of Speizman Company, Inc.
- (f) Renewal of permit to Henry V. Morris for use on the premises of Kingspark Apartments, English Village Apartments, Fairfax Woods and Eastbrook Woods.
- (g) Issuance of permit to Fred S. Taylor for use on the premises of Allenbrook Subdivision and Northbrook Park Subdivision.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots, as follows:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Helen C. Kinney for Graves No. 5 and 6, in Lot No. 20, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with George Carlisle Adams and wife, Margery Williams Adams, for Lot No. 179, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$1,540.00.

ORDINANCE NO. ^{316-X} ~~317-X~~ AMENDING THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE RELOCATION OF WATER FACILITIES IN THE PATH OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the subject ordinance amending the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds for the relocation of water facilities in the path of the construction of the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 279.

APPOINTMENT OF MRS. JOHN (ALICE) BLANTON TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF MR. HUGH ASHCRAFT ON THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Thrower moved the appointment of Mrs. Alice Blanton to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Alexander made a substitute motion to appoint Dr. Roy F. Wynn to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The motion did not receive a second.

A vote was taken on the motion to appoint Mrs. Alice Blanton to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Hugh Ashcraft on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED TO KOPPERS COMPANY, INC., BARCO PRODUCTS DEPARTMENT, FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Koppers Company, Inc., Barco Products Department, in the amount of \$65,500.75, on a unit price basis, for emulsified asphalt.

CONTRACT AWARDED THOMAS STRUCTURE COMPANY, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN PHASE I, BRIAR CREEK OUTFALL.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Thomas Structure Company, in the amount of \$89,492.00, on a unit price basis, for construction of sanitary sewer in Phase I, Briar Creek Outfall.

The following bids were received:

Thomas Structure Company	\$89,492.00
Crowder Construction Co.	89,972.75
Sanders Brothers Company	90,713.00
A. P. White & Assoc., Inc.	117,445.00
Dickerson, Inc.	121,091.50
Rand Construction Co., Inc.	130,802.00
Blythe Brothers Company	134,895.45

CONTRACT AWARDED LAXTON CONSTRUCTION FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO STORAGE FACILITIES OF THE CHARLOTTE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Thrower moved award of contract to the low bidder, Laxton Construction Company, in the amount of \$263,000.00, on a unit price basis, for alterations and additions to storage facilities of the Charlotte Water Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Laxton Construction Co.	\$263,000.00
Rodgers Builders, Inc.	339,409.00
Crowder Construction Co.	343,400.00
McDevitt & Street Co.	365,000.00

CONTRACT AWARDED A. Z. PRICE FOR PLUMBING WORK FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO STORAGE FACILITIES OF THE CHARLOTTE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, A. Z. Price and Associates, in the amount of \$13,000.00, on a unit price basis, for plumbing work for alterations and additions to storage facilities of the Charlotte Water Department.

The following bids were received:

A. Z. Price & Associates	\$ 13,000.00.
Tompkins-Johnston Co.	13,900.00
White Plumbing Company	14,369.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED AIR MASTERS, INC. FOR MECHANICAL WORK FOR THE ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO STORAGE FACILITIES OF THE CHARLOTTE WATER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving award of contract to the low bidder, Air Masters, Inc., in the amount of \$7,814.00, on a unit price basis, for mechanical work for the alterations and additions to storage facilities of the Charlotte Water Department.

The following bids were received:

Air Masters, Inc.	\$ 7,814.00
A. Z. Price & Associates	8,540.00
Tompkins-Johnston Company	9,450.00.

RESIGNATION OF MR. WILLIAM E. GRAHAM, JR. FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.

Mayor Belk read the following letter received from Mr. William E. Graham, Jr.:

"Dear Mayor Belk:

Because of my recent appointment to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, it is necessary that I resign as a member and Vice Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working on the Commission and wish it continued success in building a better Charlotte.

Very truly yours,

William E. Graham, Jr."

Councilman Short moved that a letter of thanks be written to Judge Graham, thanking him for his services and that we accept his resignation with regret. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

Mayor Belk advised a letter of congratulation and appreciation has already been mailed to Judge Graham from his office.

NOMINATION OF MR. RAY FARRIS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Short moved the nomination of Mr. Ray Farris to the Redevelopment Commission to fill the remaining portion of the term of Judge Graham. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Alexander stated he feels this Commission needs a woman on it at this time. All the discussion heard today and last week in regard to the thoughts and understandings shows Council that it is time for us to get a woman on this Committee as it works closely with people and we can benefit much from this part of our community. This Committee has never had a woman on it and we need to begin to give consideration to women and stated he would like to place in nomination the name of Mrs. Raymond Jolly. She is very active in community work and can make a wonderful contribution.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Louise McLendon

Louise McLendon, Deputy City Clerk