

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 373

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, December 10, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Kenneth R. Harris, Pat Locke, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, Neil C. Williams and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

\* \* \* \* \*

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Robert O. Freeman of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association.

Mayor Belk stated Reverend Freeman is the Coordinator of the Charlotte Area Clergy Association. He requested the City Manager to write them a letter of congratulations and ask if there is anything the City can do to help in this endeavor. He also stated to Reverend Freeman that he would like for him to have someone present to give the invocation each week.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on December 1, 1973 were approved as submitted.

PLAQUES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO FORMER COUNCILMEMBER SANDY R. JORDAN BY MEMBERS OF THE CHARLOTTE POLICE AND CHARLOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Belk stated Police Chief Goodman and Fire Chief Lee are present and would like to make a presentation. The Chiefs requested former Councilman Sandy R. Jordan to come forward also.

Chief Lee stated since Mr. Jordan first sat on this Council back in 1947, youngsters have been born into the City and have become members of the Charlotte Fire Department. That many of these people have become very good friends with Mr. Jordan. Besides those, there are in excess of 500 people within the Department, many of whom over the years have associated with Mr. Jordan personally, civically, and have worshipped with him. He stated it is with a great deal of pleasure that he represents some 550 men of the Charlotte Fire Department in expressing their appreciation for the length of public service that Mr. Jordan has performed in the City of Charlotte and to the warmth and fellowship he has contributed to the members of the Fire Department. On behalf of these people, he presented him with a plaque which reads: "In recognition of the outstanding devotion to the City of Charlotte and for outstanding service to the men of the Charlotte Fire Department, this year 1973."

Chief Goodman stated Mr. Jordan's friends in the Police Department would like to make a presentation also, not only for what he has already been recognized many times, but for the support and interest he has given law enforcement, and to this city during those 20 years and to the men in the department that he is endeared to and will be in the future. He presented Mr. Jordan with a plaque from his friends in the Police Department, which reads as follows: This certificate is presented to Sandy Jordan by the Charlotte Police Department in appreciation for his support and interest during 20 years he served on the City Council."

Mr. Jordan responded stating this is very overwhelming and he does not know what to say, except thank you very much. It was indeed a pleasure and a privilege to have served the citizens this long. He stated he appreciates this very much.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 374

CITY MANAGER INSTRUCTED TO WORK OUT SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT WITH CAP ON RELOCATING WING HEADQUARTERS.

Colonel Ivey M. Cook of the North Carolina Wing of Civil Air Patrol stated he has a few members of the Civil Air Patrol with him today and he would like to present them to Council. He introduced Col. Stanhope Lineberry, former North Carolina Wing Commander, and former Middle East Region Commander; Col. Donald Denton, former Wing Commander; Col. G. A. Stephens, present Deputy Wing Commander; Lt. Col. Catherine Cook, Wing Finance Officer; Lt. Col. King Harwell, Chief of Staff, and Major Robert Jobe, Air Force Liaison Officer.

Col. Cook stated this is an all volunteer force. That they have three basic missions and assign no particular priority to any of the missions. One is the Search and Rescue portion whereby they perform better than 80% of all air search and rescue in the continental United States. Another, is the aerospace education program where they provide and sponsor high school courses in various high schools throughout the state that are accredited programs. In this mission they sponsor aerospace education teacher workshops throughout the state. North Carolina, for many years has led all states in Civil Air Patrol in this program. The third mission is the cadet program whereby they have young people 13 to 18 years of age brought into the program and train them in moral leadership, aerospace education, and give them some flight training, flight orientation and try to instill Americanism into these young people.

Col. Cook stated Wing Headquarters is located here in Charlotte, and they have a total of 43 units throughout the State from one coast to the other. Week before last they were on two missions and located two downed aircrafts; unfortunately they did not save any lives, but they did locate the aircrafts and the families do know what happened to their loved ones.

Col. Cook stated they are present to ask some support from Council for their Wing Headquarters facility. They are now located in a building at Douglas Municipal Airport that is scheduled to be demolished, and through the good graces of Council they have had an extension on the demolition. They have been unable to locate quarters that they can afford as they do not have the funds and this is an all volunteer force. They are asking for Council's help and assistance in relocating the Wing Headquarters facility to be able to keep it here in Charlotte.

Councilman Withrow moved that the City Manager be instructed to work out some kind of agreement with CAP that the city can live with and that CAP can live with. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

"SPRUCE-UP CHARLOTTE" PROGRAM KICKED OFF BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. W. H. Guerrant, Director of Public Service and Information Department, stated each year Americans buy and dispose of an estimated 35 million Christmas trees. This year, the City Landscape Division and the Mecklenburg County 4-H Office are asking citizens to spruce up Charlotte by buying live trees and donating them to the city to be planted along street rights of way, around public buildings and parks.

To participate in this program, the citizen will buy a healthy spruce or pine tree with roots wrapped in burlap - this is what is meant by a live tree. The Landscape Division should be called after Christmas and they will send a truck to your house to pick up the live tree. They will hold the tree for a month or so to be sure the tree is healthy and is going to live, and then plant them throughout the city. In addition to helping to beautify Charlotte, the gift of donating a tree to the City is tax deductible.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 375

The Mayor and City Council then kicked off the program by decorating the tree that was placed in the council chamber with the Spruce-Up Charlotte program. Mr. Guerrant stated this tree is a white pine and will be placed in the lobby for the remainder of the holiday season and will be planted along with the other trees throughout the city. He stated there are 10 or 15 lots in town, primarily run by nurseries that have good healthy burlap trees and they run about \$5.00 more than the conventional cut tree.

Councilman Short stated in Toronto they have a requirement that every residential lot in the City of Toronto must have at least one tree, and their arrangement is if someone has a lot with no tree that the city arranges in some way to plant one.

Mr. Guerrant stated Raleigh and Greensboro did this last year and he is hoping that Charlotte can do as well as they did.

**CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUES PRESENTED TO JOHNNY M. BROWN AND BAXTER COOPER, JR.**

Mayor Belk recognized Mr. Johnny M. Brown, Building Maintenceman I, with the Mint Museum of Art, and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque for his services from August 29, 1967 until his retirement November 30, 1973; and Mr. Baxter Cooper, Sr., Equipment Operator III, Sanitation Division of Public Works for his services to the city from July 24, 1967 until his retirement November 27, 1973.

The Mayor and each Councilmember wished each of them well in their retirement.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING THAT PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY REQUIRES THE TAXICAB SERVICE PROPOSED BY THE APPLICATION OF CHECKER CAB COMPANY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF TEN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATES TO OPERATE TAXICABS IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.**

A public hearing was held on the application of Checker Cab Company, Inc. for ten (10) new and additional certificates of public convenience and necessity.

Mr. Dean Tyler of the Checker Cab Company stated the Company needs the certificates to give better service to the area; the equipment is ready; they have the business and the employees to run the equipment.

Councilman Withrow asked if there is a limit on the number of taxicabs required to serve Charlotte; with the addition of these ten it will bring the number up to 176. If one of the other companies should ask for additional certificates would we be able to give the certificates to them, or will these ten be above the limit or the need? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied sometime back all the cab companies agreed to abide by new rules so there would not be any loose certificates around and turned in the certificates not in use. The maximum number has not been reached as yet. Taxicab Inspector Dellinger stated Checker Cab had 65 certificates as of December 31 and on January 1 they came out with only 29. The City Manager stated they were told if they came back to Council at a later date when they were ready to put the taxicabs into service, Council would listen to their request, and give them back the number they had. He stated Checker has not reached its 65 but is now building back up to that number.

Inspector Dellinger stated these companies understand if the certificates are not in active use on December 31, they automatically expire.

No opposition was expressed to the application.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Declaring that Public Convenience and Necessity Requires the Taxicab Service Proposed by the Application of Checker Cab Company for the Issuance of Ten Additional Certificates to Operate Taxicabs in the City of Charlotte was adopted.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning on Page 344.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 376

REPORT ON NLC ANNUAL CONGRESS OF CITIES IN SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the Annual Congress of Cities Convention began on Monday of last week, and was the largest convention the National League of Cities ever held, and the largest convention ever held in the City of San Juan. The Governor of San Juan and the Mayor were gracious hosts, and particularly the Mayor who was elected Second Vice President. They did everything they could to make the delegates and families welcome and to entertain them when they were not in the business sessions.

He stated there were a number of things that Council would be interested in. The Transportation Committee tried very diligently to get a separate mass transportation fund voted on in the affirmative by the Congress. This was supported by Congressman Wright from Texas who said he thought it was absolutely necessary that we not put all our eggs in one basket, and make an effort to get at least \$3.0 billion a year for mass transportation. This was passed by the Transportation Committee, but failed when it reached the Resolutions Committee and did not go to the Congress to be voted on. The majority of the delegates felt we should stick with the one fund, rather than to split our efforts and try to get two funds.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated another meeting was on communications where the participants were mostly councilmembers, with some Mayors in attendance, along with people from the news media. In his opinion, this was the best meeting held at the Congress as far as elected officials, news media and the general public having some area of communication.

He stated there was another meeting with Councilmembers and Mayors on panels and they discussed council meeting procedures and procedures to best do a job in communications and running council meetings. He stated there was discussion in the recent local election about council committees. That most of the people at the meeting, including some Mayors and some City Managers, said that council staffs were necessary in order to do a good job as far as the council was concerned, particularly when he is a part-time councilmember.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he talked to a councilman from Los Angeles who represents over 200,000 in his district, and has a staff of over 11 people and receives a salary of \$31,000, which goes into effect July 1.

He stated these are things he got the most out of. There was a meeting on Thursday where the Mayor from San Francisco and others talked about the environment and ecology which he was not able to attend.

He stated the Convention was beneficial to all who attended. Those who were there represented Charlotte well, attended the meetings and worked hard. The North Carolina League of Municipalities had about 75 people in attendance, and they caucused on Wednesday morning at 7:00 A.M., and adopted the League's legislative package, and agreed to come back home and work in their particular regions in behalf of this legislative package. He stated the Board will meet on January 10 in Raleigh to gear up for the coming year with the General Assembly.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR AN LEAA GRANT AWARD FOR POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,389.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for an LEAA Grant Award for police athletic league, and extended an open invitation to Chief Goodman on behalf of the 23 Little Leagues operated in Mecklenburg County, along with a girls program which will be put in this year, for the Athletic League through the LEAA Grant to come back into Little League. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 345.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 377

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ASSOCIATES FOR CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST INTERSECTION OF TRADE AND TRYON STREETS.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing the Mayor of the City of Charlotte to execute a lease agreement with Independence Square Associates for city-owned property, under the pedestrian way to be constructed at Independence Square, located at the southeast intersection of Trade and Tryon Streets.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 346.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO CLOSE A CERTAIN ALLEYWAY IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1974.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, a resolution declaring an intent to close a certain alleyway leading off Farish Avenue, and calling for a public hearing on Monday, January 7, was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Pages 347-348.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED ON GILBERT STREET, FROM NEWLAND ROAD TO DEAD-END, PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON CONFIRMATION THEREOF, ON JANUARY 7, 1974.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of a resolution approving the preliminary assessment roll for improvements completed on Gilbert Street, from Newland Road to dead-end and providing for the notice and public hearing on confirmation thereof on January 7, 1974. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Pages 349-350.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes, in the total amount of \$612.92, which were levied and collected through clerical error against ten tax accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 351.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDATORY CONTRACT AMENDING LOAN AND GRANT CONTRACT NO. N.C. R-78(LG) BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE (SUCCESSOR TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE) AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Mr. Sawyer, Director of Urban Redevelopment, stated the intent of this amendment is to make several changes; we are getting more federal monies and there are many benefits from this amendment. That Council has already approved this amendment, and this is the final action if Council wants to follow through with all of the other things that have gone before.

Councilman Whittington stated with the approval of this resolution, what will take place in that area? Mr. Sawyer replied this will not result in anything new basically, but there are a number of changes they found were necessary. Changes in the position of streets in several cases; they added new right of way to be dedicated for Oaklawn Avenue; added more right of way on Statesville

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 378

Avenue to complete the interchange possibly at the intersection of Graham, Statesville and Dalton Streets. They changed from the category not to be acquired, several structures they thought could be rehabilitated, but after closer examination realized they could not, so they put them in the category to be acquired. They changed the amount of the relocation grant from a higher figure to a lower figure. Mr. Sawyer stated this is a housekeeping amendment, or a catch up amendment.

He stated they have been executing this project; they have acquired practically all the property; two parcels remain and they are being acquired by condemnation. They have relocated practically all the families; there are a few remaining that represent a very difficult problem. They have the new neighborhood center which the city constructed and is in operation; the first ten housing units are now being completed, and one is on display. They have other land they have appraised, priced and will put on the market very soon, although in doing it they realize they are doing it without the benefit of the federal assistance programs that have been frozen by the President. This amendment will put them in a better position to continue the execution to completion.

Councilman Whittington asked if there is anything the Urban Redevelopment Department can do, or the Council can do, or the public at large can do to get some redevelopment underway other than the 10 houses referred to earlier, and the center? Mr. Sawyer replied if Council could use its good offices to encourage local builders, or any other builders to use this land for low to moderate income housing, it would help. Councilman Whittington asked if the developers can qualify on the same basis that the local banks have made money available for persons who want to buy a home at 8 percent? Mr. Sawyer replied they could. One of their objectives is to build low to moderate housing; it is very difficult to do with a conventional loan. Their hopes when they set these goals were pinned to the federal assistance programs such as rent supplements and subsidy and those kinds of programs which make low rents and low sales prices possible. This is not available today.

The only thing they can do now is to market the land and hope that some developer will develop it. They had plans for up to 200 units of public housing but this is not available either.

Councilman Whittington stated somewhere there must be a way to get this program underway over there, and get some revitalization. Whatever can be done, should be done, and he hopes the Mayor, City Manager and Mr. Sawyer will call on Council to help. All this work has been done in there now, and there is a plan and program; now buildings are needed for places for people to live.

Councilman Withrow stated in San Juan he learned that one city put up \$300,000 seed money to build houses; when the funds are spent, they hope to get the money replaced, and use the money over again. Mr. Sawyer stated he would be glad to look into this if Mr. Withrow will give him the name of the city so that he can get some of the details of the program.

Councilman Alexander suggested that Council arrange a conference session and discuss this matter so that Council can go into some more indepth questions. Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to arrange for this session.

Councilman Alexander stated some time ago he raised the question about the possibilities of establishing a type of industry on the industrial property out there to offer employment to the people who will relocate there. That he is raising this question again as he does not want the interest to die, and he would like to be kept up on the present status as we move along. Mr. Sawyer replied they are pursuing that; they have gone to the Chamber of Commerce with it and asked for their cooperation; it is being promoted. There is still some grading to do, and some families are still living there. He stated they are going at a pace that will mesh with the clearance, grading and availability of the site.

Councilman Alexander stated if something can be done with this it will help to relocate some of the people back in Greenville; many of the people were moved away and are located in an area where they are satisfied.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 379

Councilwoman Locke moved adoption of the Resolution approving and providing for the execution of a third amendatory contract amending loan and grant contract No. N. C. R-78(LG) by and between the City of Charlotte (Successor to Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte) and the United States of America. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated the Council and the City are under the gun in that they do not have much choice about a housing plan, but will have to have one by April of next year. There are a lot of people working on this now. In addition, every week or so, there is a special meeting of the America-McKnight Committee which agreed to this settlement. The minutes of one of the last meetings showed that private builders are being invited to appear before the Committee to indicate ways which might be used to get the building done.

He stated they are finding that all over the city, one of the things that is good about the high cost of housing is that it is bringing back to life some of the older neighborhoods downtown. Some of these are being revitalized because people cannot afford to go out and build large, multi-room family homes for lower and medium income groups. MOTION, Inc., is financed through the city with over \$100 thousand. Another thing is when the President is going to release money for new housing. There are still hopes that we will be able to get money for some type of housing in this area.

Councilman Short asked if the property which is zoned industrial was placed in an industrial zone for this purpose? Mr. Sawyer replied this was zoned for light industrial use. Some of the property over there was already zoned for heavy industrial use, and some was light; but most of it was residential. Most of the area was zoned residential that in the future will be devoted to light industrial use. The H. K. Porter Plant is still there; this is a large installation and is zoned for heavy industry. Councilman Short stated the idea of an industrial PUD is a good one; it not only helps employment and housing, but transportation, and we should make this work. Mr. Sawyer stated there are 19½ to 20 acres that can be sold as one site, or can be subdivided.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 352.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1974, ON MODIFICATION NO. 2, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR PROJECT NO. N. C. R-78, GREENVILLE URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution calling for a public hearing on Monday, January 7, 1974, on Modification No. 2, Redevelopment Plan for Project No. N. C. R-78, Greenville Urban Renewal Area.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Pages 353-354.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN AMENDATORY APPLICATION FOR LOAN AND GRANT FOR PROJECT NO. N. C. R-43.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte authorizing the filing of an amendatory application for Loan and Grant for Project No. N. C. R-43, Brooklyn Urban Renewal Area, Section No. 4. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Pages 355-356.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 380

PURCHASE OF CHARLOTTE FISH AND OYSTER PROPERTY IN DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT N. C. A-3, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approval was made of the acquisition of a 50,300 square foot lot, being Parcel No. 2, in Block No. 6, street address 312-18 East Trade Street, in the Downtown Urban Renewal Project No. N. C. A-3, from Charlotte Fish & Oyster Company, Inc., at a purchase price of \$950,000.00.

Councilman Short asked the situation with the remainder of this block? Mr. Sawyer replied there are five parcels in the block, and we own two of them. One is in condemnation with hearing scheduled for the 14th. This leaves only the parcel owned by the Railroad. There are no definite plans; the land will have to be sold under public bidding. There is a list of uses permitted; the City Council has the final approval on the sale of the property.

Councilman Short stated it is possible to reject all bids and set aside the bidding procedure and acquire the land for public use. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated none of this land will be sold until Council sees how it will be used.

ORDINANCE NO. 33 AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, KNOWN AS THE MECHANICAL CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilwoman Locke to adopt the subject ordinance amending Chapter 5, Article II of the Code of the City, known as the Mechanical Code, as follows:

- (a) Replace the member on the Advisory Board qualified in commercial refrigeration with a representative of the natural gas utility.
- (b) Change the number required for a quorum and voting requirement from five (5) to four (4).
- (c) Up-date the Code to recognize a state license category added since the code was originally drafted.
- (d) Add qualification certification for ductwork installation mechanics.
- (e) Upgrade experience requirement for "gas piping" mechanic from one year to two years, and establish an apprentice training period of two years for the "ductwork installation" mechanic.
- (f) Establish a penalty for late renewal of mechanic's certificates.

Mr. Jamison, Superintendent of the Inspection Department, stated at the time the original board was set up there was a lot of installation with ammonia gas. Since then ammonia has gone out of the picture insofar as refrigeration is concerned. Therefore, it was felt by the Department that they could operate better, and it would be more advantageous for the Board and the City to replace the Commercial refrigeration representative with a member of the public utility, which is Piedmont Natural Gas Company. Commercial refrigeration insofar as the hazards of ammonia gas is concerned is just about to paly out. Along with refrigeration you have air conditioning people, and they use the Freon gases, and it is not involved with the hazardous gases such as ammonia.

After further discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 375.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 381

ORDINANCES AFFECTING HOUSING DECLARED "UNFIT" FOR HUMAN HABITATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S HOUSING CODE.

Council was advised the property owners had indicated they would not contest the orders affecting housing declared "unfit" for human habitation.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the following ordinances affecting housing declared unfit for human habitation, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Ordinance No. 34-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 4141 Bearwood Avenue.
- (b) Ordinance No. 35-X ordering the dwelling located at 1612 Merriman Avenue to be vacated and closed.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning at Page 376.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS AND TRASH 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 160A-193 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances were adopted ordering the removal of weeds and grass:

- (a) Ordinance No. 36-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on premises opposite 4317 East End Street.
- (b) Ordinance No. 37-X ordering the removal of weeds, grass and trash on premises adjacent to 934 McArthur Street.
- (c) Ordinance No. 38-X ordering the removal of trash and rubbish on premises at Westover Shopping Center.
- (d) Ordinance No. 39-X ordering the removal of trash and rubbish on premises at 2621 Baltimore Avenue.
- (e) Ordinance No. 40-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on premises at 3000 and 3004 Tuckaseegee Road.
- (f) Ordinance No. 41-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on premises adjacent to 1154 Wendover Road.
- (g) Ordinance No. 42-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on premises at 1336 Bethel Road.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 378.

LEASE AGREEMENT WITH AME ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE, APPROVED.

Dr. Travland of the Model Cities Department explained there will be some clean up activities after the program concludes and they have budgeted for this accordingly, and the office lease is being extended for that reason.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried, approving a lease agreement between the City of Charlotte Model Cities Department and the AME Zion Publishing House for the renewal of the lease for 6,180 square feet of space on the first and second floors of the AME Zion Publishing Housing building located at 401 East Second Street, for a period from January 1, 1974 to September 30, 1974, with option to continue the lease to December 31, 1974, at a monthly cost of \$2,763.14.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 382

ORDINANCE NO. 43-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 708-X THE 1973 MODEL CITIES BUDGET ORDINANCE REVISING APPROPRIATIONS TO MEET ACTUAL AND PROJECTED EXPENDITURES FOR THE NIGHT MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE MODEL CITIES RESIDENTS.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance revising appropriations to meet actual and projected expenditures for the night medical services for the Model Cities Residents, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 385.

AMENDMENTS TO FOUR CONTRACTS FOR NIGHT MEDICAL SERVICES, APPROVED.

After explanation by Dr. Travland, Director of Model Cities, motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving amendments to the following four contracts for night medical services by adding statements to each contract concerning compliance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act and Prohibition of the Elimination of Lead-Based Paint Hazard, and extending the contracts from December 31, 1973 to June 30, 1974, and changing the budgets as follows:

- (a) Contract with Westside Professional Associates, Inc. decreasing the budget amount from \$29,120 to \$26,820.00.
- (b) Contract with Charlotte Memorial Hospital decreasing the budget amount from \$186,000 to \$152,000.00
- (c) Contract with Eckerd's Drugs increasing the budget amount from \$28,260 to \$46,362.00.
- (d) Contract with Charlotte Vision Care increasing the budget amount from \$21,500 to \$33,500.00.

COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER ABSTAINS FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM.

Councilman Alexander abstained from the discussion and vote on the contract between Model Cities Department and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Pi Phi Chapter.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BETWEEN THE MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY - PI PHI CHAPTER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HELPING HAND PROJECT.

After explanation by Dr. Travland, motion was made by Councilwoman Locke and seconded by Councilman Short to approve the subject contract between the Model Cities Department and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity - Pi Phi Chapter for the operation of the Helping Hand Project.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Locke, Short, Harris, Whittington, Williams and Withrow.  
NAYS: None.

Councilman Alexander abstained from voting.

GRANT CONTRACT WITH NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, DIVISION OF LAW AND ORDER FOR OPERATION OF LEAA FUNDED PIEDMONT CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL PROJECT AND ORDINANCE AMENDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO COVER THE OPERATION OF THE PROJECT, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Withrow approving the LEAA funded Piedmont Criminal Intelligence Council Project, as follows:

- (1) Authorized grant contract between the City and the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Law and Order, for the operation of the project in the amount of \$19,799.00.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 383

- (2) Ordinance No. 44-X amending the 1973-74 Budget ordinance amending revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$19,799.00 to cover the operation of the LEAA funded Piedmont Criminal Intelligence Council Project.

Councilman Whittington stated for the last several weeks he has asked the question - and we are not talking about a lot of money, but as far as he is concerned we are talking about a principle - when the other areas (the 33 counties) are going to pay their part. If Charlotte is paying a part, when are the other areas who are participating going to pay the same thing we are. Councilman Short asked if this is not almost 100 percent funded by LEAA, and Chief Goodman replied almost. Councilman Whittington stated it does not matter to him whether it is \$100 or \$5,000, the principle involved, regardless of the size of the community, if we are going to do things like Central Carolina Council of Governments and other projects together, these other communities should pay their share. That is the point he raises, and up to this point he has not seen any evidence that they are paying it. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated we were already doing this - for three years we have been running this organization without any LEAA.

This is an organization that was primarily sponsored by this city for the benefit of this city more than anyone else. The fact is we are able to send information out to everyone of these 33 counties and get information back from them into a central point. The largest city has the majority of the problems. This brings together the detectives, the heads of these departments on a monthly basis. A little town filled out this application for this grant and was going to run it from their location; but this would not work. That he then approved the Chief filing this application so that we could get the funds for this particular service and have the headquarters here.

Councilman Harris stated he agrees with Mr. Whittington's principles; he would like to see the total contributions to COG, and Charlotte's share of it. Councilman Short replied LEAA is involved with COG only in a fairly slight way. This is a substancy program, and not a matter of housekeeping, therefore COG has no real direct connection. The contributions to COG are the same basis for all cities; they are now eleven cents per person per year.

Mayor Belk stated he believes Mr. Harris wants the monies we get on federal grants, and LEAA is a portion of it and Model Cities is a part of it.

Councilman Williams asked how much help Charlotte receives from the other counties. How many apprehensions do they make for us? Chief Goodman replied it is very productive; the Council set up a list of the ten most wanted, and in about eight months time they made a new list. That they put away some big people in that length of time.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 386.

**ORDINANCE NO. 45-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL AND UTILITY FUND UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCES INCREASING THE APPROPRIATION FOR MAXIMUM INVENTORY LEVELS.**

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance transferring funds from the general and utility fund unappropriated balances increasing the appropriation for maximum inventory levels.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Pages 387-388.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 384

ORDINANCE NO. 46-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 190-X, THE 1971 MODEL CITIES BUDGET ORDINANCE, TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S MATCHING SHARE FOR THE PROPOSED BELMONT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of subject ordinance transferring \$90,747 to provide the City's Matching Share for the proposed Belmont Neighborhood Centers, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 389.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 328-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE CITY CLERK'S OPERATING BUDGET TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT MADE NECESSARY WHEN ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE WAS MADE AVAILABLE AND FOR THE PURCHASE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, transferring \$3,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the City Clerk's operating budget to purchase equipment made necessary when additional office space was made available and for the purchase of recording equipment for the Council Chambers.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 390.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND APPROVING THE CITY'S CONTINUATION OF THE FRAUD SQUAD PROJECT.

After discussion, motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance amending the table of organization for the Police Department and approving the City's continuation of the Fraud Squad Project.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 391.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO COVER THE OPERATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AREA MANPOWER PROGRAM.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance amending revenues and expenditures to cover the operation of the Comprehensive Area Manpower Program from October 16, 1973 to October 1974, in the amount of \$43,500.00, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 392.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO PURCHASE A PAVEMENT MARKING MACHINE TO REPLACE THE PRESENT 1966 MARKER.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted transferring \$60,000 from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund to purchase a pavement marking machine to replace the present 1966 marker.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 393.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 385

ORDINANCE NO. 51-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO COVER THE OPERATION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CORPS - I (IN SCHOOL PROGRAM).

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$63,500.00 to cover the operation of the Neighborhood Youth Corps - I (In School Program), from October 15, 1973 to February 23, 1974.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 394.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUND TO COVER UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE BOYCE-SARDIS ROAD PARK LAND ACQUISITION.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance transferring \$7,000 from the Unappropriated Balance of the General Revenue Sharing Fund to cover unanticipated expenditures for the Boyce-Sardis Road Park land acquisition.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 395.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE UTILITY FUND TO THE UTILITY FUND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO PAY THE CITY'S LIABILITY ON 35 PERCENT REFUNDABLE WATER AND SEWER CONTRACTS.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$120,000 from the Unappropriated Balance of the Utility Fund to the Utility Fund Capital Improvement Budget to pay the city's liability on 35 percent refundable water and sewer contracts, which motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and after explanation, carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 396.

EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, approving the extension of the following sanitary sewer mains:

- (a) Contract with Queens Grant, Inc. for the extension of 2,639 linear feet of sanitary sewer main in Stonehaven 17, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00. The applicant will construct the entire system at no cost to the city.
- (b) Contract with City Properties - a Joint Venture, to construct 440 linear feet of 8-inch trunk to Knights Bridge Road, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.00. The applicant will construct the entire system at no cost to the city.
- (c) Contract with Pat Hall Enterprises, Inc. for the construction of 400 linear feet of 8-inch sewer main to serve 200 Arrowood Boulevard, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,620.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost with the city forces to construct the lines.
- (d) Contract with Synco, Inc. for the construction of 216 linear feet of 8-inch trunk sewer to serve apartment complex, at the southwest corner of Providence and Carmel Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. The applicant will construct the lines at no cost to the city.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 386

AVIGATION EASEMENT PURCHASE, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval that an unlimited avigation easement be purchased by the City from the property belonging to Phillip Ellis and wife, Judith A. Ellis, for the sum of \$4,800.00, which is 50% of the appraised value of the land, as recommended by Mr. William E. Underwood, Jr., attorney representing the City in litigation resulting from the noise created by aircraft landings and take-offs, the Airport Manager and The Federal Aviation Administration. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

CLAIM OF FRANCIS H. FAIRLEY, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the claim of Francis H. Fairley, Attorney on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harrell, 8709 Mallard Creek Road, in the amount of \$523.30 for automobile damage was denied as recommended by the City Attorney.

CLAIM OF MOTORS INSURANCE CORPORATION ON BEHALF OF MARY A. HYMES, DENIED.

Councilman Short stated he has some reservations on this claim; our streets are crowded with twice the amount of traffic they have the capacity for and it seems this is not a case of the welfare of Mrs. Hymes but a case of the welfare of the citizens in general. To hide behind sovereignty or police sovereignty, or whatever that is, when a street light is put up that turns green in both directions, he has some question as to whether that is for the good of the citizenry in general. That he would like to see this policy set aside and get insurance against this sort of thing. Councilman Williams stated this is a subrogated insurance claim and when you are talking about sovereign immunity, and special bills in a legislature, or special dispensation by us it is to help some poor individual who is out of pocket in some money. In this case he understands the individual is not out of pocket in money. Councilman Short replied that is like saying it is okay if you are soaking the insurance company; but he thinks the protection and the general welfare of the citizens require that the city be required to make the stop lights safe, and if we put one up and it is negligently operating and turns green in both directions, who is going to cover this? It seems someone should cover this. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney replied this particular problem resulted from a malfunction in the signals. The city first received notice that the signal was not functioning at 6:30 p.m., shortly after the accident, and repaired it by 7:15 p.m. on the same day. The City had no prior notice; some of the equipment relays were causing the signal to be a double green or a double red. That he takes exception to the use of the word negligence as they could not find any evidence the equipment was installed originally in a negligent manner.

Councilman Short stated this is a situation where he believes the legal outcome would be that no one was negligent, and he thinks the city should have insurance to cover it, and he is very dubious about turning down this claim.

Councilman Short moved that the claim be paid. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Whittington moved that the claim be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 387

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the following special officer permits for a period of one year, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Erma W. Murray for use on the premises of Ivey's Downtown.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Robert Franklin Colburn for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for continuous maintenance by the City:

- (a) Tacoma Street, from Forestbrook Drive to 213 feet west at city limits.
- (b) Northstream Drive, from Forestbrook Drive to Forestbrook Drive.
- (c) Forestbrook Drive, from Tuckaseegee Road to Northstream Drive.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving the following encroachment agreements:

- (a) Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety for the construction and erection of various sanitary sewer lines to serve Derita Woods Annexation in the areas of I-85 and U. S. 21.
- (b) Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety for construction of 8-inch sanitary sewer to serve I-85 and Alleghany Street.
- (c) Agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation and Highway Safety for construction of 8-inch sanitary sewer line to serve Orr Road, Coble Dairy Products, Inc.
- (d) Agreement with Norfolk and Southern Railway Company permitting the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line under their tracks south of Railway's milepost 382 to serve 4500 Dillard Drive.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington asked how far the improvements on Wilmount Road will be made and the Airport Manager replied the State wants it upgraded to the width of Highway 160; it will be widened to a two lane road. Councilman Whittington stated after these improvements are made, and N. C. 160 is relocated, then the city will have this improved road for continued service to the airport from the back way, and Mr. Birmingham replied that is right.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the property transactions, as follows, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Acquisition of 149' x 10' x 153' x 10' of property at Byrum Drive, from Lula Mae Maynor Lazenby (widow), at \$600.00, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (b) Acquisition of 250' x 15' x 250' x 15' of property at Byrum Drive, from Andrew W. Haynes and wife, Corz McRorie Haynes, at \$1,000.00, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.

(continued)

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 388

- (c) Acquisition of 344' x 10' x 339' x 10' of property at Byrum Drive, from Esther R. Gager (divorced), at \$1,300.00, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (d) Acquisition of 295' x 15' x 353' x 79' x 464' x 3' x 467' x 15' of property, at Byrum Drive, from William R. Cash and David B. Cash and wife, Elizabeth B. Cash, at \$1,000, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (e) Acquisition of 200' x 15' x 200' x 15' of property at Byrum Drive, from Mac Sherman Harris and wife, Sharon L. Harris, at \$750.00, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (f) Acquisition of 106' x 15' x 109' x 15' of property, at Byrum Drive, from Forrest R. Wingate and wife, Emma M. Wingate, at \$500.00, for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (g) Option on 73.29' x 75.78' x 153.57' x 106.00' x 153.98' of property, with 1½ story frame house, at 917 Louise Avenue, from Clarence C. Dees (widower), at \$12,900.00, for Central Yard Land Acquisition.
- (h) Acquisition of 15' x 567.90' of easement, at the rear of 300 block Kelford Lane (near Sardis Road), at \$670.00, from N. O. Alexander, for sanitary sewer to serve Heritage Woods II Project.
- (i) Acquisition of 15' x 2,106.43' of easement at 301 Arrowood Road, from The John Crosland Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Ramblewood Townhouses Project.
- (j) Acquisition of 15' x 225.45' of easement, at 502 Clanton Road, from Blythe Properties, Inc., at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Vardell Court Project.
- (k) Acquisition of 15' x 26.28' of easement at 7023 Lakeside Drive Extension, from Kenneth D. Cantrell and wife, Daphene L., at \$100.00 for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.
- (l) Acquisition of 15' x 27.21' of easement, at 3200 Tiverton Place, from Joseph A. Neilson and wife, Phyllis N., at \$200.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunks Project.
- (m) Acquisition of 15' x 1,019.29' of easement at 4400 Dillard Drive, from Max Mitchum, at \$1,080.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 4400 Dillard Drive.

(continued)

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 389

- (n) Acquisition of 15' x 678.48' of easement, at 8000 Highway 51, Pineville, North Carolina, from Autry-Baker-Spurrier Real Estate, Inc., Klutts Realty and Construction Company, Inc., at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer for South Point Apartments.
- (o) Acquisition of 15' x 62.37' of easement at 4600 Interstate 85, from W. L. Peterson, Jr., and wife, Betty Jane, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Interstate 85 North Project.
- (p) Acquisition of 15' x 266.88' of easement at 1719 Lumarka Drive, from Alfred G. Garr and wife, Meryle M. Garr, at \$620.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) - Monroe Road Project.
- (q) Acquisition of 15' x 36.04' of easement, at 1811 Summerhill Drive, from Rex R. Huntley and wife, Frieda M., at \$390.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) - Monroe Road Project.
- (r) Acquisition of 15' x 104.85' of easement at 7619 Gayle Avenue, from J. S. Austin and wife, Eloise, at \$105.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) - Monroe Road Project.
- (s) Acquisition of 15' x 22.93' of easement, at 7611 Gayle Avenue, from James S. Austin and wife, Eloise, at \$25.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) - Monroe Road Project.
- (t) Acquisition of 15' x 71.07' of easement at 7522 Dwight Street, from Johnny C. Phifer, at \$150.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I - Monroe Road Project.
- (u) Acquisition of 15' x 113.67' of easement at 7514 Dwight Street, from Ward F. Mullis and wife, Nelson B. Mullis, at \$200.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I - Monroe Road Project.
- (v) Acquisition of 15' x 30.57' of easement at 1722 Woodberry Road, from James Robert Eudy and Minnie E. Eudy, at \$135.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I Project.
- (w) Acquisition of 15' x 88.76' of easement at 7501 Gayle Avenue, from Charles D. Kirby and Vera M. Kirby, at \$250.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I Project.

CHANGE ORDERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, Change Order No. E-2 in contract with Austin Electric Company for the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant additions, increasing the contract price by \$2,784.00, to install additional outdoor lighting in the plant area, in inadequately lighted areas, to eliminate hazardous working conditions, was authorized.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, approving Change Order No. 1, in contract with Thomas Structure Company, for the Kings' Branch Outfall Sewer, decreasing the contract price by \$1,424.00.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 390

CONTRACT WITH RALPH WHITEHEAD AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES IN DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. A-3, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving subject contract with Ralph Whitehead and Associates, for engineering services in Downtown Neighborhood Development Project No. N. C. A-3, in the sum of \$26,700.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED WIEGAND ENGINEERING CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASHING EQUIPMENT FOR A VEHICLE WASHING FACILITY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, MOTOR TRANSPORTATION.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low qualified bid of Wiegand Engineering Corporation, in the amount of \$32,362.00, on a lump sum basis, for the construction of washing equipment for a vehicle washing facility for the Department of Public Works, Motor Transportation, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Wiegand Engineering Corporation	\$32,362.00
Sherman Southeast, Incorporated	21,258.00
Kemco of North Carolina, Ltd.	41,475.00

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR ONE 1/2 TON CARRYALL PASSENGER VEHICLE.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$3,533.20, on a unit price basis, for one 1/2 ton carryall passenger vehicle.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	\$ 3,533.20
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	3,655.42
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	3,671.82
International Harvester Company	3,770.20

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR 16 - 1/2 TON PICKUP TRUCKS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Town & Country, Inc., in the amount of \$44,520.96, on a unit price basis, for 16 - 1/2 ton pickup trucks.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$44,520.96
Young Ford, Inc.	46,135.48
LaPointe Chevrolet Company	47,219.04
International Harvester Company	49,852.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR TWO 1/2 TON PICKUP TRUCKS.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Town & Country, Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$5,521.78, on a unit price basis, for two 1/2 ton pickup trucks, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 5,521.78
Young Ford, Inc.	5,683.56
International Harvester Company	6,110.00

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 391

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 1/2 TON CAB AND CHASSIS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$2,598.34, on a unit price basis, for one 1/2 ton cab and chassis.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 2,598.34
Young Ford, Inc.	2,699.00
International Harvester Company	3,043.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR THREE 3/4 TON PICKUP TRUCKS.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$9,300.63, on a unit price basis, for three 3/4 ton pickup trucks.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 9,300.63.
LaPointe Chevrolet Company	9,890.13
Young Ford, Inc.	9,907.26
International Harvester Co.	10,275.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR THREE 3/4 TON PICKUP TRUCKS.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$9,231.22, on a unit price basis, for three 3/4 ton pickup trucks, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 9,231.22
Young Ford, Inc.	9,907.26
International Harvester Co.	10,161.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 3/4 TON CAB AND CHASSIS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$2,983.17, on a unit price basis, for one 3/4 ton cab and chassis.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 2,983.17
Young Ford, Inc.	3,121.93
International Harvester Co.	3,234.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 3/4 TON PICKUP TRUCK, WITH SIX MAN CREW CAB.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$3,704.74, on a unit price basis, for one 3/4 ton pickup truck, with six man crew cab.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 3,704.74
International Harvester Co.	4,069.00
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	4,126.12

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 392

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 3/4 TON 12-PASSENGER CLUB WAGON.

Councilman Harris moved award of contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$4,367.38, on a unit price basis, for one 3/4 ton 12-passenger club wagon, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$ 4,367.38
Young Ford, Inc.	4,372.46
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	4,888.28

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 10,000 GVW PICKUP TRUCK.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$3,391.63, on a unit price basis, for one 10,000 GVW pickup truck.

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR ONE 10,000 GVW CAB AND CHASSIS ONLY.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$3,164.77, on a unit price basis, for one 10,000 GVW Cab and Chassis only.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	\$3,164.77
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	3,170.59
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	3,310.00
International Harvester Co.	3,475.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR 25 - 20,000 GVW CAB AND CHASSIS.

Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$130,000.03, on a unit price basis, for 25 - 20,000 GVW Cab and Chassis, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$130,000.03
Young Ford, Inc.	137,119.05
International Harvester Co.	144,860.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR THREE 25,000 GVW CAB AND CHASSIS.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$19,813.92, on a unit price basis, for three 25,000 GVW Cab and Chassis.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$19,813.92
Young Ford, Inc.	20,469.57
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	22,501.74
International Harvester Co.	22,713.00

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 393

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR TEN 32,000 GWV CAB AND CHASSIS.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$119,123.20, on a unit price basis, for ten 32,000 GWV Cab and Chassis.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$119,123.20
International Harvester Co.	128,040.00
Young Ford, Inc.	134,820.07
Mack Trucks, Inc.	150,920.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 34,000 GWV CAB AND CHASSIS.

Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$12,367.82, on a unit price basis, for one 34,000 GWV Cab and Chassis, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$12,367.82
Young Ford, Inc.	13,901.42
Mack Trucks, Inc.	15,653.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MACK TRUCKS, INC. FOR FOUR 56,000 GWV CAB AND CHASSIS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder meeting specifications, Mack Trucks, Inc., in the amount of \$82,720.00, on a unit price basis, for four 56,000 GWV Cab and Chassis.

Other Bid received not meeting specifications:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	67,994.80
---------------------------	-----------

CONTRACT AWARDED TOWN & COUNTRY FORD, INC. FOR ONE 46,000 GWV CAB AND CHASSIS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Town & Country Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$15,527.37, on a unit price basis, for one 46,000 GWV Cab and Chassis.

The following bids were received:

Town & Country Ford, Inc.	\$15,527.37
International Harvester Co.	17,550.00

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR TWO 4-WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLES.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$7,780.22, on a unit price basis, for two 4-wheel drive vehicles, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	\$ 7,780.22
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	7,783.16
International Harvester Co.	8,724.00
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	8,860.88

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 394

CONTRACT AWARDED QUALITY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. FOR ONE STEEL DUMP BODY FOR 1/2 TON PICKUP.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Quality Equipment and Supply Company, Inc., in the amount of \$825.00, on a unit price basis, for one steel dump body for 1/2 ton pickup.

The following bids were received:

Quality Equipment and Supply Co., Inc.	\$ 825.00
Worth Keeter, Inc.	890.00

CONTRACT AWARDED WORTH KEETER, INC. FOR ONE SPECIAL SERVICE UTILITY BODY.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Worth Keeter, Inc., in the amount of \$739.00, on a unit price basis, for one special service utility body.

The following bids were received:

Worth Keeter, Inc.	\$ 739.00
Cook Body Company	756.55

CONTRACT AWARDED WORTH KEETER, INC. FOR ONE SPECIAL UTILITY BODY.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Worth Keeter, Inc., in the amount of \$819.00, on a unit price basis, for one special utility body, which motion was seconded by Councilman Williams, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Worth Keeter, Inc.	\$ 819.00
Cook Body Company	890.45

CONTRACT AWARDED QUALITY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY COMPANY FOR 22 STEEL DUMP BODIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Quality Equipment and Supply Company, in the amount of \$36,510.00, on a unit price basis, for 22 steel dump bodies.

The following bids were received:

Quality Equipment and Supply Co.	\$36,510.00
Worth Keeter, Inc.	40,376.00
Cook Body Company	44,348.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MITCHELL DISTRIBUTING COMPANY FOR THREE STREET FLUSHER BODIES, 1,500 GALLON.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Mitchell Distributing Company, in the amount of \$22,200.00, on a unit price basis, for three street flusher bodies, 1,500 gallon.

The following bids were received:

Mitchell Distributing Company	\$22,200.00
A. E. Finley & Associates	22,404.00

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 395

CONTRACT AWARDED CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT, INC. FOR ONE FRONT LOADING REFUSE COLLECTION BODY, 20 CU. YD.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, Controlled Environment, Inc., in the amount of \$11,891.00, on a unit price basis, for one front loading refuse collection body, 20 cu. yd., which motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Controlled Environment, Inc.	\$11,891.00
Quality Equipment & Supply Co., Inc.	12,544.00
Sanco Corporation	13,268.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT, INC. FOR FOUR FRONT LOADING REFUSE COLLECTION BODIES, 30 CU. YD.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Controlled Environment Inc., in the amount of \$51,720.00, on a unit price basis, for four front loading refuse collection bodies, 30 cu. yd.

The following bids were received:

Controlled Environment, Inc.	\$51,720.00
Quality Equipment & Supply Co.	53,900.00
Sanco Corporation	57,068.00

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR NINE, FOUR DOOR, 8 CYLINDER AUTOMOBILES.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$29,336.61, on a unit price basis, for nine four door, 8 cylinder automobiles.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	\$29,336.61
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	29,593.38
Ray Skidmore/American	30,110.85
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	30,416.22

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR THREE FOUR DOOR 8 CYLINDER STATION WAGONS.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$11,012.05, on a unit price basis, for three four door 8 cylinder station wagons, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	\$11,012.05
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	11,097.85
LaPointe Chevrolet Co.	11,201.49
Ray Skidmore/American	11,293.05

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 396

CONTRACT AWARDED BEN B. PROPST COMPANY FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION TO SERVE RENWICK ROAD, ORCHARD CIRCLE, HILLSBORO AVENUE AND GLORY STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Ben B. Propst Company, in the amount of \$75,834.50, on a unit price basis, for sanitary sewer construction to serve Renwick Road, Orchard Circle, Hillsboro Avenue and Glory Avenue.

The following bids were received:

Ben B. Propst Company	\$ 75,834.50
Dellinger, Inc.	78,608.15
Thomas Structure Co.	80,490.20
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	103,171.00
R. H. Wiggins, Inc.	114,841.90

CONTRACT AWARDED AUSTIN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL STANDBY POWER SYSTEM AT THE MCALPINE CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Austin Electric Company, in the amount of \$139,736.00, subject to final approval by the N. C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency.

The following bids were received:

Austin Electric Co.	\$139,736.00
Bagby Elevator & Elect. Co.	148,888.00
Electrical Contracting & Engineering	154,400.00

CONTRACT AWARDED THOMAS STRUCTURE COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF THE IRWIN CREEK CROSSOVER OUTFALL SEWER.

Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, Thomas Structure Company, in the amount of \$981,000 for the installation of the Irwin Creek Crossover Outfall Sewer, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Thomas Structure Company	\$981,000.00
Blythe Brothers Co.	994,000.00
C.F.W. Construction Co.	1,145,487.00

Other Bids received not meeting specifications:

Breece and Burgess, Inc.	\$977,557.00
Rand Construction Co., Inc.	1,072,978.50
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	1,310,000.00

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BYRUM DRIVE AND WILMONT ROAD, AIRPORT MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$353,011.80, for the improvements to Byrum Drive and Wilmont Road, Airport Master Plan Development Project, subject to the concurrence in the award by the Federal Aviation Administration and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, satisfying the Equal Employment Opportunity compliance determined by FAA, and subject to the FAA Grant Offer and acceptance by the City.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Company	\$353,011.80
Crowder Construction Company	358,576.95
Propst Construction Co.	367,669.45
Blythe Bros. Company	373,058.70
Nello L. Teer Company	374,511.20

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 397

REPORT ON WORK IN PROGRESS BY ASSOCIATION FOR BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

Mr. T. A. Little, Jr., Association for Better Public Transportation, stated they are the group that held a public hearing at St. Andrews Church and all but two councilmembers attended, and they were asked to fill out a questionnaire. He stated they have tabularized the result of that and it is published, and they are aware of the issue of transportation.

He stated the Association has formed three task forces: (1) Routes, (2) Fares and (3) Financing Structure. The task force on routes is engaging in neighborhood meetings throughout the city trying to get grass root input about the specific needs in the short term for adjustments of the routes in the city bus system. They have a meeting set up with Mr. Hoose in January, at which time they will try to feed to him the information they have from the people about bus service.

The task force on fares is currently circulating a petition throughout Charlotte asking senior citizens who are actual or potential bus riders to sign if they are in favor of a decrease in the fare for senior citizens. They expect some thousands of signatures on that petition and it will be utilized in conjunction with a public meeting in January.

The task force on funding is working toward a city-wide meeting in which they will have speakers and guests. Perhaps some of Council will be invited to be with them. At that time they are going to do their best to alert the citizens of Charlotte to the opportunity they will have in a large public meeting to make known again their feelings and wishes on all aspects of public transportation, but especially the options that are available in this day and options of finance.

Mr. Little stated they want Council to know they are at work and appreciate the kind of support they have received from many of the members, and they in turn support Council in what it is doing.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS SUPERVISOR TO ADVISE COUNCIL WHY A CIVIL PENALTY IS NOT APPROPRIATE IN GETTING PROPERTY IN THE 900 BLOCK OF HERRIN AVENUE CLEANED UP.

Reverend Paul Horne stated for three years, the North Charlotte Action Association has been making every effort to encourage the people of their area to improve their property and to take pride in the community. They have sought to accomplish this by working through and with the proper departments of the City. They have had good working relations with various departments most of the time.

There have been times when they have received no response at all, and when this happens they have to come to Council. He stated he comes today to tell Council about the property between the homeowners in the 900 block of Herrin Avenue and the Spencer Memorial Methodist Church on 36th Street. This is undeveloped property and has become an outdoor breeding place for rats, mosquitos and other vermin reproducing place, along with winos and vagrants using it for a place to do their thing.

He stated they have had the Health Department to come out and spray several times, but this has not really changed the condition of the area. They have been in contact with Mr. Griffin concerning this matter on occasion after occasion, and it has gotten to the point that his Department will not even acknowledge they have made contact with them. That Mr. Griffin on several occasions has said that he has tried to get Trotter Realty, who owns the property, to clean it up, and on two occasions men came out; gave it a lick and promise and left; never really doing any cleaning up of the property.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 398

Reverend Horne stated correspondence from Mr. Hopson informed them the code does not mean underbrush and the like; yet the code specifically states high grass and weeds, stagnant water and trash. There is not much trash, but the high grass and stagnant water makes it almost impossible for the residents bordering the area to enjoy being out of their homes during summer time.

He stated they are asking Councilmembers to go out and view this property and see for themselves the condition; and that Council use its power to see that the area is cleaned according to the city ordinance; see that the owner of the property dredges the creek so that it will run off and not continue as a marsh and breeding ground for mosquitos, rates, snakes and other vermin.

Councilman Short suggested that Mr. Chris Griffin be asked to advise why one of the civil penalties is not appropriate in this situation.

MEETING FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS SET BY COUNCIL FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
AT 2:00 P.M. AND SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION SUGGESTED BY COUNCILMEMBERS.

Councilman Harris asked if Council is going to hold the special meeting on Thursday as proposed by Mr. Short at the last Council Meeting? Councilman Short replied he laid the predicate for making such a motion today, but he does not plan to do so, unless Mr. Harris wants to utilize that particular predicate; but he will keep the right again at the next meeting.

Councilman Harris stated he feels it would be very helpful if Council could have a special meeting when it is not going over the agenda and just sit down and talk about our actions in 1974. There are a lot of areas where they have questions; and it is impossible for all of us to try to maintain continuity of every area. That he would like to use Mr. Short's predicate and move to hold a meeting at 2:00 o'clock Thursday, December 13 in the Council Chamber. Councilman Alexander stated several members of Council will be out of town on Thursday. After discussion, Councilman Harris moved that a meeting be held Tuesday, December 18, at 2:00 p.m., which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke and carried unanimously.

Councilman Harris asked if Council has to restrict the discussions to just what was in the proposal by Councilman Short, or just what limitations Council will have? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied meetings of Council can be held at any time with the Mayor and Councilmembers consent; the Charter permits Council to set a meeting that would be in addition to the regular meetings and establish any sort of agenda Council would like.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks this meeting will be helpful to all members of Council. When Council was sworn in last Saturday, the Mayor stated that Council had not done anything at that point, and there were no marks for or against this Council. He stated there are a lot of things this Council needs to get on the table as quickly as possible in 1974.

He stated today Council has approved another lease, and the last time Council thought about a lease, the figure was over \$450,000 being paid out annually in rentals. Council needs to think about a new city hall in the same way they have looked at the Utilities Building and in the same way they are looking at the parking garage near the Police Department.

The shopping center is under construction at Sharon Amity and Central Avenue, and if Council waits until the center is completed without getting Sharon Amity Road and Central Avenue finished, then they are going to have another bottleneck. Council should begin to think about these two things immediately. The third thing Council should think about is a public incinerator being built and used in the same way they use them in Europe - to generate power, electricity and heat.

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 399

Councilman Withrow stated the matter concerning incinerators should be taken up with the county as they are talking about a new building. If we build an incinerator to take care of the city-county type office building, this needs to be built at the same time so it can be utilized for heating. That he thinks there should be a joint meeting of the two Bodies to discuss some of this.

Councilman Alexander stated when Council returned from their trip to San Antonio, Texas, he called attention to what was known as San Antonio's Chill water plant; this plant has nothing to do with incineration, but it did develop energy and refrigeration components; that he talked about the possibility of developing a cold water plant, which in turn would put the city in the utility business. He stated when Council returned from the European trip, several members had witnessed new types of refuse disposal plants and the discussions there also lead to a possible finding out of what information would come from plants similar in construction. During the discussion on incinerators, Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, advised that Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director and his staff, are very familiar with all these operations; that they have visited a number of them; that he has asked Mr. Hopson to keep up to date on what is happening around the country.

Councilman Short stated several items have been mentioned that various members feel should be discussed, and he is interested in emergency service and transit as mentioned by Mr. Little earlier. Also, he attended a seminar in San Juan on Growth Management, and got some ideas that some cities are using about zoning. That he thinks a zone just for office and no houses or residences should be considered, and a zone for business and no houses or residences should be considered. As the ordinance is written he is not sure how we would regulate and make orderly the growth that occurs. He stated he has some interest in some water and sewer matters, and parking downtown is a matter that should be considered.

Councilman Short stated there are some ongoing efforts in some of these fields, and he suggests the City Manager give Council a list of where we are on these various things that have been mentioned so Council can discuss the various subjects in an orderly way.

Councilman Withrow stated he would like for Council to add consolidation to this list. That it should be discussed in the meeting on the 18th, and then have a joint meeting with the County to get their feelings on the subject.

Councilwoman Locke stated she would like the discussions to include televised meetings and a discussion of a secretary and an office for councilmembers. This was discussed extensively in San Juan, and almost every Council had staff assigned to them with office space. Also she would like a discussion on committee responsibilities.

Councilman Williams stated as Council went over this agenda he was impressed with all the federal money we are spending. It is anticipated that some of it will be cut off within the next year, and some of it is being cut off now. We are going to have to probably pick up the slack in some areas, and perhaps with revenue sharing money. In that connection, the matter of assigned priorities looms especially important to him. That he trusts priorities will be one of the things discussed on the 18th, in addition to getting organized. That many promises were made during the campaign in the areas of transportation, emergency ambulance service, consolidation and in some other areas.

**COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER REQUESTS THAT HOUSES AND PROPERTY REPOSSESSED BY HUD OR FHA BE LOOKED INTO TO HELP SOLVE SOME OF OUR HOUSING PROBLEMS.**

Councilman Alexander asked to what extent an effort has been made to put

December 10, 1973  
Minute Book 59 - Page 400

together a package of parcels of land or properties owned by HUD; that he is speaking about houses and things of that sort, that the city could put to use in resolving some of its housing problems. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied a list of all the FHA repossessed homes are sent to the relocation division of the Urban Redevelopment Department as a relocation resource. Councilman Alexander stated we need to give this some attention to find out if we have, and how many, houses owned by HUD or FHA, to see if they can fit in with any of our uses in resolving our housing problems. Perhaps the relocation committee has knowledge of them, but we should do more than that. We should see if we cannot determine that we can put them into some general use in our community.

He asked that this be looked into, and see if we can get some answers.

REPORT REQUESTED ON SURVEY MADE FOR HANDLING TRAFFIC AT BEATTIES FORD ROAD AND LASALLE STREET.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to ask Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, about Beatties Ford Road and LaSalle Street where sometime ago he made some decisions about handling the traffic on that corner, and drew up a plan for it, but nothing has been done.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE TANKERS FILLING TANKS FROM FIRE HYDRANTS ON SUNDAYS.

Councilman Withrow stated on Sunday a tanker from Pavement Cleaning Service filled its tanker three times from a fire hydrant in front of his house. He asked how often this is done throughout the city by others, and if they have a right to do this? That they wash some of the parking lots of the office structures throughout the city. He gave the license number of the tanker to the City Manager to be investigated.

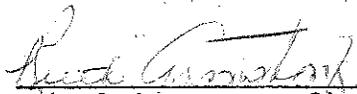
Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, advised some of the companies come in and make arrangements to do this and pay a flat fee on an estimated amount of water they will use.

EXTRA HOLIDAY GRANTED TO CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of Monday, December 24, as an extra day's holiday for city employees, and that each employee receive holiday wishes from the Mayor and City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk