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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met on Monday, February 4, 1974, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Kenneth R. Harris, Pat Locke, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, Neil C. Williams and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Frank Vest, Minister of Christ Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes for the last meeting, on January 28, 1974, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION CLOSING A TEN FOOT ALLEYWAY IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

The scheduled hearing was held on petition of Carolina Paper Board Corporation to close a ten foot alleyway leading off of Farish Avenue in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Council was advised the request has been investigated by the various city departments interested in street rights-of-way and there are no objections to the closing.

Mr. Will Graves, Attorney for the petitioner was present, and stated the petitioner owns all of the property that the alleyway is on, and the adjoining property has been given statutory notice as required; that the alleyway was dedicated in 1914 but has never been opened and used. That the closing of the alleyway will not lock anyone's property in.

No opposition was expressed to the closing of the alleyway.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the resolution closing a ten foot alleyway off Farish Avenue.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 390.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PLAZA ON PETITION OF STEVE G. LAINIS.

Councilman Whittington moved that the lot located 215 feet west of Eastway Drive, petitioned for O-6 zoning be denied, and that the request for the B-1 zoning on the lot 95 feet west of Eastway Drive, be approved, all as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 424.

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ORDINANCE NO. 84-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO MEET THE CITY'S OBLIGATION FOR THE DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NO. A-3.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted transferring \$200,425 to meet the City's obligation for the Downtown Renewal Project No. A-3.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 429.

SUBGRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCES, DIVISION OF LAW AND ORDER FOR THE OPERATION OF THE POLICE YOUTH CORPS-EXPLORER PROGRAM, AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LEAA FUNDED PROGRAM APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried, approving the subgrant award contract with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Law and Order for the Police Youth Corps-Explorer Program, and adopting the Ordinance No. 85-X appropriating funds in the amount of \$3,868.00.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 430.

Councilman Short asked if we have liability insurance for this program or is it self insured? Officer Ernie Russ replied he understands they are covered by the police department, the same as the officers, in case of an accident going to and from an act of duty. They also have insurance available to them from the Boy Scouts of America.

Councilman Alexander asked about the medals they have won? Officer Russ replied they received the highest award that can be received in exploring. This year at the banquet, the City of Charlotte received this award for the three fine programs in exploring it is sponsoring. He stated this year they won the Public Service Award from the Boy Scouts of America for the public service work in working with young people in the community and helping the community grow. Also they won the National Safety Council Award, Youth Safety Award.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8, SECTION 8-13 OF THE CITY CODE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilwoman Locke moved adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 8, Section 8-13 of the City Code prohibiting smoking in certain places of public assembly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams.

Mr. James McDuffie was present and spoke in favor of the ordinance. He stated it bothered him to read in the newspaper the discussion of the Coliseum Authority about the citizens asking that smoking be prohibited in the Coliseum; that Mr. Tuttle made the statement that "they are taking away another of our rights". Mr. McDuffie stated he sees it exactly backward from that in that the right to breath clean air is first and the right to pollute the air is second. It really takes away the rights of many who cannot tolerate the smoke. He stated at the Coliseum the higher up you sit, the more difficult the problem.

He asked Council to do two things. Make a survey of arenas around the country and get the comments of the people who are actually enforcing and protecting the health of those people who use these facilities. Have the Mecklenburg Health Department run their monitor to tell how much pollution is there. These things should be considered before the ordinance is turned down.

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Councilman Short asked that the Chairman of the Coliseum Authority and Mr. Buck, the Director be requested to address Council on this subject. Councilwoman Locke stated she knows what has been said by Mr. Buck and others. That it cannot be enforced because you take away the freedom of those who smoke. But also it takes away the freedom of those who do not smoke and who do not come because of the smoking conditions. Councilman Short stated if Council does not want to heed the comments, then it would be in better stand to do it after they have the opportunity to come and comment.

Councilman Harris stated he shares the feelings; that he does smoke, but he does not smoke when he goes to the Coliseum. It has been his feeling that the reason the air conditioning system was put in was to circulate the air, and he feels the management is not utilizing the facilities there to do away with the problem or at least eliminate further problems. He stated use of the existing air movement facilities should be thoroughly proven before smoking is banned as he thinks that is the bigger root of the problem.

Councilman Whittington stated he commends Mrs. Locke for bringing this motion, but he hopes she will not ask for a vote today. That the Chairman of the Authority and Mr. Buck, and the Park Center Director and others affected should have their day in court, and tell Council if they think this will hurt attendance. That the promoter should be considered also.

Councilwoman Locke stated she is willing to delay one week. The City Manager stated he will ask the Chairmans and the Directors to be present next week.

Councilman Alexander made a substitute motion to defer action for further information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Alexander, Whittington, Harris, Short, Williams and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilwoman Locke.

MRS. ANN THOMAS APPOINTED TO THE AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM-CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY FOR A FIVE YEAR TERM.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, appointing Mrs. Ann Thomas to the Auditorium-Coliseum-Civic Center Authority for a five year term to fill one of the vacancies created when Council increased the membership from five to seven members.

NOMINATIONS TO THE AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM-CIVIC CENTER AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEAR TERM.

Councilman Withrow placed in nomination the name of Sandy R. Jordan to fill the existing vacancy created when the membership increased from five to seven members.

Councilman Harris placed in nomination the name of Mr. Seddon (Rusty) Goode, Jr. to fill the vacancy created when the membership increased from five to seven members.

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

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of \$1,070.05 which were levied and collected through clerical error against 18 tax accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE OF STREETS BY CITY, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried, approval and acceptance was given for continuous maintenance by the City of a list of streets totaling 6.12 miles in length that have recently been annexed into the City.

The list of streets is on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the micro-film file.

CONTRACT WITH WILLIAM TROTTER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR SEWER EXTENSION, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving a contract with William Trotter Development Company for the construction of 1,125 linear feet of 8-inch sewer extension in Valley Haven Drive, Section 20, Stonehaven, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$10,150.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost and no refund will be made.

Councilman Harris asked that a copy of the sanitary sewer extension policies be sent to him and the other new members of Council.

SETTLEMENT IN THE CITY V. WILLIAM P. ALLAN AND WIFE, ET AL, APPROVED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the settlement in the case of the City v. William P. Allan and wife, et al, for sanitary sewer serving Lower Briar Creek Interceptor Project, in the amount of \$1,150, as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FROM CITY TO AT&T, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approval was given a right of way easement from the City to AT&T to relocate the Charlotte to Atlanta underground cables to permit construction of the new North/South Runway, at a cost of approximately \$54,000.00.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO FRANK S. SPRATT, JR. AND WIFE, MARGARET H. SPRATT, LOCATED ON WILMOUNT ROAD FOR THE BYRUM/WILMOUNT WIDENING PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting subject resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to Frank S. Spratt, Jr. and wife, Margaret H. Spratt, located on Wilmount Road for the Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 392.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO V. P. PIERCY AND WIFE, TESSIE PIERCY, LOCATED ON BYRUM DRIVE FOR THE BYRUM DRIVE/WILMOUNT ROAD WIDENING PROJECT AND THE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROGRAM.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to V. P. Piercy and wife, Tessie Piercy, located on Byrum Drive for the Byrum Drive/Wilmount Road Widening Project, and the Airport Expansion Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO JOHN F. GAYLORD, JR. AND WIFE, PATRICIA M. GAYLORD, LOCATED ON WILMOUNT ROAD FOR THE BYRUM DRIVE/WILMOUNT ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, subject resolution was adopted authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to John F. Gaylord, Jr., and wife, Patricia M. Gaylord, located on Wilmount Road for the Byrum Drive/Wilmount Road Widening Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 394.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS, APPROVED.

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

- (a) Resolution authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement with Southern Railway Company for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line north of the railroad's main track junction to serve 5701 Old Pineville Road.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement with Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company for construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line across the Seaboard Coastline Railroad tracks to serve Stonehaven Subdivision.
- (c) Resolution authorizing the execution of an encroachment agreement with Southern Railway Company for the construction of two 54-inch sanitary sewer lines crossing Southern tracks northwest of the Arrowood Industrial Park and south of Mile Post No. 10, north of the Town of Pineville.
- (d) Agreement with the Board of Transportation for the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line to serve 5051 East Independence Boulevard.
- (e) Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to construct a 12-inch VCP sanitary sewer line to serve Albemarle Road at Eastland Mall.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 395.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Locke moved approval of the following property transactions, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 65.88' of easement from Robert W. Turbyfill and Lillian K. Turbyfill, at 4208 Cerise Drive, at \$150.00 for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 170.01' of easement from Clarence E. Jordan and wife, at 4929 Nevins Road, at \$270.00 for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.
- (c) Acquisition of 30' x 79.95' of easement from John B. Crider and wife, at 3322 Cedarhurst Drive, at \$180.00 for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.
- (d) Acquisition of 30' x 70.21' of easement from Harry S. Leagan and wife, at 3318 Cedarhurst Drive, at \$71.00, for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.
- (e) Acquisition of 30' x 70.18' of easement from The Ed Griffin Company at 3314 Cedarhurst Drive, at \$1.00, for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.

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- (f) Acquisition of 15' x 164.09' of easement from Forrest Ethel Turner (widow), at 3500 Nevin Road, at \$220.00, for Derita Woods Area sanitary sewer trunks.
- (g) Acquisition of 15' x 158.96' of easement from John T. McCulloch and wife, Betty L., at 1901 Summerhill Drive, at \$330.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I(4) Monroe Road Area.
- (h) Acquisition of 15' x 48.19' of easement from Sardis Utilities Company, at 7511 Cornwallis Lane, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Heritage Woods Connector.
- (i) Acquisition of 15' x 312.26' of easement from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, at 2000 Alleghany Street, at \$312.00 for sanitary sewer to serve I-85 and Alleghany St.
- (j) Acquisition of 15' x 678.13' of easement from Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, at 402 Clanton Road, at \$679.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Vardell Court.
- (k) Acquisition of 10' x 162' x 891' x 15' x 822' x 92' x 103' x 8' x 17' x 260' x 11' x 32V', from Baxter B. Wilson, Jr., d/b/a Steel Creek Nursery, at Highway 160 at Byrum Drive, at \$1900.00 for Byrum/Wilmount Widening Project.

CONTRACT WITH METROLINA-TEXAS ENGINEERS LIMITED FOR DESIGN OF PROJECTION 70's PROJECT, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the contract with Metrolina-Texas Engineers Limited for the design of Projection 70's Project, at a fee of 5.49%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris.

Mr. Jerry Tuttle, Chairman of the Projection 70's Project Committee, was present and introduced the members of his Committee: E. L. Vinson, Raleigh W. Bynum, Mrs. George (Mary) Montague and, Doc. Martin. He stated Marie Rowe is out of the city and could not be present today.

During the discussion that followed Mr. Tuttle stated he would arrange for the three new members of Council, and any of the other members who wish, to see his slides on the project, and he will go over the project.

Councilman Williams stated this is 5.49% of what figure? Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, stated at this point the estimate is approximately \$9.0 million for the construction of this project. This is a contract with Metrolina, plus they are associated with a local architect, Crutcher Ross, and a local engineering firm, so a lot of this money will stay in Charlotte - it will be about \$500,000. Another thing will be the \$20,000 for the soil boring.

Mr. James McDuffie stated he would hope the three new members of Council would see the proposed project before voting on this. He stated no one can say the project is not desirable to be anywhere. For \$9.0 million you can build a new creek anywhere in the city, and generate revenue. He stated he really wants to question priorities. Does the City have any responsibility or obligation to do flood control projects throughout the city; is there any money in the budget; are you willing to put any money in the budget on a comparable basis for those people flooded throughout the city. That his feeling was always that we did not have any money, and the problem remained with each property owner. The project would be desirable but would not a monorail also be desirable with bicycle paths down the same creek bank and go all the way to the vicinity of SouthPark. Is not that \$9.0 million needed for these kind of projects in the transportation crisis rather than a scenic canal to draw people, tourist that is, to the city, although it supposedly will generate cafes and shops along side the creek. But he submits it will do the same thing on Irwin Creek on the other side of town, or on Briar Creek or McAlpine Creek.

Mr. McDuffie stated by voting on this today, without the information, and without the federal government's approval Council is staking itself out for the \$9.0 million.

Councilman Williams asked if it is \$500,000 this contract will obligate or is it 5.49% of some other figure less than \$9.0 million? Mr. Hopson replied it is 5.49% of the latest estimated cost of \$9.0 million at this point. That as for the federal funding, the Mayor, City Manager, Committee and he have been fighting for a number of years for the money; but he thinks we should get on with the project. He stated Metrolina-Texas did the original survey work in 1972, and they have given the city credit for \$80,000 towards this project. He stated this is a consortium of three firms - Al Groves, McKnight, and Crutcher Ross.

The City Manager stated the federal government has approved in essence the project by giving \$139,000 to determine if it is feasible. The city has shown them it is feasible. The greatest problem is putting it all together with all the federal agencies involved. The contract today will give specific plans and specifications for every part of this project. When they go back to Army Engineers if there is \$3.0 million of this that is grading, widening and building dams, then we will have the plans and specifications for this part, and the Army Engineers may say they can or will do that part of it. Up to this point we have not had anything that we could lay on the table and say this is what we want done. Second, the Park development part may come from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. HUD can give us money for experimental or demonstration purposes that would prove this sort of thing can be done in other cities. All this is doing today is like signing a contract with an engineer to design a street. He gets paid on the basis of what he estimates it will cost. If you never build it, then you pay him on the best estimate that you negotiated. If you do build it, you pay him on the basis of actual cost.

Mr. Hopson stated the contract calls for 10% for the preliminary phase - that is to update what we have at present. The design phase is 60% of the 5.49%; then if construction is authorized you add the additional 30%.

Mayor Belk stated in working up a project of this size, there are number of federal agencies involved, and it has been quite a chore to get them all together; but we have been encouraged. That what we want is to stop erosion; this is how we got started with this project. Now we have beautification; bridal paths, and bicycle paths. That BOR never had enough money to put this together. That this project has a potential of being over \$200.0 million; it has unlimited potential for two and a half miles.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Mr. Tuttle thanked Council for taking this action, and stated it is going to become a reality.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the following Special Officer Permits:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Alfred A. Davis, Sr., for use on the premises of Stroupe Security Patrol, Inc., 413 South Cedar St.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Adrain Groenendaal for use on the premises of Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Nellie L. Price for use on the premises of Belk Brothers Company.
- (d) Issuance of permit to James Britt Atkins, for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch-Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

CONTRACT AWARDED TENNANT COMPANY FOR ONE POWER SWEEPER FOR THE MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder, Tennant Company in the amount of \$7,152.75, on a unit price basis, for one power sweeper for the Motor Transport Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke and carried unanimously.

SUGGESTION THAT SOMEONE HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF WHERE STRANDED MOTORIST CAN GET GASOLINE OVER THE WEEKEND.

Councilman Harris stated in connection with the fuel situation, Chapel Hill Town Officials and service station operators have worked out a plan whereby 100 gallons of fuel is available through the Fire Department for stranded motorist over the weekends. He asked if any consideration has been given to this type of thing here? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied no, but he has not heard of anyone being stranded either. Councilman Harris stated we have been very fortunate in having a good supply up to this point. But he thinks there should be some way for the police department or someone knowing where gas is available at least. There should be some word that could be distributed where a stranded motorist would know where to get the fuel.

PROGRESS REPORT OF CONSIDERATIONS BY THE TRANSIT STUDY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Harris stated he is very concerned about the energy crisis and he would like to hear the report from the Transit Study Committee.

Councilman Short stated the Transit Study Committee concluded that it would proceed at this time simultaneously on approaches to improved transit suggested by members of the group.

There was a proposal to up-date the physical system. That a considerable amount of this was done as authorized in July. There is much that can still be done. The Committee has asked the City Manager to get them a budget on this.

Some of the things that would be involved are route analyses. This would involve travel time, scheduling and headway. These are the service features.

There was a proposal to get into a step by step proposal to achieve an UMTA Grant, looking toward the possibility of the take-over. The federal money involved would have to be investigated through UMTA; local money would have to be achieved also. They are advised by the City Attorney that to spend local money there would have to be a vote, or a referendum because the nature of the new tax laws are this way.

Another proposal to be considered was the purchasing of the system. It seemed necessary to take a look at what we would be buying. In Charlotte we have the time to do this. In Salisbury and Rock Hill they just had to buy what was there.

Councilman Short stated on the transportation planner authorized by Councilman Withrow's motion this effort is going forward. A job description has been written, advertising is occurring, and Mr. Hoose is out making investigations personally. In addition to a planner and personnel beef-up it will be necessary to have consultants. They asked the staff to proceed with an examination of this matter.

Councilman Short stated all these things are going forward. The Committee expects to have another meeting shortly, and has asked the City Manager to work with them in arranging this. He stated the Committee had considerable discussion about what would be done about the Square. This is a part of the considerations going on under the first item of updating the system.

Councilman Harris stated what he has been talking about is the energy crisis. If it comes next month and people cannot get to work because there is no gas, are we ready at that time to implement the necessary mass transit system to help them do that. Also, the annexed areas do not have bus service. He has received calls about this. Also the people go to the Coach Lines for improved service and are told that is City Council's responsibility. They come to City Council and are told the Coach Line is suppose to be running the bus system. It is back and forth. Who is responsible for trying to open up these lines on a current basis.

Councilman Short replied he would think it would be up to the Bus Company to do what they want at this time towards extending the service.

The City Manager stated Charlotte is not in the same situation that Rock Hill and others had. That there are some suggestions. If the Coach Lines do not get the rate increase and say they cannot continue, the City could subsidize it, or the city can wait and see what they propose to do. The Committee set up to handle the energy crisis is working on this, and will come up with proposals on how people can get to work by riding the bus. All of this is being coordinated now.

Councilman Harris stated last fall at the Red Carpet Inn the Bus Company said they were going to do market surveys. They were going to get the routes restructured, go out and count heads, determine where people were going, and when they go from here to there. Councilman Alexander stated he asked the specific question about the route structures and how they were going to do that, but they never answered; they said they had not done it, but were thinking about it.

The City Manager stated he will have a plan to get the information right away. Councilman Harris stated the idea of this is to be able to adjust to either of these two types of emergency.

MEETING SET WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 AT RED CARPET INN TO DISCUSS CONSOLIDATION.

The City Manager advised that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday morning, February 6, at 7:30 A.M. with the County Commissioners to discuss consolidation. The meeting will be held at the Red Carpet Inn.

ORDINANCE SCREENING X-RATED OUTDOOR MOVIES TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION AT EARLY DATE.

Councilman Short stated over the weekend he had three telephone calls about pornographic material being shown by outdoor movie on North Tryon Street. He stated this is also a very serious traffic hazard and a number of cities have ordinances requiring screening.

He requested that consideration of an ordinance requiring x-rated movies to be screened from the public street be placed on the agenda, hopefully at the next meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTED PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSION.

Councilman Alexander moved that establishment of a Department of Public Records be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next council meeting.

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DISCUSSION OF RELOCATION OF FAMILIES FROM THE FIRST WARD RENEWAL AREA, AND COUNCIL ADVISED THAT REPORT IS COMING FROM COMMITTEE AT EARLY DATE.

Councilman Alexander stated there have been advertisements of beginning the new urban redevelopment program in First Ward area. That he is concerned as we move into this program that we begin to give immediate consideration to the housing problems in the City of Charlotte. That he would hate to see us begin a relocation program as we did when urban renewal started in Brooklyn when we did not have adequate facilities for relocation of the people moving out of Brooklyn. That he hopes as we move into First Ward that we are certain we are able to relocate the people under the meaning of the law that they are relocated in available facilities within their ability to pay. Council needs to sit down with all its agencies to find out how each is equipped to take care of this problem, and come to a resolve on its position on low income housing in Charlotte. He would be opposed to beginning a relocation program that finds us moving people that should not be moved into situations that upset their financial ability to pay.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated one of the things in the McKnight Memorandum of Understanding was that the City prepare a plan by April 30 of this year to show how local government and private industry will meet the housing needs of low and moderate income families in Charlotte. He stated a Committee has been working on this since last Spring when the agreement was signed. It is at the point now where it is ready to sit down and write portions of that plan. At the last meeting of the Committee, they talked about coming to the City Council before getting too firm in its recommendations and thoughts to let Council know what they have found out and what they think the plan should encompass. That he thinks such a meeting will be scheduled with Council in the very near future. Some of the things Councilman Alexander is talking about - the input from the Housing Authority, Motion, private industry and private real estate people have been coming into the funnel of this Housing Committee and they will have something for Council to look at. He stated as to relocation out of First Ward, one of the provisions in the settlement of the Harris law suit was there would be no relocation out of First Ward unless there was a dwelling unit affordable by the family being relocated that met the code requirements for safe and sanitary housing. The Redevelopment Department's Relocation staff knows that, and has devised internally an administrative plan to accomplish that and no one will be displaced from First Ward unless those persons can be displaced into a unit they can afford and second that meets the city's housing code.

Councilman Alexander stated this is interesting, and he is ready to hear the report, plus the fact he is always going to talk about it.

Councilman Harris asked if any consideration has ever been given to staff people advising people on how to maintain their homes? Councilman Alexander replied he has talked about that for a long time also. This is the big problem; the need for orientation of people into decent living. That a new house and moving a person does not do anything about his living qualities. Some 12 years ago he suggested that we do some indepth consideration with the County on their Home Demonstration setup. Finally we did get some type of support on that level; but not what he had hoped at the time when the Home Demonstration program was going out in to the rural areas and teaching home economics, home living and how to make better use of materials. That he said this was the same problem as existing in the cities.

Councilman Harris stated there are a lot of people who do not know how to use the resources to be able to upgrade and keep their property from getting into the slum areas. This is the type of help he is talking about.

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MEETING TO SET PRIORITIES AND GOALS ARRANGED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Councilman Whittington asked when Council will meet again to get back to the goals and priorities that were discussed when Council had its first orientation on December 18. A meeting is needed to decide in what priorities we will put the goals.

Later in the meeting Councilman Whittington moved that the meeting be set for Wednesday, February 13, 1974, at 9:30 A.M. in the Council Chamber to set the priorities and goals. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF PROJECTIONS SET OUT BY PHIL HAMMER WHEN HE VISITED CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Alexander stated he was interested in the proposed projections that Phil Hammer discussed when he was in Charlotte recently. He asked if Council waits on the Central Charlotte Association and the Chamber of Commerce to initiate some of these concerns, or should Council do it on its own? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied he has the greatest respect for Mr. Hammer; that he is one of the best in marketing and economic analysis. That he said many things he could not agree with at all; that he was just talking in general, and was not suppose to be analyzing any particular problem. He stated he thinks he was calling attention to two or three things. One was how much he thinks of Charlotte; and two his concern about our future of being a great city.

Mr. Burkhalter stated the main thing he wants to call attention to is that he is afraid we do not appreciate the very full value of the very fine Planning Staff we have in this city now. The long range planning staff is one of the best. That at present there are six different plans for Downtown. Who is doing something about this. Planning is the place, and we all have to work with them.

Councilman Alexander stated he agrees with everything Mr. Burkhalter said, but maybe he disagrees with others thinking on timing. Perhaps what needs to happen is we need to change our process and come to surface with what we have done about some of it. Periodically the public should receive the knowledge and know that the Planning staff is not just sitting but is doing.

REQUEST THAT TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT NOTIFY RESIDENTS IN ADVANCE WHEN STREET LIGHTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE STREETS.

Councilman Whittington stated he has received a number of calls from people in the area of South Boulevard and Park Road where the City Traffic Engineering has gone out and set stacks to erect street lights every 16 feet. That he would like for the news media to inform these people they do not have to have these lights if they do not want them. He stated he would hope that the Traffic Engineering Department would not start such a campaign in the future without allowing the people to be informed in advance that lights are being considered on a street. There are too many places in the city that want lights and we cannot provide them. That it would be good public relations to tell them in advance that street lights are planned, and if they do not want them it will give them the opportunity to say they do not want them.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk