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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, January 4, 1971, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington, and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Milton Short.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, December 21, 1970, were approved as submitted.

MAJOR SAM M. HARKEY NAMED CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.

Mr. John Ryan, First Vice President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, stated it is his pleasure to announce the winner of the annual Employee of the Year for the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Ryan stated after very careful consideration of many wonderful employees which the City has, a police officer has been selected. This officer came to work for the City of Charlotte in 1937 and has served for 33 years, a part of which time he served in the United States Army. He is one of the most respected police officers in this part of the state. He has spent countless hours working with youngsters in extra curriculum activities. He has won great respect from his fellow officers, especially in the way he handled the police officers during the labor disputes.

Mr. Ryan stated the City Employee of the Year is Major Sam M. Harkey. He congratulated Major Harkey and presented him with a check in the amount of \$50.00 and stated he will receive a plaque for outstanding service from the City-County Government in the very near future.

Major Harkey was congratulated by the Mayor and Council Members.

SERVICE AWARDS PRESENTED TO EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY HAVING SERVED 25, 30 AND 35 YEARS.

Mayor Belk recognized the following employees for their service to the City:

Twenty-Five Years

Lieutenant H. L. Bandy, Fire Department
 Captain S. W. Bennett, Fire Department
 Firefighter J. W. Braswell, Fire Department
 Firefighter Engineer P. N. Connell, Fire Department
 Lieutenant J. L. Osborne, Fire Department
 Lieutenant A. W. Wallace, Police Department
 Sergeant W. G. Jetton, Police Department
 Sergeant R. P. Hoover, Police Department
 Engineering Aide IV G. O. Hedrick, Engineering Department
 Equipment Operator III J. F. McCoy, Sanitation Department
 Labor Foreman II H. B. Bartlett, Engineering Department
 Traffic Signal Foreman J. B. McGuirt, Traffic Engineering.

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Thirty Years

Detective J. W. Fesperman, Police Department
Labor Foreman II J. L. Erskine, Engineering Department
Laborer II McKinley Walker, Engineering Department
Traffic Signal Construction Foreman D. L. Wilson, Traffic Engineering
Clerk III L. G. Umstead, Water Department
Water Service Foreman J. B. Norman, Water Department

Thirty-Five Years

Captain F. W. Black, Fire Department
Deputy Fire Chief J. F. Morris, Fire Department
Captain F. G. Stephens, Fire Department
Assistant Chief E. C. Selvey, Police Department
Captain W. A. McCall, Police Department
Detective C. L. Ramsey, Police Department
Parking Meter Repairman II L. D. Massey, Traffic Engineering.

Mayor Belk and Council congratulated each one and expressed appreciation for their service to the City. Each Employee was presented with a service pin.

RECOGNITION OF W. J. VEEDER, FORMER CITY MANAGER, FOR SERVICES TO THE CITY.

At the request of Mayor Belk, the following person came to the front of the room:

Former Mayor Stan R. Brookshire, former Council Members, Gibson L. Smith, Don G. Bryant, Brevard Myers, Herbert Hitch and Randy Babcock.

Mayor Belk stated former Mayor James S. Smith and former Councilmen Claude L. Albea and James B. Stegall could not be present today.

He stated this group of Mayors and Councilmen served on the governing bodies during Mr. W. J. Veeder's service as City Manager and requested Mr. Veeder to come forward.

After comments by Mr. Veeder, Mayor Belk and members of Council, Mayor Belk stated during Mr. Veeder's term of service for the City, the following accomplishments were made:

- (1) Installation of automatic Data Processing.
- (2) Development of Capital Improvement Program.
- (3) Current Revenue Financing of Capital Improvements.
- (4) Investment Program for temporarily idle city revenue.
- (5) Development of the first Master Thoroughfare Plan.
- (6) Development of the Employee In-Service Training Program.
- (7) Major Departmental Re-Organization in Finance, Police and Public Works Departments.
- (8) Initiation of Intergovernmental Program Office, Budget Office and Municipal Information System, the LEAA, Model Cities Program.
- (9) Annexations more than doubling the size of the city.
- (10) Establishment of first full-time City Attorney's Office.
- (11) Completion of Westside Railroad Grade Elimination Program.
- (12) Initiated and maintained high level city-county staff cooperation.
- (13) Major Public Facilities Construction Programs, including:
 - (a) Law Enforcement Center.
 - (b) McAlpine Waste Water Treatment Plan.
 - (c) Hoskins Water Treatment Plant.
 - (d) Douglas Airport Expansion.
 - (e) Numerous Fire Station.
- (14) Initiation of City-County Student Internship Program.
- (15) Instrumental in the creation of North Carolina's only graduate training program for City Managers at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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Mayor Belk presented Mr. Veeder with a golf bag, and awarded him a plaque in recognition and appreciation for his eleven years of outstanding service to the City of Charlotte as City Manager, 1959 through 1970.

Mayor Belk recognized Mr. Veeder's wife, Joyce, and his daughter, Kammie.

Councilman Short presented Mr. Veeder with the following gifts: A can of roller coaster lubricant, a Pat Hall pacifier and a gift certificate from Mecklenburg Furniture for a piece of haunted house furniture.

Former Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Veeder will probably find more time to use the golf bag than he did during his eleven years as City Manager. That during the eight years he was at City Hall, he and Mr. Veeder got along fabulously well together. That Mr. Veeder did not try to run the Mayor's Office, and he did not try to run the Manager's Office. They did confer almost daily and discussed each other's individual problems as well as their mutual problems. That he always found Mr. Veeder most cooperative and helpful. In his book, Mr. Veeder has been one of the best City Managers in the entire country. That he is sure he speaks for the entire City of Charlotte when he says we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Mr. Veeder expressed appreciation to each one for the gifts and the kind words.

DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICATIONS AND AWARD OF BIDS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION BODIES.

Mr. Dave Henderson, Attorney, stated he is here today to bring to public attention and to Council's attention on behalf of Mr. Worth Keeter a matter having to do with the potential award of a contract for the purchase of some refuse equipment. That they are here today to bring a couple of things to Council's attention with respect to purchasing and purchasing policies for the City. That this particular matter has to do with a bid in which the specifications for a refuse collection body seem to have been drawn in such fashion as to exclude all the manufacturers of refuse equipment with the exception of the one that bid. That he understands there is possibly one other company that manufacturers so-called high pressure refuse trucks.

Mr. Henderson stated the one item in the specifications to which Mr. Keeter has taken exception is the requirement for a minimum of 115,000 pounds of pressure built into the specifications. That they were told they should have made their complaints at the time the specifications were drawn. Unfortunately Mr. Keeter was not notified at the time that the specifications were discussed.

The point which they would like to make has not had an opportunity to be aired before the specifications were put out. That is, that the measure of 115,000 pounds of pressure is not the measure of the efficiency of the particular piece of equipment. What you really need to determine is what is the pressure of the blade. There are a number of good, efficient machines and where the pressure is placed on the blade in such fashion that you get the greatest maximum packing commensurate with low cost operations. It is in this field they feel there has been a failure in determining what are the pieces of equipment that should be tried for use by the City. He stated they understand the City now has seven of one type of equipment manufactured by one company; they have changed the specifications so it is apparently obvious the equipment manufactured by this company has not been doing all the job we would like it to do. In the future when specifications are drawn they hope a number of other manufacturers, including the one Mr. Keeter represents, will be consulted. Also that some additional indepth study will be made on what really constitutes an effective piece of equipment that can be operated at a minimum cost for the City.

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Mr. Henderson stated what worries them is when specifications are so drawn that you get only one bidder. It begins to bother you as to whether this city can really get the bargain for its taxpayers that it should. Charlotte was ordering six pieces of equipment. In Burlington, with only one piece of equipment on October 28, they received seven bidders and it did not have the 115,000 pounds. Other things apparently were comparative. In Hickory, on December 11 for only one machine, they had five bidders. In Asheville, on December 17 without requiring the 115,000 pounds, they had four bidders. In Charlotte with six machines, only one bidder came within the 115,000 pounds maximum specifications. He stated if they were convinced that was a true measure of what should be a good machine to do the kind of job that has to be done in Charlotte, he does not think they would have any complaints. But when other cities in North Carolina and in this area, having equivalent problems and none as far as he knows having any classified garbage, it would seem that we are not doing the citizens of Charlotte a great service if we have a set of specifications that eliminates bids on pieces of equipment that can do the job. He stated they think new pieces of equipment should be tried and find out what other people can do. There should be a very careful survey of the situation in this particular case as to whether or not 115,000 pounds of pressure is really representative of what will do the job for the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Henderson stated he did not come here to ask Council to throw out the bid of the company that apparently is going to be recommended; they think it would be nice if bids were opened and the low bidder awarded the bid. That the whole pattern of the purchasing that goes on in the City should be reviewed from time to time. That he becomes real skittish whenever he sees or hears specifications that appear to eliminate a great majority of prospective bidders.

Councilman Alexander stated they have talked about pressure and pressure as it affects the blade over against a different type of technique. What in this technique holds such a great advantage for the city in the type of garbage that we handle? Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, replied there were other people who could have bid on this. As far as the pressure is concerned and the automatic part of the specification, they are merely trying to get more into the packers because the trips are becoming longer, and the refuse is becoming heavier. That this is the first year we have gone from 16 cubic yards to 20 cubic yards. He stated they have not only gone to a heavier specification for a larger piece of equipment but they have also gone to a stronger packing requirement. That he thinks we should continue this as long as we possibly can because it means fewer trips to the landfill. They not only elevated the requirements of the packing mechanism but they have increased the size of the equipment.

Councilman Alexander stated in the equipment the city is now using, where is the pressure? Mr. Hopson replied it is in the packing mechanism; that they do not intend to eliminate any good people and if these people could build a machine that would increase their present machines to this capacity, they could have bid on this with the pressures that are involved. He stated they asked them for this additional information and were unable to get it. That the Pak-More equipment is good equipment; they just ask that they meet specifications as we are going to heavier equipment all the time.

Councilman Whittington stated he has been told that Mr. Perrone said he did not know there was such a packer as Pak-More; that he had never heard of that. He asked Mr. Perrone to answer this question? Mr. Perrone replied that is true; that he had never heard of Pak-More. Councilman Whittington asked if there are companies that were not invited to bid? That he has been told by one manufacturer that he had to come to get the forms in order to submit a bid? Mr. D. C. Brown, Purchasing Agent, replied a definite effort was made to contact all the previous suppliers and any of the newer ones they could find.

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It is true that Mr. Keeter's firm was overlooked, but he had better than three weeks to call this to their attention. Anytime something is wrong with a specification or someone has any objections, they know they can call them and they will try to do something about it. This is also advertised in the newspapers. That he has a letter from one of the bidders who stated they were not submitting a bid due to factory backlog. He stated another company who met the specifications said they could not compete.

Councilman Short asked what policies the Purchasing Department has in trying to secure a certain number of bids in any situation? Mr. Brown replied they have a bid list which is kept up to date; also they have people calling them before the bids go out and even after they are scheduled.

Councilman Tuttle asked if the City can accept another bid without the 115,000 pounds without declining all the bids and re-bidding? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied Council would have to reject the bids and re-advertise.

Mr. Keeter stated the 115,000 pounds is written on a high pressure machine, and to his knowledge there are two machines built in the United States with the high pressure machine. He stated it is not the pressure on the cylinder that determines the packing.

Councilman Tuttle stated he does not think this is the issue. The issue is how the contract is awarded, and he does not think the Engineering Department is on trial as to whether or not they think 115,000 pounds is adequate or 85,000 pounds.

Mr. Bobo, Acting City Manager, stated they do plan to have pre-bid conferences on specifications in the future.

PETITION NO. 70-134 BY BROWNING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-9MF OF A LOT AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WALKER ROAD AND GOSHEN PLACE, DEFERRED TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Thrower moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning be approved. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Withrow moved that decision on the subject petition be deferred for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PETITION NO. 70-138 BY JAMES C. BOLLES FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO R-6MFH OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FENTON PLACE, DEFERRED.

Councilman Short moved that the subject petition be deferred pending further study by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 972-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-40.02 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO PERMIT OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENTS ON PROPERTY ZONED B-2 AT 5341-5415 SOUTH BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted permitting outdoor commercial amusements on property zoned B-2 at 5341-5415 South Boulevard.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, at Page 34.

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PETITION NO. 70-136 BY D. L. PHILLIPS INVESTMENT BUILDERS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY FRONTING 200 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF MORNINGSIDE DRIVE AND EXTENDING ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO BRIAR CREEK, DENIED.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the subject petition changing the zoning from B-1 to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Whittington asked how much B-2 zoning there is on Independence Boulevard, from Seventh Street to Eastway Drive? Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, replied beginning at Seventh Street it is zoned B-1 out to just beyond Hawthorne Lane; B-2 begins near Hawthorne Lane and extends out about 1/2 block beyond the Plaza; then it changes back to B-1 at that point and B-1 extends out to a point past the subject property to Briar Creek; there is office zoning picking up at Briar Creek which extends out to Briar Creek Road; then B-1 begins at Briar Creek Road and extends out to the Coliseum; beginning at the Coliseum it is all B-2 from there all the way out.

Councilman Short stated it seems to him if we initiate B-2 zoning in this fairly small lot it would be a spot of B-2. That he does not see how we could avoid giving it to others on up the hill back towards town. These are small lots, 150 feet deep with fragmented ownership and they would go to small marginal type B-2 uses such as motorcycle sales, drive-in restaurants, trailer sales and repair garages. That he does not think this portion of Independence Boulevard should be given over to this kind of use. That it would get to be an imposition to those back on Shenandoah and those on Commonwealth.

Councilman Short made a substitute motion to deny the petition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Short, Tuttle, Withrow and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilman Alexander and Jordan.

Councilman Thrower abstained from voting as he was not present at the hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 973-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF FREELAND LANE ADJACENT TO CLANTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Councilman Short stated he thinks the effort to protect the subject area is a little bit misplaced and invalid. These people already have the railroad warehouses and nudity movies and some other things around them there. The only thing involved is the extension of something which Mr. Myers has in mind.

Councilman Short moved that the zoning be changed from R-6MF to I-1 in lieu of the requested I-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, at Page 35.

ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-35 AND SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ALBEMARLE ROAD AND REDDMAN ROAD, AND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, 1,239 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CENTRAL AVENUE AND 12 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF REDDMAN ROAD, AND PROPERTY SOUTH OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, FRONTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF REDDMAN ROAD AND EXTENDING WESTWARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Jordan to adopt the subject ordinances changing the zoning of property, as recommended by the Planning Commission, as follows:

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- (1) Change from R-9MF and O-6 to B-1SCD a 3.1 acre tract of land at the northwest corner of Albemarle Road and Reddman Road.
- (2) Change from R-9MF to O-6 property fronting 790 feet on the north side of Albemarle Road, 1,239 feet on the south side of Central Avenue and 112 feet on the west side of Reddman Road.
- (3) Change from R-9 to R-9MF property beginning 200 feet south of Albemarle Road, fronting 575 feet on the west side of Reddman Road and extending westward 836 feet.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 18, beginning at Page 36.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION COVERING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE CITY ON TOPICS PROJECTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution approving a municipal agreement with the North Carolina State Highway Commission covering engineering services to be performed by the City on four Topics Projects.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 220-21.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES LEVIED IN ERROR.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of \$890.55 which were levied and collected through clerical error against 14 taxpayers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 222.

CONTRACT WITH REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS AND FIRE HYDRANTS, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was approved for the installation of 2,720 feet of 6-inch water main and two fire hydrants to serve the Lincolnshire Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$11,600.00, with the applicant to advance the full cost of the mains and to be reimbursed 50% of the said sum over a period of time according to the revenue yield, all in compliance with the Partnership Plan.

CONTRACT WITH PITOMETER ASSOCIATES FOR WASTEWATER SURVEY IN THE MONROE ROAD, MCALWAY ROAD AND SARDIS ROAD AREAS OF THE CHARLOTTE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the subject contract in the amount of \$6,500.00, for wastewater survey in the Monroe Road, McAlway Road and Sardis Road areas of the Charlotte Water Distribution System.

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RESOLUTION EXTENDING THROUGH JANUARY 31, 1971 THE CURRENT OPERATING CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMISSION AND OTHER AGENCIES AND PUBLIC BODIES, AND MOTION ADOPTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION BE GIVEN TO THE HOSPITALIZATION PROPOSAL.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject resolution extending through January 31, 1971 the current operating contracts between the City of Charlotte Model Neighborhood Advisory Commission and the Charlotte Area Fund, Inc.; Charlotte City Coach Lines, Inc.; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education; Community Health Association, Inc.; Health Services Research Center; Legal Aid Society of Mecklenburg County; Mecklenburg County Health Department; MOTION, Incorporated; North Carolina Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Inc.; and Opportunities Industrialization Center-Charlotte Bureau Training Programs, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Mr. James Wilson, Director of the Model Neighborhood Commission, stated they have been promised that they should hear of an extension of an amendment to the current letter of credit in the amount of \$3.1 million plus which will allow them to start the program year. The monies they are using now from last year's budget will, in effect, be replaced. This is merely extending the contracts in order to operate legally.

Councilman Alexander stated in connection with the Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Inc. Program, he read in last Tuesday's Charlotte News an article which said there was no expectation of the continuation of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Program. He asked if this is correct? Mr. Wilson replied there have been continuous criticisms of this particular program out of both HEW and HUD and they have very strongly recommended that alternatives be sought in terms of the use of the programs in health. As it presently stands he expects the present contract with the health insurance people will be terminated.

Councilman Alexander stated he is aware that HEW has never funded this program. That if this is going to happen and HUD discontinues the funding he asked what we will tell these people who are suddenly dropped from this type of protection. That we should have some conversation with HUD whereby they could extend this program until a new program is drawn up so there will not be this big drop between the ending of this program and the beginning of another one based on the experiences we have had in the past. On a program that has been as valuable as this has proven, he feels we should have some further contact with HUD and attempt to prevail upon them to at least fund this program until we have an opportunity to come up with a new program if this is what they want. If HUD wants the City to move into a new area of health programming then they should give us the opportunity to do it without leaving these people in the cold. As it stands now, HUD will drop this program as is, and these people will be left with nothing, whose hopes had been raised to a high level on the talk that we must come up with a new program, giving new emphasis on a new type of thinking as far as finding new ways of solving this type of health problems.

Councilman Alexander suggested that the City make some efforts immediately to make the necessary contact with HUD to have further conversation regarding the understanding we have that this program will be dropped immediately when the time runs out and will not be renewed and the city will be left holding the bag, so to speak, with people whose hopes are high, with no way to do any explaining.

Mr. Wilson stated because of the nature of the program there is a 30 day transition period during which time the participants are given an opportunity to pick them up and to go into other groups. Also, if a participant is in the midst of a singular medical event, and they are in the hospital or any such thing as that, up to a year thereafter they will be reimbursed for any expenses stemming from that event. The claims that have been initiated will be honored.

Councilman Alexander stated the point is we know of no other plan that they can pick up similar to the experiment that has been developed through this plan.

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Councilman Whittington asked how many people are involved and how much it has cost so far? Mr. Wilson replied there is roughly 900 to 1,000 people or about 250 families out of a total Model Neighborhood population of around 26,000 people.

Mayor Belk stated when the hospitalization program was voted on, it was to be a pilot program, and as soon as the money ran out, then the program would end. This was the original understanding. This is the reason for the 250 families as at the time they tried to pick a few families to get an idea for the pilot program for the federal government. He stated every model cities program does not have this part of the program.

Councilman Tuttle asked if any reason has been given? Mr. Wilson replied as we have gotten into the pilot program, he assumes some determinations will be made through evaluations and to the effectiveness. In terms of the overall problem of health in the Model Neighborhood, it does not begin to address those problems in terms of a delivery system of medical services to the community as a whole. In effect it simply augments and subsidizes the current health delivery system. This is not exactly adequate. Their approach is that in order to be truly innovated, we have to get into the business of trying to design a health delivery system which addresses itself more to the needs of a larger portion of the community. If this program is to do what it is supposed to do and to act as a catalyst for innovated methods we need to address ourselves to a strategy that will allow us to expand our system realistically in a way that it can cover all those people who are eligible for it.

Councilman Alexander stated his whole point is that in order to hold the interest and the sincerity of the people in the model cities area we have to work with what we see if we can find where they will allow an opportunity to extend this program a little further if they expect us to give further consideration to come up with some new guidelines as to how we can come up with a new type of health development program that will perhaps be all inclusive. Mayor Belk replied he doubts if we will ever get a premium per family as high as this again in any program; that this is the highest premium that has ever been let in the City of Charlotte; that this is a pilot program. When the program first started we had a hard time trying to get the people to use it.

Councilman Short stated if this program is potentially so costly, and that is one of the objections, is it valid to talk about expanding it to a more complete program or a wider geographic area? Mr. Wilson replied they are not talking about expanding this specific one; they are talking about going back to the drawing board and coming up with something that can be expanded. Councilman Short asked if there is any way you can deliver any kind of health program on a generalized basis in this City that will be cheap? Mr. Wilson replied that is what they are going back to the drawing board to find out.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 223.

Councilman Alexander moved that further discussion be given to the hospitalization proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the request of William Trotter Development was approved for the construction of 1,274 lineal feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main and 210 lineal feet of 8-inch trunk to serve Northwood Park II Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$24,098.28. All cost of construction will be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT FOR UNDERGROUND CABLE ON FIRE STATION NO. 14, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the subject easement allowing the installation of an underground cable to be installed by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 191.11' x 4' x 191.36' x 8.68' of easement at 5400 South Boulevard from Columbus Oil Company at \$200.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Myers and Chapman Investment Company.
- (b) Acquisition of 10' x 170.06' of easement at 2000 Edwin Street, from Charlotte Housing Authority at \$1.00 for the Edwin Street trunk relocation.
- (c) Acquisition of 75' x 247.82' x 247.60' of property at 3744 Eastway Drive, from Mary Sue Barber Benson (widow), at \$16,800.00 for the Eastway Drive Project.
- (d) Acquisition of 241.98' x 17.04' x 59.01' x 247.82' x 74.96' of property at 3800 Eastway Drive, from Homer A. McGinn and wife, Vera Brady, at \$18,000.00 for the Eastway Drive Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 5.17' x 68.50' x 7.41' x 69.19' of property at 3623 Eastway Drive, from Davie E. Elliott and wife, Doris J., at \$700.00, for Eastway Drive Project.

MR. DONALD BREWER APPOINTED TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD FOR UNEXPIRED TERM.

Councilman Alexander placed in nomination the name of Mr. Robert Walton for the unexpired term on the Civil Service Board. He stated Mr. Walton is Assistant Manager of the First Union National Bank on South Boulevard.

Councilman Alexander moved the appointment of Mr. Walton for the unexpired term. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Tuttle moved the appointment of Mr. Donald Brewer to the Civil Service Board for the unexpired term to expire May 15, 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following vote:

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

Councilman Alexander stated for six years he has been attempting to place a Negro on our Civil Service Board at various times when vacancies occurred. That this is one of the most important community boards we have. This board touches some of our very sensitive community areas, and this board is one board where the presence of a member of our Negro community could do much to relieve many of the problems that we know exist in our fire and police department activities. It goes without saying that it is a fact there is much questioning in our Negro community that there is any sincerity on the part of our officialdom to give any consideration to this phase of our community life through this type of appointment. These are the type of things that undercut all the attempts that are made in our community to try to keep our fronts of good community relationship. Though we may not perhaps think it, the failure over a period of six years of our getting a Negro named to the Civil Service Board does not convince the black community of any of the sincerity that supposedly is portrayed for good community relationships.

Councilman Alexander stated this statement is not intended to reflect in any way upon Mr. Brewer, but more or less is a reflection upon our elected officialdom for failure to realize the sensitiveness of this type of appointment, and to let Council know that it does not take well and does not help us in what we intend to do out in the community to improve good community relations.

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CLAIM BY MR. ABRAHAM E. BOBER FOR AUTOMOBILE DAMAGES, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, denying subject claim by Mr. Abraham E. Bober, in the amount of \$152.10, for automobile damages, as recommended by the City Attorney.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. Charles R. Goodman for a period of one year for use on the premises of K-Mart Store, 6025 Pineville Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mr. Sam A. Croft for the northwest 1/4 of Lot No. 36, Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Harry & Bryant Company, at \$3.00, for transfer deed.

CONTRACT FOR SIX 20-CUBIC YARD REAR-END REFUSE COLLECTION BODIES, DEFERRED.

Councilman Withrow moved that the City Manager write a city that is operating both types of this equipment, and this information be brought back to Council as soon as possible before a decision is rendered on the award of the contract for the six refuse collection bodies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT OF THE RETIRED FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND RETIRED FIRE CHIEF GLEN H. BECKHAM ON AMENDMENT TO BENEFITS FOR RETIRED FIREMEN.

Councilman Whittington stated there are 47 retired city firemen who have not had the benefits of any amendment to their retirement system by the state or by the city when all the other retired employees have. He stated he understands this would cost about \$16,000 a year.

Councilman Whittington requested that the Personnel Department meet with Mr. L. L. Thomas, President of the Retired Firemen's Association, and retired Fire Chief Glen H. Beckham and advise Council what it should do one way or the other. He stated he does not think Council has to do anything except request the legislator to approve it. That these firemen are not included in the program which is now before the legislature.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO CHECK THE OFFSET IN THE STREET AT EAST FOURTH AND MCDOWELL STREET WHERE THERE ARE NO GUIDELINES.

Councilman Tuttle requested the Acting City Manager to have Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, check the offset at East Fourth Street and McDowell Street; that there are still no guidelines there. That this is dangerous, particularly late in the afternoon or at night when it is raining.

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JAMES PRESTON RE-APPOINTED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHARLOTTE AREA FUND.

Councilman Short stated Council has the privilege of naming some of the members of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund. That Mr. James Preston has served there for some years on his motion, and his term has now expired. He stated Mr. Preston has been most effective in his judgement and in keeping him informed about what is going on.

Councilman Short moved the re-appointment of Mr. James Preston to the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund, for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

SUGGESTED ORDINANCES ON CRIME PREVENTION REQUESTED GIVEN TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND THAT A PROGRAM BE SCHEDULED ON THIS SUBJECT.

Councilman Short stated he would like to give a little public comment to a matter that came to his attention in two ways last week. This concerns prevention of crime. One was a letter from a prominent local citizen who is knowledgeable in this field. He detailed and described an ordinance from Oakland, California which was aimed at prevention of crime. Councilman Short stated in looking over this rather hastily it struck him that this is a little bit like the program "Light the Night" was sponsored by a local organization to deter crime, except this goes much further. This program would get into things such as keeping the doors locked and the window protected which he is sure many people never think of.

Councilman Short stated the other approach on this same matter was from Police Chief Goodman who sent some materials showing what that Department is planning and what they think might be possible in this same area. That he mentioned there is some need for additional ordinances aimed at getting people to keep their businesses and homes more secure in various ways.

He stated he thinks both of these parties have a great idea and is something we should consider very seriously. He stated he hopes Mr. Bobo, Acting City Manager, will keep this in mind and schedule a program on this subject for Council, and that Council will have the suggested ordinances in their hands before too long.

PROGRESS REPORT ON WINDSONG HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

Councilman Alexander stated sometime ago he requested information on the status of the Windsong Housing Development. That he has received the report and it answers his question, and the Housing Authority is proceeding in leasing and renting the properties on Windsong Trail. That 30 have been handled and 30 applications are being placed in the pipe lines for handling as soon as they are received from the builders.

DISCUSSION OF STREETS MARKED OFF AS PLAY PARKS DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Alexander stated he asked recently that consideration be given to the blocking off of several blocks in the First Ward Community in the vicinity of Earle Village as play blocks in the late afternoons to afford children an opportunity to play without violating any regulations of the City.

Councilman Alexander stated he received an answer to this request which is a result of a study by the Traffic Engineering Department. He stated although he shares a certain amount of concern and agreement with the Traffic Engineering Department that a total park program in this community would alleviate the problem, and it may be that this is in the works, but it is sometime in the future and will not happen tomorrow. At the same time the children will still be playing in the street. He stated he sees nothing wrong in permitting this type of consideration until such time as all the park plans are in operation.

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Councilman Alexander moved that the Traffic Engineering Department be authorized to set aside at reasonable hours in the afternoon sections of Eighth Street and North Myers Street, north of Seventh Street between Seventh and Ninth Streets, for play blocks. The motion did not receive a second.

After further discussion, Councilman Alexander agreed to defer the motion until the next Council Meeting after Council meets with the Park and Recreation Commission, on Thursday of this week.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER ON WHY HE SUPPORTS DISTRICT REPRESENTATION IN THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Alexander stated all of this happening today is an example of why he is in favor of district representation - because you get a broader spread of representation and thinking. If for no other reason than what we have done today is a good example of why we need to have more thinking from the cross sections of our community.

Councilman Whittington stated he takes exception to Mr. Alexander's statement as the Charter Commission has nothing to do with what he is talking about here today.

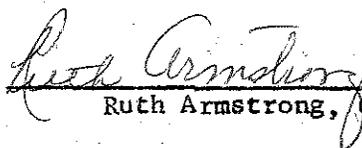
Councilman Alexander stated this is why in considering a consolidated government it was necessary to give some consideration to changing committees such as the Civil Service Board where they can be expanded and have more people on them with regulations to call for a wider spread of representation.

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO MAKE A STUDY OF THE ZONING ON EASTWAY DRIVE FROM CENTRAL AVENUE TO U. S. 29.

Councilman Withrow requested the Planning Commission to make a study of the zoning on Eastway Drive, from Central Avenue to U. S. 29, and report back to Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk