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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, December 20, 1971, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Patrick N. Calhoun, Sandy R. Jordan, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission sat with the City Council, and as a separate body, held its public hearings on the zoning petitions, with Chairman Tate and Commissioners Albea, Godley, Moss, C. Ross, J. Ross and Turner present.

ABSENT: Commissioners Blanton, Boyce and Sibley.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Jim Palmer, Minister of University Park Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, December 13, 1971, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF ERNEST C. SELVEY.

Councilman Jordan presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that the City Council learned of the death of Ernest C. Selvey on Thursday, December 16, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Selvey was a faithful and conscientious employee of the City's Police Department for more than 36 years, and was Assistant Chief at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Selvey's career as a law enforcement officer exemplifies and demonstrates a devotion to duty of the highest caliber; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is sincerely indebted to Ernest Selvey for his long and dedicated service as an employee of the Charlotte Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City-Council of the City of Charlotte, in regular session assembled, this 20th day of December, 1971, that the deepest sympathy of the members of the City Council is hereby extended to the family of Ernest C. Selvey, and that his name be and the same is hereby memorialized and honored; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting."

The resolution was unanimously adopted by Council as everyone stood in a moment of silent prayer.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 71-107 BY B. V. BELK, SR., B. V. BELK, JR. AND J. B. NUSSMAN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF AND O-6 TO B-1 OF PROPERTY FRONTING 250 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF EASTWAY DRIVE, NORTH OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ADJACENT TO A PORTION OF THE EASTWAY-INDEPENDENCE INTERCHANGE.

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the property is located on the east side of Eastway Drive and north of Independence Boulevard. There is some single family housing on the front portion of the property, and the rear part is vacant. To the south is the Ramada Inn, and is the only remaining land use in that area as everything else has been removed to make way for the construction of the Interchange. On Dresden Drive behind the property, there is single family residential uses backing up to the subject property, and a series of duplexes located on Norland Road. This property will be across Eastway Drive from one of the ramps which will be built coming up from the Commonwealth Avenue side coming up to Eastway Drive. To the north of the property is the beginning of a solid pattern of single family residential structures. The Commonwealth Avenue Presbyterian is in the area at present but will be eliminated; the first business use on Independence Boulevard is the Burger King.

He stated the subject property has R-6MF zoning on the front portion on Eastway Drive and O-6 zoning to the rear. To the south towards Independence Boulevard is a solid pattern of B-2 zoning out to the Boulevard and a continuation of the multi-family zoning along the Eastway Drive frontage. North of the property is a continuation of multi-family zoning along Eastway and a small continuation of the office zoning. Across and to the west is a pattern of multi-family zoning along Eastway Drive.

Mr. Ray Rankin, Attorney for the petitioners, stated with the location of the property it is reasonable to think it should be zoned for business. With the additional road widening and improvements, and the additional traffic load, it will be even more natural for business, and less practical for residential. The present and immediate future need for business, because of its close proximity to the coliseum and auditorium, makes it desirable as an adjunct to that property owned by the City.

Mr. Rankin stated the request is made so the front portion of the property can be used for a service station operation and the second portion for motel usage. The present road construction has caused the removal of two businesses - The A & P Super Market, and the service station. If the request is allowed, the property will become valuable again and will to some extent replace the loss valuation of the two corner businesses. On Independence Boulevard, adjoining the present property is the Ramada Inn.

He stated the rear portion has a natural boundary. There is a very wide and low area between the residential property to the rear, and the subject property. On both sides of the little creek, the property is wooded and affords a very fine coverage of the area. Office zoning extends to the north of the property at present. This request is for a contemplated very soon usage.

Mr. Rankin stated Mr. Belk lives in one of the houses on up Eastway Drive which is not within the requested change.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 71-108 BY W. C. TEAGUE, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF FIVE LOTS (308' X 230') ON THE WEST SIDE OF EASTWAY DRIVE NORTH OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, ADJACENT TO A PORTION OF THE EASTWAY-INDEPENDENCE INTERCHANGE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director advised this petition is just across Eastway Drive from the previous petition and a little north of it, and is adjacent to the ramp that will come to the west side of Eastway Drive. The subject property consists of about four full lots and one partial lot left from the taking of the right of way for the interchange. There are three single family structures located on the property at present along with a building used for a day nursery. To the rear on Rollins Avenue is a solid pattern of single family usage.

Mr. Tom Creasy, Attorney for the petitioners, passed around photographs which were taken from the actual property showing the general development of the area. He stated the subject property is known as 3700 to 3726 Eastway Drive and is situated on the northwest margin of Eastway Drive, immediately north of the proposed connecting loop, from Eastway Drive onto Commonwealth Avenue. The subject property will lie within the first block of Eastway Drive, north of the proposed interchange at Eastway Drive and Independence Boulevard when the construction is completed. The subject property will be the first property to the north of the control of access at the proposed new interchange, and will not be subject to control of access on or off Eastway Drive. Presently there is a buffer of 0-6 lying between the R-6MF zone and Independence Boulevard; the Commonwealth Presbyterian Church occupies a major portion of the 0-6 buffer which will be destroyed in the construction process. Independence Boulevard in this vicinity is presently zoned B-2 on both sides of the street.

Mr. Creasy stated all of the improved property bordering the northern margin of Independence Boulevard on both the east and west side of the intersection will have B-2 zoning. The subject property will be the last lot on the westerly margin of Eastway Drive before traffic will reach the interchange complex. The volume of traffic passing through the present interchange is large. After the construction of the proposed improvement, the volume of traffic handled can be expected to increase. The proximity of the subject property to the proposed connecting loop for south bound traffic onto Commonwealth Avenue will mean a greatly enhanced traffic flow will decrease the desirability of the subject property for residential purposes. This will be even greater than that sustained by other residentially zoned property in that area as it will be immediately adjacent to Commonwealth Avenue connecting loop, and because it will be the closest improved property on the west side of Eastway to the entire Independence Boulevard interchange complex.

Mr. Creasy stated there is sufficient square footage contained in the boundaries of the subject property to provide adequate parking in conjunction with the requested B-1 usage. The subject property has approximately 3,807 feet frontage on Eastway Drive; none of this frontage will have control of access. This amount of frontage will permit the construction of driveway connections in such a way as to prevent a traffic hazard of traffic entering onto and leaving the subject property.

Mr. Creasy passed around a rendering of the project being considered for the subject property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

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PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO STUDY THE ONCOMING PORTIONS OF THE BELT ROAD, FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ON OVER TO THE AIRPORT WITH REFERENCE TO ZONING AND THE NEED FOR INTERCHANGES.

Councilman Whittington stated both Mr. Rankin and Mr. Creasy have presented an orderly plan of development for these two properties on the east and north side of Eastway Drive. That he is sure they presented them because of the interchange and the amount of new traffic generated each day on Eastway Drive.

He stated Council needs to consider Eastway Drive again, from Independence Boulevard to Central Avenue. Eastway Drive is zoned R-6MF up to Woodland and a little beyond. Just beyond that is an office park on the west side and Hardees on the left, and just beyond Hardees is a large shopping center. That it would be inconceivable to leave those people right in the middle in single family development, and he asked that the Planning Commission look at this whole area and give Council a recommendation in the near future.

Mayor Belk stated this belt road is going to back up in another three years as there are more than 50,000 cars going through this intersection at present. That he is talking about Monroe Road, Randolph Road, Providence Road, Sharon Road, Selwyn Avenue, Park Road, and South Boulevard, and as you come back towards I-85, there are about three intersections that will pick up more. He requested the Planning Commission to make a complete study of the whole belt road, so that Council will have the plans before moving further along.

Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated Council requested the Planning Staff to make a study of Eastway Drive, from Independence Boulevard all the way to North Tryon Street. That they have done some preliminary work on this request. They have completed land use studies and completed existing zoning studies, and have made some preliminary judgements as far as staff is concerned. Mr. Bryant stated they were delayed because of the perimeter activities, but it is on its way, and they agree there needs to be a comprehensive look at the whole area. He stated one thing that should be upper most in our minds, as far as zoning and the roadway is concerned, is that this is an important roadway and it will be essential for the purpose of carrying traffic. For this reason we must relate land use patterns and zoning patterns to that basic function of the road. He stated they have also made some studies of the Randolph Road area.

Councilman McDuffie stated if Council does not do what Mr. Bryant is saying, then everything else will fall in line just like the other intersections and will become business. Each has to be handled as they come up, and it seems we will never accomplish anything unless we get a little hard nose. Someone has to suffer. Either we zone it and allow business use, or finally decide if the street is built to carry traffic and stop putting businesses on the thoroughfare.

Councilman Short asked if the Planning Commission can consider other interchanges. In addition to zoning it is important for someone to consider whether or not we need interchanges at a number of these streets such as Providence Road, Park Road and South Boulevard. He stated he wished it was possible for some study group to come to grip with this. It will be far cheaper now than later on. Mr. Bryant replied it is a real problem; as far as detailed engineering design is concerned, this runs into the traffic problems. As a result of some of the work being done now, some of this may come about as a part of that.

Councilman Short moved that Council request the Planning Commission to study the on-coming portions of the belt road, from Independence Boulevard on over to the airport, with reference to both factors of zoning and the need for interchanges. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 71-109 BY EUNICE B. PAGE, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9MF TO B-1 OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MONROE ROAD, BEGINNING ABOUT 180 FEET WEST OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the subject property is utilized by a series of residential structures, some single family and at least one duplex and one vacant lot. The surrounding land use pattern is predominately single family use with a duplex to the east of the property. Farther to the east at Commonwealth is Oakhurst Elementary School; to the west is the St. John's Methodist Church. There is a new skating rink on the south side of Monroe Road and a new restaurant in the area.

He stated there is business zoning on the south side of Monroe Road and existing business zoning to the west of the property. There is a strong influence of business zoning already in the area with two sides of the subject property being adjacent to it.

No one spoke for or against the petition.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

HEARING ON PETITION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO CLOSE A PORTION OF POLK STREET IN GREENVILLE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-78.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Council was advised that the request had been investigated by the various city departments concerned with street right of way and there are no objections to the closing.

No one was present to speak for or against the petition.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the resolution closing a portion of Polk Street located in Greenville Redevelopment Project No. N. C. R-78. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 15.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SET UP CONFERENCE SESSION AND INVITE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF OF HOUSING AUTHORITY AND REPRESENTATIVE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING REPORT.

Mrs. Margaret Mangieri spoke at length to Council on the Housing Authority and requested Council to not approve additional sites for low income housing until a complete investigation is made and a re-evaluation of the entire area of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg is made. She also requested Council to endorse the Chamber of Commerce plan for scattered housing with no more than 25 units to an area. Also speaking to the problems was Mr. Mangieri who stated they are honestly interested in everyone getting along and everything working properly. That we should get our heads together and get a master plan.

Councilman McDuffie requested the City Manager to get Council a copy of the Chamber of Commerce Report, and/or have one of the representatives come to one of the conference sessions in the near future. Also bring to Council any other changes the Mayor might have for the Housing Authority as he appoints the members of the Authority; also what Council's responsibilities are and what its legal position is with control. That he would like for these things to be defined. That he would also like a brief statement from the City Attorney defining Council's responsibilities and duties.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to set this up for a conference session.

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Councilman Whittington stated two weeks ago he asked for a report from the Housing Authority and he thought he asked for someone to be present to report to Council. That Council has received a written document from them. He stated there are questions he would like to know about, and he cannot ask them from a letter. That the Chairman of the Authority and the staff should be present at the Conference Session. Prior to their coming, he would like to know how many units are planned in the Hickory Grove area, including those that have been approved for the John Crosland Company.

Councilman Short stated legislation which would have combined the Redevelopment Commission and the Housing Authority and in effect would have amounted to an elimination of the Housing Authority as it now exists was passed. The Housing Authority now makes transactions and arrangements with the County Commissioners and selects sites all over the country. He asked if this would still be the case if the City moved into this situation? If the City attempted to interfere with the Housing Authority structure as we now have it, would we not be in a situation greatly curtailing their jurisdiction in areas where it is possible to build?

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied there is legislation on the books which permits several alternatives in respect to the treatment of housing authorities, their creation, their abolition and their make-up. There is also legislation on the books that treats those same areas insofar as the Redevelopment Commission.

He stated the City Council may, by resolution, abolish either a Housing Authority previously created or a Redevelopment Commission previously created. By resolution abolishing either/or both of the two bodies the Council can do several things: (1) transfer the duties and responsibilities of a Housing Authority to an existing Redevelopment Commission; or they can do the opposite and abolish a Redevelopment Commission and transfer its duties and responsibilities to an existing Housing Authority. (2) take action to abolish both authorities and transfer both the duties and responsibilities of both authorities to an existing city department or a newly created city department. All these alternatives are available to a City Council by the adoption of a resolution under an existing state law.

He stated this is all discretionary. Council is not required to take any of this action. If a resolution is adopted, it does not become effective immediately; there is a 90-day grace period. If the City took over a Redevelopment Commission or Housing Authority's duties and responsibilities and put them under a city department, then the City would assume their obligations of any outstanding bonds and so forth. This is all taken care of in the legislation. This can all be accomplished through the adoption of a resolution. No public hearing is necessary and no petitions are necessary. The General Assembly adopted a Bill which authorizes the expansion of either the Redevelopment Commission or a Housing Authority from their present membership of not more than five to a maximum of not more than nine members.

Councilman Short asked if it is not true that the present structure provides for extra-territorial jurisdiction, but making it a city department, such as the traffic engineering department, would restrict it strictly to the city limits? Mr. Underhill replied no, as the extra-territorial jurisdiction the present Housing Authority has is a ten mile jurisdiction; they can expand their jurisdiction out further by becoming a county housing authority. According to the legislation, if the City abolished the Housing Authority and took over the operations as a city department, whatever duties, rights, responsibilities and jurisdiction that Housing Authority had, the City would also have. Mr. Underhill stated this legislation became effective upon its adoption in 1969 and amended in 1971.

Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Mangeri if he has found any developers here who will build the type of housing the public housing needs to take care of our needs in units as small as 25? Mr. Mangeri replied he has talked to five or six small builders, who asked that their names not be used, who said

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they could very easily build the type houses that have been completed in Windsong Trails for less than the money the Housing Authority paid for those in 25 units or less.

Councilman Alexander asked if they have transmitted their desires to the Housing Authority? Mr. Mangieri replied he does not know. Councilman Alexander stated he raised these questions as you get so many opinions and so many questions, and then when you get down to the knitty-gritty, nobody knows who it is that will do these things. Mr. Mangieri stated he would have to get the permission of the builders before revealing their names. Councilman Alexander stated you have another problem of families that do not have incomes to meet the subsidized program requirements.

Mr. Mangieri stated he has talked to the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Burlington, North Carolina, and he says there will never be a turn-key three project in Burlington. That turn-key three is the poorest type of housing that has been administered by the Charlotte Housing Authority. The idea is excellent, but the administration is very poor. He stated there have been builders who said they could very easily build this type housing and give better housing to the City of Charlotte, or under the 236 program for families in a little higher income bracket in smaller units. However, they have been pushed aside because Mr. Lowman's objection to the 50 house plan was that "Ervin ain't going to accept it". Mr. Mangieri stated he is not interested in what Ervin is going to accept; he is interested in what the black and white low income family can live in, and what the City of Charlotte can accept.

Councilman Alexander stated if someone knows of developers who will attempt units in sums as small as 25, to direct them to the Housing Authority, the City Council, City Manager, or to anyone. We need to know about them. Mr. Mangieri stated he and Mrs. Mangieri will do all they can to see if they can get five or six builders who will do this. Other cities in North Carolina are solving the problems, and he feels the City of Charlotte will solve its problem equally as well as Durham, Raleigh, Burlington and Greensboro.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Albert Pearson stated when one sits in the audience and listens to the conversation today, it would seem that none of the members of the Council nor the Mayor has any authority on something, and one has to ask himself, why? He asked if the Housing Authority does not have to first have the approval of the City Council before building one apartment? Councilman Withrow replied Council gave its approval for about 2,000 units at one time - not where they would be placed - but to build the 2,000 units. The City Attorney stated the law requires the Housing Authority to report to the City Council that there exists a deficiency of housing in the community. Council then authorizes a housing authority to make application to the appropriate federal agency or to seek funds to build (X) amount of units. The last such request he remembers was several years. Part of the process of a Housing Authority going and making its request to HUD for the number of units we would like to have is that the City Council authorizes the Housing Authority to file an application requesting that (X) amount of units be authorized to be placed in the City of Charlotte; it has nothing to do with sites. It is purely authorizing the Authority to file an application requesting that funds to build so many units be set aside for the city.

Councilman Calhoun stated when this authorization has been given, can it be revoked in part or in whole? If the 2,000 quote has not been filled, can it be revoked or cut back? Mr. Underhill replied he would have to look at the application before he can answer the question. Councilman Alexander stated the federal government can take away the number of units if you have not used them without asking.

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Mr. Pearson stated the point is this City Council has complete authority over the Housing Authority by first withholding units to be built unless the Housing Authority comes up with a definite plan as to where they should be if you want to carry it to that extreme. Council has the further authority of consulting Washington or any other branch of it without going to it locally. It is unfair to the members of the Housing Authority to sit there and make believe you do not even talk to each other. Stop making believe you do not have any authority. First, they cannot build one unit without Council's permission; second, if Council says it wants to know where the plans are to build, then Council will have complete control over where it is built before approving it.

Councilman Short stated he cannot agree that the City Council has control over public housing because of the facts that have been mentioned. It is true before the Feds get into this, certain findings about the need have to be stated and made by the City Council. But to say this constitutes a control over housing, he does not think is accurate at all. That Council's refusal to act might somehow abort all housing. But he does not think you can state that as a realistic control over housing.

Mr. Pearson stated he just wants the City Council to accept its responsibility regarding the housing in Charlotte, and if it does not have any authority, then he knows the Housing Authority would be very pleased, before one housing unit is approved, to bring in plans on the location if they thought the Council would accept it that way only. He asked that the people not use the Housing Authority as the sole "boggie man", as it is not. Councilmembers are the elected officials and has all the responsibility for it.

Councilman Withrow stated the Housing Authority was asked by this Council to bring every site to Council before building a unit. The Housing Authority did that for the past two years; but they did not come to Council on a site in the past year. Until that time every site did come to Council at a conference session.

COMMENTS ON PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEES BY MR. TOM SYKES.

Mr. Tom Sykes referred to an Editorial from WBT and WBTV, dated December 9, 1971 and December 10, 1971, relative to privilege licenses. He stated in 1968 this matter was brought to the attention of five members of the present City Council. A little group they like to think has some influence on the thinking of some people, particularly those that support it, decided to run a study on privilege licenses; they ran a nine week study in 1968, and the cost of the study was borne by the people who were concerned about privilege licenses in 1968. At that time they presented to Council a list of those people who pay no privilege licenses or people who were paying a privilege license which was not connected with the type businesses they were doing, such as a \$3,000 privilege license for Duke Power. Doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects are exempted. That he believes there were 147 different categories that paid no privilege license whatsoever. There was an estimated revenue loss to the City of Charlotte at that time of approximately \$3.5 million a year in revenues that should have been brought out by privilege licenses.

Mr. Sykes stated there has been a meeting of the legislature since 1968 when this was brought to the attention of five members of the present City Council, and nothing was done about it at that meeting of the legislature and there has been another meeting of the legislature since that time. He stated the legislators will meet again in 1972.

He stated the editorial states that Mr. Whittington heads a committee to study privilege licenses. That he studied it for Mr. Whittington three years ago. WBT knew about the study three years ago; the loss in revenue to the City of Charlotte because no action was taken on the matter at that time can conservatively be figured at \$5.0 to \$7.0 million up to this date.

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He stated City Council is looking for money. Property taxes could be lowered if this revenue had been brought into the city financial picture three years ago instead of raised. A lot of things could have been done with this \$5.0 to \$7.0 million. He stated he does not know why we cannot get a real quick study and get the information we need and prepare the proper approach to the legislators to get what we want.

Mr. Sykes stated if we can get something done on the privilege license situation, then possibly we can do something on the property tax situation in respect to a wage tax. He stated the tax burden can be more properly spread upon those people who utilize the services of the city by a wage tax rather than a property tax.

SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM CITY EMPLOYEES EXTENDED TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL BY MR. BEN HORACK.

Mr. Ben Horack, Attorney, stated for many years it was the very delightful custom for Mr. John D. Shaw to appear before Council this season of the year on behalf of the employees of the city; this custom began when Mr. Shaw was the City Attorney. Mr. Horack stated last year at this same time he had the privilege to be here because Mr. Shaw was too ill to be here himself. This year, of course, he is no longer with us; but nevertheless, in a very real sense, he has his proxy to appear before Council on behalf of the employees of the City to thank the Mayor and Council for all their helpfulness and consideration during the past year, and to wish each a very Merry Christmas, and God Speed for a very happy New Year.

COMMENTS ON DOWNTOWN PARKING BY MR. ALBERT PEARSON.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated to follow up on the Downtown Parking, an article appeared in one of the papers saying the City can build the parking garage cheaper. He stated the City cannot do it cheaper; it is just a case of when the City does it, who bears the cost - the taxpayers, or the people in the area who should pay it. He asked the Council to look again at the parking in downtown and to get it off the first block of downtown and put it on a little cheaper land a block or two away, and there is plenty available.

Mr. Pearson stated he thinks it is wrong to have a parking lot downtown with a policeman putting them in and out and making someone on South Boulevard pay for the policeman.

Councilman McDuffie requested the City Manager to find out who pays for the policemen directing traffic out of parking lots downtown.

COUNCILMAN MCDUFFIE ABSENT FROM MEETING.

Councilman McDuffie left the meeting and was absent for the vote on the next two items.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1972 ON PETITIONS NO. 72-1 THROUGH 72-5 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Calhoun, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted setting date of public hearings on Monday, January 17, 1972, on Petitions No. 72-1 through 72-5 for zoning changes.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 17.

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RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 1972 ON PETITION NO. 71-16 (RE-HEARING) FOR ZONING CHANGE.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting subject resolution setting date of public hearing on Monday, January 24, 1972, on Petition No. 71-16 for zoning change.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 18.

COUNCILMAN MCDUFFIE RETURNS TO MEETING.

Councilman McDuffie returned to the meeting during the discussion on the following item and was present for the remainder of the session.

APPROVAL OF A REVISION IN THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM TO PERMIT THE HIRING OF EIGHT ADDITIONAL TEACHERS UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The revision in the Emergency Employment Program to permit the hiring of eight additional teachers under the contract with the Board of Education using the accumulation of \$30,000 in EAA funds was presented.

Mr. Anderson, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel for the Board of Education, was present and explained the program started in the latter part of August when approximately \$240,000 was offered to the Board of Education under the EAA program. The Board held a special meeting and discussed the types of positions they wanted to recommend to use the money, and they chose to take the teacher route because the state allotment this year had been reduced. This would help to recoup the loss of those positions. He stated they put in the request and estimated the needs and when the project was approved, there were 27 positions. Twenty-six have been filled and one additional position of the first allotment remains unfilled. With the additional \$30,000, they will be able to employ about 8 additional teachers.

Councilman Alexander stated he is concerned about employing teachers that he felt could better have been employed from some other method rather than using the emergency employment act funds in light of the problems we were having in the schools. Also, he has been told by those who work within the schools that they had received much assistance in the classrooms through aides that were used and guidance counselors. That the schools lost funds, and in losing these funds, these type of personnel were left out. He stated he was concerned when emergency funds were coming into the hands of the School Board, if the services rendered by these people who were losing their jobs, why they could not be hired even if it would be just for a short period of time, rather than to hire librarians, special ability teachers and things of that sort. He stated he is also concerned about the services of the teachers that the \$30,000 will be used to hire in light of the problems we have in the schools. This is why he requested that someone come from the staff of the Board of Education and explain to Council their recommendations in the use of these funds.

Mr. Anderson replied the Board considered all these factors in late August and early September and did discuss whether or not to use the funds for aides. They felt at that time, that although aides were very valuable, it was their feeling that their high priority at this time would be for teachers. The aides were most valuable in resolving the conflicts within the schools; this is also true of teachers. If you can reduce the pupil-teacher ratio, this also helps greatly.

After further discussion, Councilman Calhoun moved approval of the revision in the Emergency Employment Program to permit the hiring of eight additional teachers under the contract with the Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Calhoun, McDuffie, Jordan, Short, Whittington and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilman Alexander.

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LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of subject lease agreement between the City of Charlotte Model Cities Department and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, renewing the lease agreement for land and building formerly known as the Alexander Street School, located at 901 North Alexander Street for a period beginning December 1, 1972 through June 30, 1972, with rental under the lease \$1.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH HENRY NEIL, HUMAN AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, FOR THE PREPARATION OF A PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION PLAN FOR THE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD AREA, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject contract with Henry Neil in the amount of \$30,625 was approved for the preparation of a Physical Development Coordination Plan for the Model Neighborhood area.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND THE CITY DEMONSTRATION AGENCY (MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT) CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF A PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION PLAN FOR THE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD AREA, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving subject memorandum of agreement between the City of Charlotte and the City Demonstration Agency (Model Cities Department) concerning the preparation of a Physical Development Coordination Plan for the Model Neighborhood area.

LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE A.M.E. ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE AND THE MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT, CITY OF CHARLOTTE, FOR RENEWAL OF CURRENT LEASE WHICH EXPIRES ON DECEMBER 31, 1971, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a lease agreement between the A.M.E. Zion Publishing House and the Model Cities Department, City of Charlotte, for renewal of the current lease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 321-X AMENDING THE 1971 MODEL CITIES BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TWO POSITIONS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS SYSTEM - DIRECTOR AND CLERK STENOGRAPHER I.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending the 1971 Model Cities Budget authorizing the establishment of two positions in the Neighborhood Centers System - Director and Clerk Stenographer I.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, at Page 419.

SUBROGATED CLAIM FILED BY MOTORS INSURANCE CORPORATION, CIM INSURANCE CORPORATION, ON BEHALF OF EMERY L. RANN FOR AUTOMOBILE DAMAGES, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, denying subject petition as recommended by the City Attorney.

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FROEHLING & ROBERTSON AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT ENGINEERING TESTING FOR CLANTON ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Councilman McDuffie moved that Froehling & Robertson be authorized to conduct engineering testing for Clanton Road Extension Project, at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONTRACT WITH MORETTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE NATURE MUSEUM BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject Change Order No. 2 was approved in contract with Moretti Construction Company, for the Nature Museum Beautification Program, to allow for the construction of a storm water drain and to allow some additional visitor safety features to be added. The net cost of the change will increase the contract price by \$181.48.

ORDINANCE NO. 322-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS ON PROPERTY ADJACENT TO 800 PARKWOOD AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 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 Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting subject ordinance ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property adjacent to 800 Parkwood Avenue.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, at Page 420.

UTILITY ACQUISITION AGREEMENT BETWEEN SHARON UTILITIES, INC. AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SHARON UTILITIES BY THE CITY AND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF THE KINGS BRANCH OUTFALL, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of a utility acquisition agreement between Sharon Utilities, Inc., and the City of Charlotte for the acquisition of Sharon Utilities by the City and for construction of a portion of the Kings Branch Outfall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and after explanation by the City Manager, the vote was taken and carried unanimously.

Councilman McDuffie requested the City Manager to inquire of Winston Salem and Raleigh their procedure in annexing areas that include the water and sewer system to see if we cannot firm up our policies.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO JAMES H. MCCALL HEIRS FOR THE IRWIN CREEK-SUGAR CREEK OPEN SPACE PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to James H. McCall Heirs, at 1301 and 1309 Parkwood Avenue, for the Irwin Creek-Sugar Creek Open Space Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 19.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of 10' x 138.78' x 10' x 138' of easement at 5600 South Boulevard, from Harry B. Ingle and wife, Adelaide F., at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 5600 South Boulevard.
- (b) Acquisition of 24.62' x 152.23' x 10' x 177.12' of easement at 5524 South Boulevard, from Spoon's Barbecue, Inc., at \$180.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 5600 South Boulevard.
- (c) Acquisition of 25' x 299.44' of easement at RFD No. 11, Beatties Ford Road, from Joseph Marshall Blythe and wife, Ella, at \$300.00, for Interstate 77 sanitary sewer relocation.
- (d) Acquisition of 25' x 212.76' of easement at 2200 Slater Road, from Carl Robinson Chapman and wife, Beverly J., at \$200.00, for Interstate 77 sanitary sewer relocation.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 78.17' at 209 Manning Drive, from James N. Haynes and wife, Elva W., at \$80.00, for Lower Briar Creek Interceptor Sanitary Sewer Construction.
- (f) Acquisition of 33.02' x 33.98' x 7.78' at 836 Belmont Avenue, from Leonard H. Scarboro and wife, Dorothy N., at \$118.00, for Belmont Neighborhood Improvement Project, Belmont Avenue Widening.
- (g) Payment of \$90.00 in additional damages to Dr. Basil M. Boyd in the acquisition of property for the Briar Creek Outfall.

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

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of \$69.61 which were levied and collected through clerical error and illegal levy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 20.

ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances were authorized for transfer of funds:

- (a) Ord. No. 323-X authorizing the transfer of \$40,000 from the Northwest Runway Strengthening Account to the Airport Expansion Account to be used in the purchase of property in the Airport Master Plan.
- (b) Ord. No. 324-X authorizing the transfer of \$200,000 from the Airport Fund Balance for the construction of the West Concourse addition for holdrooms for Eastern Air Lines.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, beginning at Page 421.

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LEASE AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN AIRLINES, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving a lease agreement with Eastern Air Lines which provides for the user airline to reimburse the City, through space rentals over a ten year period, all for construction and subsequent upkeep cost of the West Concourse Addition with a 6.25% interest rate estimated, but to be adjusted to the rate the City is able to secure from the sale of the recently approved \$4,000,000 revenue bonds.

Under the terms of the agreement, Eastern Air Lines will:

- (1) Lease approximately 4,950 square feet for a term of 10 years;
- (2) Pay all incurred costs for furnishing and decorating the holdroom;
- (3) Pay an estimated monthly rental rate of \$2,477.08, based on total estimated project cost of \$200,000 and an estimated interest rate of 6.25%.

EXPLANATION OF CHARTS OF AIRCRAFT MOVEMENT, PASSENGER GROWTH AND AIR CARGO MOVEMENT.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Airport Manager, referred to charts which were placed on the wall, and stated the first one indicates aircraft movements from 1960 through 1970 and indicates 125,000 up to a peak of 175,000.

He stated the second chart shows the passenger growth from 1960, and it is projected through 1980. That the period from 1971 through 1980 was prepared by Peat, Marwick and Mitchell. He stated we are at about 900,000 at present and feel that during 1972 it will go to one million.

He stated the third chart indicates the air cargo movement since 1960 through 1970. The basic reason for the drop is because there is a different method of reporting in 1968. Back in 1968 some of the airlines were reporting total in-plane freight. In 1969 they started reporting only originating freight, and this shows a sharp decline.

Mayor Belk stated he would like to congratulate Mr. Wheeler, Public Information Director, for the charts he has been preparing for Council.

CONTRACT AWARDED MINNESOTA MINING & MFG. COMPANY FOR 35 ROLLS SCOTCHLITE MATERIAL.

Councilman Alexander moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Company, in the amount of \$13,304.88, on a unit price basis, for 35 rolls scotchlite material. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED ALUMINUM COMPANY OF AMERICA FOR ALUMINUM.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Aluminum Company of America, in the amount of \$6,007.68, on a unit price basis, for aluminum.

The following bids were received:

Aluminum Co. of America	\$ 6,007.68
Vulcan Signs & Stampings, Inc.	6,335.00
Olin Corp. Aluminum Div.	6,704.78
Municipal Street Sign Co., Inc.	7,050.00
Southeastern Safety Supplies	7,700.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED MORETTI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST CONCOURSE ADDITION.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Moretti Construction Company, in the amount of \$98,000, on a unit price basis, for general construction of the West Concourse Addition.

The following bids were received:

Moretti Construction Co.	\$ 98,000.00.
Donald C. Neal Construction Co.	102,573.00
Cabarrus Construction Co., Inc.	107,188.00
Butler & Sidbury, Inc.	108,456.00
F. N. Thompson, Inc.	109,500.00
R. H. Wheatley Company	114,800.00
Laxton Construction Co.	122,750.00
Rodgers Builders, Inc.	123,688.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN COMFORT OF CHARLOTTE FOR MECHANICAL WORK FOR WEST CONCOURSE ADDITION.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Southern Comfort of Charlotte, in the amount of \$42,230.00, on a unit price basis, for mechanical work for West Concourse Addition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Southern Comfort of Charlotte	\$ 42,230.00
Shanklin Air Conditioning	43,400.00
Air Masters, Inc.	44,843.00
Mechanical Contractors	45,950.00
P. C. Godfrey, Inc.	46,200.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MECKLENBURG PLUMBING COMPANY FOR PLUMBING WORK FOR WEST CONCOURSE ADDITION.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Mecklenburg Plumbing Company, in the amount of \$23,357.00, on a unit price basis, for plumbing work for West Concourse Addition.

The following bids were received:

Mecklenburg Plumbing Co.	\$ 23,357.00
Acme Plumbing & Supplies, Inc.	29,300.00
P. C. Godfrey Inc.	30,498.00
A. Z. Price & Associates, Inc.	31,400.00

CONTRACT AWARDED LAIL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL WORK FOR WEST CONCOURSE ADDITION.

Motion was made by Councilman Calhoun, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Lail Electric Company, in the amount of \$13,161.00, on a unit price basis, for electrical work for West Concourse Addition.

The following bids were received:

Lail Electric Company	\$ 13,161.00
Air Masters, Inc.	16,431.00
Ind-Com Electric Company	16,933.00
The Industrial Elec. Co.	16,955.00
Shanklin Air Conditioning	17,100.00
Beam Electric Company	17,250.00
Watson Electric Co., Inc.	21,103.00

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of a Special Officer Permit to Eryln R. Weeks for a period of one year, for use on the premises of Belk Brothers Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Philip Katopodis for Lot 24, Section 4, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$252.00.
- (b) Deed with Fred L. Mills for Graves No. 1 and 2, in Lot No. 798, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (c) Deed with John B. Law and wife, Irene S. Law, for Graves No. 1 and 2, in Lot No. 758, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.

RESOLUTION ELECTING TO RETAIN THE NON-PARTISAN PRIMARY AND ELECTION METHOD TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF ITS ELECTIONS FOR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL, DEFERRED.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie.

Councilman Alexander stated he has not had an opportunity to read and study the resolution and would like to have it deferred.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the adoption of the resolution would retain the present system of determining the results of the elections. At present the Charter calls for a non-partisan primary and election system of government. If this resolution is adopted, then we will continue to conduct city elections under that election method. If the resolution is not adopted by January 31, 1972, the City will automatically hold any future city elections under the election and run-off election method. These are the only two alternatives available. This will have no effect on when the election is held. It only affects the election method itself.

Councilman Calhoun stated the objective of the legislature was highly desirable. This Bill, making uniform the conduct of municipal elections throughout the State of North Carolina, is desirable. At the same time, he highly approves of the way it is done in Charlotte, and since this is in variance, he is in complete agreement to leave it the way it is now as a non-partisan election and the way it is done in Charlotte.

Councilman Short moved that the resolution be deferred and placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE DELEGATES FOR A BREAKFAST.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to send out an invitation to City Council, County Commissioners and State Delegates to attend a breakfast meeting on January 6, 1972 at 7:30 o'clock a.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. 325-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 176-X, THE 1971-72 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE CHARLOTTE NATURE MUSEUM.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$3,000 to employ a grounds maintenance man for the remainder of the 1971-72 fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, at Page 423.

STREET REPAIRS AND STREET LIGHTS REQUESTED FOR MCDONALD STREET.

Councilman Alexander stated McDonald Street, between Botany and Remington Streets, is in need of repairs and also needs street lights. He requested the City Manager to have someone investigate the need for street lights and street repairs.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF ANNEXATION OF AIRPORT IN LEGISLATIVE FILE.

Councilman Short asked the City Attorney to include in his legislative file the possibility of annexation of the Airport. That he thinks it should be on the list for Council to consider when the time comes.

COMMITTEE TO BE APPOINTED BY CITY COUNCIL AND BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO IMPLEMENT STUDY BEING MADE BY WILBUR SMITH & ASSOCIATES ON TRANSIT SYSTEM.

Councilman Whittington stated in many cities across the country, the public transportation systems are in trouble. Declining revenues under one hand and increased costs on the other hand have made any systems financially insoluble. Lack of revenue has resulted in some cases in the need to reduce services and in other cases the necessity of discontinuing services all together. In Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, we cannot afford to have this happen. Some 40,000 people today depend on our transportation system. If the transit system could be made more attractive to more people we could reduce the congestion on some of our main traffic arteries. Recognizing the importance of public transit to the community and the need to have the most effective system possible, the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners recently agreed to participate in the cost of a transit improvement study as recommended by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

He stated the President of the Charlotte City Coach Lines fully endorsed the study, and agreed to cooperate in the matter in every way. A grant to cover the cost of the study, supplemented with local money was secured from the Department of Transportation in Washington. Wilbur Smith & Associates transportation consultants, were hired to develop recommendations outlining a five year plan for improvements. The Department of Transportation will make grants for the purchase of equipment, land and facilities to improve transit systems. Such grants can cover two thirds of the cost of improvements. However only public agencies are eligible for these grants. This means the City and County government has to become more directly involved in any future transit improvements that are to use federal grant money. It is expected the Wilbur Smith improvement plan will be available in the next month or two. The plan will undoubtedly rely heavily on the prospective use of federal funds with the city and county governments.

He stated we should be prepared to become effectively involved in the implementation of desired improvements as soon as the Smith report is available. In the past, too many plans have gathered dust because of the lack of attention.

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Councilman Whittington stated he would like to recommend to the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners the appointment of a transit improvement committee to aggressively pursue the implementation of transit improvements through coordination of the interest and resources of the city, county, Charlotte City Coach Lines, and Department of Transportation in Washington. This Committee should be organized and in existence when the Smith report is presented so we will have first hand knowledge of its recommendations. The Committee should include persons with a keen interest in public transportation and persons of first rank business capability since transit is both a community service and private business operation.

Councilman Whittington stated in Honolulu it was pointed out by the City of Nashville that their bus service would go out of existence at the end of this year. He stated he has had discussion with Mr. Vince Connerat and with Mr. Bill McIntyre and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners about such a committee, and both Mr. Connerat and Mr. McIntyre say the report of Wilbur Smith & Associates will be available shortly after the first of the year. This committee should be appointed now so it could be ready to get into this report, and work toward its implementation, keeping in mind that this report deals only with the City of Charlotte, and we need to think about involving Southern Railroad, Norfolk-Southern Railroad, Seaboard Railroad, and even P & N Railroad in some type of train transportation from outlying communities in Charlotte. We need to do things like involving Continental Trailways, and our other bus companies to provide rapid transit from these communities to a given point. We could go into areas such as utilizing church parking lots where cars could come in and park and get on a rapid bus downtown. He stated these are the things Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Connerat and he believe that this committee can do.

He suggested to the Mayor that Council consider appointing this committee.

(MAYOR LEAVES MEETING AND MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDES.)

Mayor Belk left the meeting at this time and Mayor pro tem Alexander presided for the remainder of the session.)

Later in the meeting, Councilman Whittington moved that the Council, with the cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners, appoint a committee to implement the study being made by Wilbur Smith and Associates when it is presented to both the City Council and the County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Calhoun.

Councilman Calhoun suggested this committee coordinate its efforts with what has already been done by the Chamber of Commerce over the years in connection with Mass Transit and the solution of mass transit problems. Councilman Whittington stated the only reason he did not mention mass transit per se was because Mr. McIntyre thought it would be better to call it rapid transit.

Councilman Short stated this committee is to concern itself with transit in some form; that is where you would pay some money presumedly and you would have some form of transportation similar to bus or monorail. He asked if the committee is intended to deal with such things as traffic lights and parking regulations? Councilman Whittington replied the Committee is to deal with transportation in the form of rapid or mass transit included in the report that Wilbur Smith is now working on along with the grant the Planning Commission has, the money the city coach line has paid, and money the County Commission and City Council and federal government has appropriated together to make this study. When the report is brought to both bodies, the committee he is suggesting would then get into the implementation of the report rather than letting it sit on a shelf and gather dust.

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Councilman Calhoun asked if he does not see this committee dealing with the problems facing us next year as well as ten, fifteen and twenty years down the road.

Councilman Short requested that a copy of this portion of the minutes be sent to Mr. Frank Kivett, Executive Director of COG, as COG is very interested in this sort of thing and hopes to put together groups of this sort, representing the various counties in this region. This kind of transit needs to be especially oriented to the entire region.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR INSTALLATION OF SPEED LIGHTS IN VICINITY OF WOODLAWN ROAD AND MURRAYHILL ROAD AND EASTWAY DRIVE AND SHAMROCK DRIVE TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

Councilman Whittington requested that an ordinance appropriating funds for the installation of speed lights in the vicinity of Woodlawn Road and Murrayhill Road, and Eastway Drive and Shamrock Drive be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on the 28th.

CITY MANAGER TO ADVISE COUNCIL NOT LATER THAN FIRST MEETING IN JANUARY ABOUT ADDING THREE ADDITIONAL POSITIONS TO THE PLANNING STAFF.

Councilman Withrow stated when the Planning Commission was present with Council today, it proved that we are playing a catch-up football type of planning in Charlotte. That the recent trip to Europe illustrates that tremendous amount of attention should be given to pre-planning, and stop this catch-up type planning we are doing today. Charlotte is making great strides forward into urban areas, and it necessitates that we take steps to reinforce our planning commission, and restructure the department if necessary, to add three additional people to plan our future. Much of the studies we have talked about in the last few weeks and the amount of money we pay for these studies can be done in an in-house type planning if we get the right three people on the planning staff - that is three people to do nothing but planning.

Councilman Withrow moved that Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, advise Council not later than the first meeting in January, what can be done about adding three additional positions and how we can get the money to finance these three additional positions, and to clear with the County Commissioners if they will join in their one-half of financing these three positions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

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

INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT REPORT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL.

The City Manager presented Council with the intersection improvement report under the traffic plan which is planned for the immediate future.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk