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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, February 25, 1969, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Milton Short.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Gibson L. Smith.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, February 17, 1969, were approved as submitted.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED THREE RETIRING EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Brookshire recognized the following employees of the City who are retiring and presented them the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque:

Mr. John Thomas Black, Fire Captain, employed April 4, 1949 and retired February 12, 1969.

Mr. James M. Canup, Labor Foreman I with the Traffic Engineering Department, employed November 25, 1951 and retired February 11, 1969.

Mr. Johnny Ambrose House, Labor Foreman II with the Engineering Department, employed November 1, 1934 and retiring March 1, 1969.

VISITORS TO COUNCIL MEETING RECOGNIZED.

Mrs. Phylis Barrett introduced Mr. Ulrick Dietrich from the University of Heidelberg, Germany and stated he is a theology student sponsored by the Myers Park Presbyterian Church and is present to observe the Council in meeting today.

Mrs. Mary Dunbar stated she is present today in the interest of the PTA Council to let her presence add a personal touch to the letter which the Mayor and members of Council have before them; that the letter refers to the appointment of a representative from the School Administration to the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mr. W. J. Elvin was also present and stated his endorsement of Councilman Gibson L. Smith as a candidate for Mayor; he stated in his opinion Mr. Smith has demonstrated by his actions as a member of Council and a member of the Consolidation Study Committee his ability to serve. He referred to the Convention Hall and stated without liquor by the drink it is a dead duck and that church people should do nothing to encourage liquor by the drink. He stated he has discussed with the Mayor frequently the many

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problems encountered by the serious weaknesses that exist in the personnel setup and referred to numerous preventable problems that have been encountered in the police and fire departments and with the garbage workers.

Mr. Elvin commended Mr. Gibson Smith, Mr. Milton Short, Mr. Pete Peterson and Mr. Fred Alexander for their contributions to the Consolidation Study Committee and stated Mr. Brodie Griffith did an outstanding job on that Committee - particularly in keeping the wheels oiled and things moving along.

**INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL FLASHING SIGNALS AT SIX LOCATIONS AND RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT ONE LOCATION APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER.**

Mr. Herman Hoose, Traffic Engineer, stated in May of 1968 the Chamber of Commerce Traffic and Transportation Committee requested a study of nineteen areas for the placement of school flashing signals. He stated they conducted the survey that took over 200 man hours of the 19 locations.

Mr. Hoose stated his recommendation is that six signals be put into operation at the following locations:

- (1) Statesville Road at Dearborn Avenue which will serve Double Oaks School.
- (2) Sharon Road at Sharon Elementary School.
- (3) Eastway Drive at Burgin Street which will serve Merry Oaks School.
- (4) West Boulevard at Walton Road to serve Barringer Elementary School.
- (5) West Boulevard at Amy James Avenue.
- (6) Remount Road at Baltimore Avenue to serve Marie Davis School and York Road Junior High School.

Mr. Hoose stated all these intersections are T-intersections; that the flashing signals can be located for \$500 a location or approximately \$3,000 for the six locations. He stated all the locations have school protection with signs that are standard throughout the city.

Mr. Hoose stated his second recommendation also has to do with a school, and with traffic - removing a traffic signal at Barwick Road and placing it at Addison Drive; also placing school flashing signals at two locations; this would help the traffic at Addison Drive and the signal is not warranted at this particular intersection. He stated there is a school guard and school boy patrol at the location and there are a very limited number of vehicles coming out of the intersection during the school period. He stated the total traffic along the street was only 321 vehicles during a 12-hour period.

Mr. Hoose stated if this signal is moved from Barwick and placed at Addison, they can get better control throughout the whole area with supplement school signals.

Mr. Hoose stated there are 58 children crossing Sharon-Amity Road and 22 crossing Barwick from 7:30 to 8:30 A.M.; from 2:00 to 3:00 P.M., there are 56 crossing Sharon Amity Road and eight crossing Barwick; during the school period there are 27 vehicles coming out of the intersection. He stated the school guard and school boy patrol will remain at the Barwick intersection along with the school flashing signal.

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Mr. Hoose stated he is recommending the installation of the two school flashing signals and the moving of the traffic signals, at an approximate cost of \$1,000, which will make the total project an estimated \$4,000.00.

After discussion, Councilman Whittington moved approval of the project as recommended by Mr. Hoose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 148-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$4,000.00 of the Unappropriated Fund Balance of General Fund to the Traffic Engineer Account to be used for the relocation of the traffic signal at Barwick Road and Sharon Amity Road, and the installation of school flashing signals.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 105.

PETITION NO. 69-10 BY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DELTA ROAD, BEGINNING 2,000 FEET NORTH OF ALBEMARLE ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTHWARD APPROXIMATELY 2,985 FEET, DEFERRED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that decision on the subject petition be deferred until seven (7) members of Council are present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR A GRANT WITH UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was approved authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for Grant with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, in the amount of \$78,640.00, to acquire and develop open-space land for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Library Park at Sixth Street and Tryon Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 258.

RESOLUTION TO DELETE FROM THE CITY'S STREET MAINTENANCE SYSTEM, THAT PORTION OF ELEVENTH STREET, FROM SMITH STREET TO THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD, A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of subject resolution to delete from the City's Street Maintenance System, that portion of Eleventh Street, from Smith Street to the Southern Railroad, a distance of approximately 500 feet and to be added to the State System to allow the expenditure of highway funds on a connector route as required by the construction of the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Stegall stated several weeks ago he asked why Eleventh Street was one-way from Graham Street westward, and one-way from Graham Street eastward; he asked the City Manager why this was designed in this way? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he went over this with Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, and he convinced him after riding it, that this is the better way to do it for now.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 259.

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**CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND TRUNKS APPROVED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing installation of the following sanitary sewer mains and trunks:

- (a) Construction of 610 feet of 8-inch main to serve a portion of Allenbrook Drive, inside the city, at the request of William Trotter Development Company, at an estimated cost of \$3,740.00 with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
- (b) Construction of 315 feet of 8-inch main to serve 4400 South Boulevard, inside the city, at the request of Hudson Oil Company of Delaware, Incorporated, at an estimated cost of \$3,190.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

**CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS APPROVED.**

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for installation of water mains were approved:

- (a) Contract with Wal-Tuk, Ltd. for the installation of 380 feet of water main and one fire hydrant to serve an apartment complex abutting on Hedgemore Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00 with the city to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.
- (b) Supplementary contract, to contract dated August 22, 1966, with John Crosland Company for the installation of 2,185 feet of water main and one fire hydrant, in Hampshire Hills Subdivision No. 5, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$9,300.00, with the city to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.
- (c) Supplementary contract, to contract dated August 10, 1964, with Jackson Engineering Corporation, for the installation of 5,520 feet of water main and three fire hydrants in Foxcroft Hills Subdivision No. 6, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$21,011, with the applicant to pay the entire cost of said mains and hydrants and own same until such time as the area is incorporated into the city at which time the mains will become the property of the city without further agreement.

**UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to approve a utility relocation agreement with the North Carolina State Highway Commission for the relocation of sanitary sewer lines along I-77, between north of Trade Street to the north of West Fifth Street, at a total estimated cost of \$24,300.97, with the State's share \$12,363.01 and the city's share \$11,937.96. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

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**UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION APPROVED.**

Councilman Smith moved approval of a utility relocation agreement with the State Highway Commission covering engineering services on Irwin Creek Outfall and connecting trunk lines along proposed Interstate 77, between Morehead Street and Oaklawn Avenue, with the State Highway Commission to reimburse the city all engineering services estimated at \$14,588.52. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

**RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF CHARLOTTE, SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD COMPANY AND QUEENS GRANTS, INC., AUTHORIZED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a right-of-way agreement between the City of Charlotte, Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company and Queens Grant, Inc., for the installation of a 12-inch diameter cast iron water main beneath the tracks of the Seaboard Railroad in Lumarka Drive.

**PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.**

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

- (a) Negotiated settlement in the amount of \$5,800.00, with David Kinney and wife, Effie Kinney, for 2,340 square feet of property at 725 Wesley Avenue for the East Thirtieth Street Project.
- (b) Negotiated settlement in the amount of \$2,600.00 with William D. Austin and wife, Inga-Lisa T. Austin, for 8,692 square feet of property on a vacant lot next to 629 Wesley Avenue, for the East Thirtieth Street Project.
- (c) Temporary construction easement on 559.30 square feet of property at 1100 West Trade Street, with Puckett Bros., Inc., at \$50.00, for sanitary sewer relocation of North-South Expressway.
- (d) Acquisition of 2.25 acres of property on Horseshoe Lane, in Berryhill Township, from Roy E. Martin and wife, Dixie L. Martin, at \$22,250.00, for Airport Clear Zone.

**CLAIM OF WOODROW J. FOX FOR DAMAGES TO HOME AT 1721 DALLAS AVENUE, DENIED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, denying the subject claim as recommended by the City Attorney; claim is in the amount of \$998.53 for damages from sewage backing up and flooding the house with two or three feet of water and waste.

**SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED.**

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. George D. Cherry, for a period of one year, for use on the premises of Kingspark Apartments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, deeds for transfer of cemetery lots were authorized as follows:

- (a) Deed with Reverend Alpheus A. Kyles and Mrs. Carolyn Kyles for Lot No. 307, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$320.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. William E. Brigman for Grave No. 6, in Lot No. 186, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Alice F. Jackson for Graves No. 3 and 4, in Lot No. 187, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (d) Deed with Mr. Thurston Davis, for Graves 4, 5 and 6, in Lot No. 16, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLAZE GUARD MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR 1½ AND 3 INCH HOSE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to award contract to the low bidder, Blaze Guard Manufacturing Company, in the amount of \$11,705.12, on a unit price basis, for 10,600 feet of 1½ inch and 3 inch hose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Blaze Guard Mfg. Co.	\$11,705.12
Eureka Fire Hose Division	11,740.40
Fabric Fire Hose Company	11,934.44
Dixie Fire & Safety Eqpt. Co.	11,940.32
Norris Industries	13,757.24
American LaFrance	14,780.00
Hewitt-Robins, Inc.	14,874.44
Goodall Rubber Company	15,034.00

CONTRACT AWARDED EUREKA FIRE HOSE DIVISION FOR FIRE HOSE.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder with the best delivery, Eureka Fire Hose Division, in the amount of \$5,605.60, on a unit price basis, for 1,100 feet of five inch fire hose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Tuttle asked how the two firms came up with identical bids of \$5,605.60? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he has gone over this with Mr. Brown, and they can only conjecture on it; that five inch fire hose is large fire hose and it ties in with the new snorkle equipment; they suspect there is only one manufacturer of this size and that perhaps both of the bidders are bidding on hose manufactured at the same point. Councilman Tuttle stated he would think in the future this would be looked into; and the Council should know whether or not they are getting together on their bids and find out from the manufacturer if there is a standard price and the item has to be sold at a standard price; that the only way to arrive at this would be for the manufacturing cost to be a certain price and the manufacturer to say they have to add ten percent for cost.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Eureka Fire Hose Division	\$ 5,605.60
Fabric Fire Hose Company	5,605.60

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**CONTRACT AWARDED PARNELL-MARTIN SUPPLY COMPANY FOR PIPE FITTINGS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.**

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Parnell-Martin Supply Company, in the amount of \$2,080.67, on a unit price basis, for 9,674 pipe fittings for the water department.

The following bids were received:

Parnell-Martin Supply Company	\$ 2,980.67
Atlas Supply Company	3,028.82
Grinnell Company, Inc.	3,331.60
Hajoca Corporation	4,209.52
Horne-Wilson Company	4,411.03

**LAND USE REPORT ON SECTION 5 OF BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL AREA APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.**

Councilman Alexander moved that Council authorize consideration of the re-use of land use plan for Section 5 of Brooklyn Urban Renewal Area for consideration of housing. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the land use report on Section 5 as submitted to Council in the conference session by representatives of the Redevelopment Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Jordan, Smith, Stegall and Whittington.  
NAYS: Councilman Alexander.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION APPROVED.**

Councilman Jordan moved that the City Manager be authorized to proceed with the establishment of an Office of Public Service and Information for the last quarter of the fiscal year. That motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

Councilman Smith stated Council agreed that this would not follow exactly the way it was presented, but that the first phase be the hiring of a Director and stenographer for this quarter.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCES HE HAS ENLARGED THE CIVIC CENTER COMMITTEE AND REPLACED MR. JOHN BELK ON THE COMMITTEE.**

Mayor Brookshire stated since returning to the city he has reviewed the news stories on last Monday's Council session and has read the minutes of the meeting; that he commends Council on its endorsement and enthusiasm for pursuing efforts that might produce a civic center for the community - the city and county - as early as possible. He stated he noted there was complete harmony on the matter of approval while there was a split Council on a couple of votes that had to do with the mechanics of follow-up. He stated he thinks the two things he has done today is related to that and he would hope it will enable Council to stand united with the rest of the community. Mayor Brookshire stated he has today removed John Belk from the Civic Center Committee, the

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reason being is that he does not want to see this getting into the area of politics or to become a political football, and Mr. Belk has announced he will run for Mayor. He stated he would not like efforts to produce this facility for the community to either hurt or help any candidate running for public office this Spring. In other words, let's keep this out of politics if we can.

Mayor Brookshire stated having removed Mr. Belk from the Committee of five, he has named Mr. Jerry Tuttle as a replacement, and has enlarged the Committee by adding Mr. Charles Lowe and Mr. J. Scott Cramer.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE DRAFTS OF LEGISLATION RELATING TO A CIVIC CENTER.**

Mayor Brookshire stated also in connection with the Civic Center, he has requested the City Attorney to draw a resolution authorizing the City Attorney to prepare drafts of legislation relating to a civic center; that it is almost a blanket coverage of authority for him to proceed to prepare Bills for presentation to the Legislature which will come back to Council for approval before submission to the Legislative Delegation. He stated he will pass copies of the resolution to the County as it may want to take similar actions.

Mayor Brookshire read the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is considering all possibilities that may lead to the construction and operation of a Civic Center in downtown Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, some proposals that relate to the construction of such a facility would require additional legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, in order that all options that can lead to the construction of a Civic Center need to be explored to the fullest extent,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the City Attorney is hereby requested to prepare drafts of legislation for possible submission to the Mecklenburg Delegation to the General Assembly that would:

1. Permit the City and/or the County to enter into a long term lease of Civic Center facilities.
2. Permit the City and/or the County to authorize an existing agency of local government to manage and maintain a Civic Center, or to establish a new agency, board, commission or authority to manage and maintain a Civic Center."

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted as presented.

**CIVIC CENTER DISCUSSION AND LIASION COMMITTEE CREATED BY COUNCIL AT LAST MEETING DISSOLVED.**

Mayor Brookshire stated on yesterday afternoon he telephone one of the principals with whom the city is dealing in the negotiations for the Civic Center, to suggest to him that one of the deficiencies the Civic Center Committee has pointed out was that it would be real difficult and not too equitable for the city to pay rent on the basis of 26 weeks

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and not know which of the 26 weeks might be allocated to the city for its use; that it was presumed that the occupants of any structure built by the CDA would get first priority for their needs in the Civic Center. He stated he suggested that if we were going on a partnership basis - 50-50 - covering the amortization costs, then we should go full partnership on the operation, whether it be profitable or at a loss.

Mayor Brookshire stated he suggested to the individual that instead of the city operating the center six months in the year, or at least having use of it for six months under their total operation and being charged back for half a year's overhead, that it would be more acceptable to the City, or to the County, to have a public authority similar to the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority to assume all operational maintenance for the full 12 months; he assured him that such public authority named by either the city or county, or jointly, would look after the community's interest - city or county, and in doing so, the interest of CDA would also be well looked after.

Mayor Brookshire stated this individual agreed that this is something that he and his associates would consider; that he would get back in touch with the Mayor at a later date.

Mayor Brookshire stated in connection with the erection of the tower for the merchandise mart above the civic center, he pointed out to this individual that as long as the two units are connected, either horizontally or vertically, it would serve the same purpose, and if they would build the 100 foot square merchandise mart or tower to one end of the civic center, it would have the appearance of being two buildings - each identifiable - one as the merchandise mart and one as the civic center. Mayor Brookshire stated to that suggestion the individual stated he would take it up with their architects and see what could be done to reach that design. He stated he pointed out that a bank of elevators coming down through the center of the civic center or at one end of the center with the civic center itself connecting to the merchandise mart, the first two floors which could be used for exhibition purposes, would mean some horizontal movement from the elevators but not too much more horizontal movement than was already anticipated.

Councilman Smith stated the six month's operation is what has concerned him; and if the Mayor can accomplish what he has suggested, then it will overcome a lot of opposition.

Councilman Tuttle stated by action of Council last week another committee was created to look into the Civic Center proposal, and the County Commission did the same thing, and he thinks this Council should accept the Mayor's proposal and dissolve the other committee created last week. That if he serves on the Mayor's committee and Mr. Lowe serves on the committee, then he sees no point in the other committee.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would hope that Mr. Tuttle's willingness to serve on his committee serves the same purpose, and with the help of the Mayor, he can keep Council fully informed on negotiations.

Councilman Stegall stated he made the motion for the creation of the liaison committee last week so that Council would be informed; now the Mayor has placed Mr. Tuttle on the Civic Center Committee, on which no member of Council was serving before, and he accepts this, and moved that the Committee set up by Council last week be dissolved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

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Later in the meeting, Councilman Whittington stated he appreciates the Mayor coming back off his vacation and cooperating with all concerned to get the Civic Center on the track and to keep it on the track; that Council did not know the Mayor was out of the city on vacation until they were invited to the meeting. He stated what was said at the meeting last Monday and what was said today and between the two Council Meetings indicates that all are trying to do the same thing and that is to get the Civic Center on the track and get it built. Councilman Whittington commended the Mayor for what he has done today.

Councilman Tuttle stated he was a little surprised when he read the City Attorney's statement in the Charlotte News on February 21st; he quoted the following paragraph from the news report: "On still another legal matter, Underhill said there is some doubt that the present City Council could enter into a long term leasing agreement that future Councils would be powerless to alter". Councilman Tuttle asked what happens to the leases that are made at the Airport and other places? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the meaning was without legislative authority, rather than just the blanket statement; that the City's bond attorneys raised that particular issue; that they both think there is no problem there assuming you have legislative approval to enter into a type of agreement.

Councilman Smith stated there is a lot of mis-information on the fact that you have to take the Civic Center to the public on a referendum; he asked the City Attorney whether or not - whether it is a lease or owning the building - it would have to still go as a referendum to the public? Mr. Underhill replied under the present provisions of the North Carolina Constitution, what is being proposed would constitute an indebtedness, and under the constitution, this would have to have the prior approval of the electorate.

#### REQUEST FOR STREET LIGHTS IN 800 BLOCK OF WOODSIDE AVENUE.

Councilman Jordan requested the City Manager to investigate a request he has received from the residents in the 800 block of Woodside Avenue for street lighting.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMENDED FOR FULL REPORT ON INCIDENT INVOLVING POLICE PERSONNEL.

Councilman Jordan stated about two weeks ago he had occasion to report to the City Manager an incident that involved the Police Department that happened on a Saturday night; that he asked Mr. Veeder to check into the incident and he, along with Chief Goodman, checked into it. Councilman Jordan stated he has never seen such a complete report that was given by the Police Department; it was about 15 pages; that it could not have been more complete. Councilman Jordan stated he would like to pay the Police Department a compliment for the thorough job they did in making the report. He stated he would also like to thank Mr. Veeder for his assistance and also Chief Goodman.

#### COUNCIL ADVISED THAT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONTEMPLATE SETTING SAME ASSESSMENT RATIO OF 60 PERCENT.

Mayor Brookshire stated he has received a letter from Mr. Charles M. Lowe, Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, stating the Board is contemplating the same assessment ratio which has been set each year at the same 60% which has been carried for the last seven or eight years. He stated Council is invited to next Monday morning's Board Meeting when the matter will be handled by the Board if the City wants to ask for any other ratio. Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Lowe pointed out that it would complicate tax listing operations to change the ratio.

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**REQUEST THAT HOUSING AUTHORITY AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION BRING ALTERNATIVES TO COUNCIL ON LAND TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING DISCUSSED.**

Councilman Alexander stated at the last meeting of Council he proposed that the City reconsider land use of Project 5 in Urban Redevelopment Section of Brooklyn, and for that reason there was a presentation from the Redevelopment Commission establishing reasons why they would not recommend a reconsideration of the land use of this section for housing.

Councilman Alexander stated during the conference he stated he did not accept as firm reasoning the basis upon which the Redevelopment stated its desire to refuse to consider the land use; that he stated further over a ten year period we have been faced with a situation pertaining to housing that is now at a dead-end due to the lack of available space that HUD will approve for housing needs. He stated although Council has denied a consideration for re-land use, it has not answered the problem of where we go now for housing space; that it has been stated by the Redevelopment Commission and by the Housing Authority that such a need does exist; that the need is acute and just voting to not reconsider land use is <sup>not</sup> a fair shake for the need of the community and if we are not going to give any consideration to using this space for housing this Council needs to authorize whatever authority we have to come back and give use some projection as to what is the alternative. He stated this is the thing we must consider and he does not think we can accept what we have done today as the end because it will not solve the problem and it is not going away from us.

Councilman Alexander moved that whatever steps are necessary be taken to get a report from the Housing Authority and our Redevelopment Commission on what they propose as an alternative for requiring proper land space to solve this pressing need if we are to get low cost housing. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Smith stated he recognizes the problem but he disagrees that there is no other land available; that he thinks there is other land available; that the land in Project 5 has been designated through long study by Urban Renewal; that he would not second the motion but he is not saying what Mr. Alexander is saying is not true; it is true that we need additional land for this purpose.

Councilman Smith stated Council received a lengthy report from the Housing Authority concerning housing and a motion was passed by Council authorizing 2500 more units of housing. He stated he does not think Section 5 is the only place left that is available for housing. Councilman Alexander stated this is his point; it has not been shown to Council; that his motion is offered in order to bring this to a head; either we have the land or we do not have it; it has not been found yet; that now Council has denied a reconsideration of Section 5, he is offering a motion authorizing whatever sources we have to come back with alternative; this is where the need is - low cost housing.

Councilman Smith stated Council is on record for public housing; it is just this particular location that the Urban Renewal people have planned for other uses that are compatible with other uses around it.

**MAYOR BROOKSHIRE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME AND WAS ABSENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.**

Mayor Brookshire left the meeting at this time and was absent for the remainder of the session, and Mayor pro tem Whittington presided for the remainder of the meeting.

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COUNCIL'S ATTENTION CALLED TO FACT THAT STATE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEEKENDS AND IT IS NECESSARY TO MAKE A LONG DISTANCE CALL IN ORDER TO CONTACT THEM.

Councilman Tuttle brought to Council's attention that the North Carolina State Highway Patrol Office in Charlotte is closed on the weekends and it is necessary to call Salisbury to make a complaint.

That he thinks a resolution or statement on the part of the Mayor is in order to have a local office open and available for contact at all times. He stated Charlotte is the largest city in the State of North Carolina and on a weekend to get the North Carolina Highway Patrol, you have to make a long distance call.

COUNCIL ADVISED THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON MARCH 30 THROUGH APRIL 1.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised that the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference is scheduled for March 30 through April 1, 1969. The meeting will be held in Washington, D. C. and the theme will focus on three areas - (1) Congressional relations, (2) Federal resources under the Nixon administration; and (3) Program Assistance.

He stated if Council Members are interested and will contact his office, they will make the necessary arrangements.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk