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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, January 8, 1968, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission sat with the City Council, and as a separate body, held its public hearings on Petitions for changes in zoning classifications concurrently with the City Council, with the following members present: Chairman Toy, and Commissioners Albea, Ashcraft, Godley, Sibley, Stone and Tate.

ABSENT: Commissioners Gamble, Turner and Wilmer.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last regular meeting on December 18, 1967, and the Special Meeting on January 2, 1968, were approved as submitted.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS TO RETIRING EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Brookshire stated on behalf of the City Council, it is his pleasure to present a service plaque to Mr. Leroy Adams who is retiring from the Police Department after 31 years of service. He stated Mr. Adams was employed December 4, 1936 and retired December 31, 1967. Chief John Ingersoll accepted the award for Mr. Adams.

Mayor Brookshire also presented a service plaque to Mr. Leroy England of the Motor Transport Department who was employed on October 9, 1950 and retired on January 1, 1968, after 18 years with the City.

SGT. SAM HILL NAMED CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR BY THE CHARLOTTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Mr. Al Bechtold of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce stated it was a great occasion for him to present to the Outstanding City Employee an award this year. He stated the task the Chamber of Commerce had in choosing the Outstanding Employee of the Year was a very difficult one because there were so many outstanding men and women who were nominated for this great honor; that he does not think the man they have selected is a stranger to any of those present because he brings to his job, contact with many thousands of Charlotteans each year and the bulk of these many thousands are future taxpayers, your children and his.

He stated this man's job concerns safety; the safety of our children. His main job is to coordinate the work of some 67 men and women who act as part-time school crossing guards; however, through his independent efforts, and mostly on his own time, he has communicated with thousands of children all over Charlotte in behalf of safety. That during 1967, this man brought a message of safety to 22,542 children and to many thousands more by television; he made more than 57 speeches on safety to church groups, PTA and other gatherings. He stated he has been told that his personnel file is almost bursting with letters and communications for his efforts; that this man is doing an outstanding job - his name is Sgt. Sam Hill.

Mr. Bechtold read the following statement from Chief John E. Ingersoll regarding Sgt. Hill's duties:

"A primary responsibility of the Charlotte Police Department is to protect life and property from accidental injury or destruction. The most effective and long lasting way to do this is to make every effort to get persons of all ages to learn and practice safety habits. Youngsters are especially vulnerable to the traffic hazard and are in great need of being taught responsibility of safe conduct. This is the area in which Sgt. Sam Hill has worked long and hard. He has done an excellent job; the excellence of his efforts is even more outstanding when one considers how difficult it is to teach children good safety habits, any parent can testify to this.

Sgt. Hill approaches his task with considerable imagination in blending the tradition concepts of school safety patrol with the novel innocations designed to impress the young people. He has expended his great energies in guiding the officers assigned to work with him and coordinating the work of 60 women and 7 men who act as part-time crossing guards. Beyond this, he has spent a great deal of his off-duty time in carrying the safety message to the community. He reaches thousands of young people personally, and untold thousands through television. The desire to serve is a real nature of a policeman and it is heartening when the community recognizes this. That Sgt. Sam Hill has enjoyed a satisfaction from his service but I am equally sure that he shares with me, and the rest of the men and women of the Charlotte Police Department, a great feeling of personal satisfaction in knowing that this community has recognized a Police Officer in his true role and the role of a sincere and dedicated person concerned with the safety of our community."

Mr. Bechtold stated on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, he would like to present to Sgt. Hill a check for \$50.00 and also a plaque properly engraved with his name. That the Chamber congratulates him wholeheartedly.

Mayor Brookshire asked Sgt. Hill to come forward and be congratulated by members of Council for the fine service he is rendering for his community; that it has been his pleasure to have known Sgt. Hill for many, many years, even before he came to City Hall.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 68-1 BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A USABLE OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT FOR MULTI-FAMILY USES. IN THE R-6MFH DISTRICT.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this recommendation is in response to a request from City Council itself a few weeks ago to study a problem which is becoming somewhat evident in apartment development around the City; those particularly that are built in either the R-6MFH District, which is the high-rise district, or in the O-6 in which the same R-6MFH requirements apply.

That the R-6MFH District was originally envisioned a high-density, high-rise district; as a result of the lack of actual high-rise type of construction, the inclination has been to spread the same number of units that would be permitted under this district into garden-type of apartments, therefore, spreading out on the land instead of going up. This has resulted in some rather inadequate provision for really usable open space.

Mr. Bryant stated in some of the projects they studied, they found the actual usable open space was less than 15% of the total area of the lot and even then, some of this property classified as usable open space was such irregular shape to be inadequate and almost unusable for any purpose. As a result of this study, the Planning Department agreed there is a need for providing some requirements for usable open space. The Planning Commission is recommending a new definition of usable open space. Already in the ordinance is a requirement for open space - this is an unoccupied open space requirement and unoccupied open space can also include parking areas. Parking areas are not usable in the sense of providing open space.

Mr. Bryant stated the Commission is recommending that a definition of usable open space be inserted into the zoning ordinance and that this usable open space be defined as follows:

- (1) "That required portion of the lot, at ground level, unoccupied by principal or accessory buildings, and available to all occupants of the building. This space of minimum prescribed dimensions shall not be devoted to service driveways, or off-street parking and/or loading berths, but shall be usable for greenery, drying yards, recreational space and other leisure activities normally carried on outdoors.
- (2) A minimum of 30% of the lot area shall be usable open space.
- (3) No dimension of usable open space shall be less than 20 feet, this is to prevent the five or ten foot strip from being counted as usable open space.
- (4) A maximum of 10% of the usable open space may be covered by buildings designed for recreational use.
- (5) Usable open space areas must be used for amenity or recreational purposes
- (6) Usable open space areas must be clearly an integral part of the overall development design."

Mr. Bryant stated the Planning Commission feels this will, to a certain extent, make it necessary for the developer to provide adequate open space around apartment developments which are so lacking in some of the ones the City is getting now. That these requirements at the present time would be applicable only to the R-6MFH District which is the high-rise, really high-density District in the ordinance.

Mr. Bryant stated one apartment development, at the corner of Marsh Road and Park Road, has built into it an interior court arrangement a building that is a recreational-type building. It is a building that is available to all occupants of the apartment project; it has in it a fireplace, a sink, etc. with enough space to provide for social gatherings, etc. That this is the best example he can think of.

Councilman Smith asked if the high rise only appears in the R-6MFH zoning? Mr. Bryant replied yes but in any multi-family district you can have high rise provided you can have the yard requirements; that the R-6MFH is a high-density district which was designed specially to provide for high rise. Councilman Smith asked the difference between R-6MFH and R-9? Mr. Bryant replied the number of units that you can put in an R-9MF district is so much less than the number of units you can put in R-6MF; that R-6MFH will provide for more than double the units that the R-9MF would permit. That this restriction would not actually cut down on the number of units but it would encourage that if you are going to develop to the maximum number of units, this says you must go up.

Councilman Tuttle asked if Mr. Bryant is recommending this change in text? Mr. Bryant replied the Planning Commission has recommended this change subject to the hearing today; the Commission wanted to have the benefit of any comments that would be forthcoming from Council today.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed text amendment.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the ordinance amending the text as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Short stated he has reservations about using a portion of the land of presumably the most crowded residential type of occupancy that we have in the entire zoning code; that a man can use a part of this land to build a recreation house but he can not use it for any other purpose; that he cannot satisfy his mind that this is good when it is not in our most lavish and sparse arrangements.

Councilman Short made a substitute motion to postpone action for one week. Councilman Smith seconded the motion.

Councilman Tuttle stated Councilman Short's point is well taken but this was hashed out in the beginning and the case in point is one where we wound up with a situation where Councilman Alexander described it as "not being fit for habitation"; when you crowd people and children into a place where they have no room to breathe; this is what we are attempting to do, we are attempting to make a place "unfit for human habitation".

Councilman Short stated he made this point when it came up before and he appreciates Councilman Alexander alerting Council to this situation and bringing this up but he wonders if he really envisioned that the outcome of this would be that Council would take a place that is unfit for human habitation and wind up being so far in the other direction that we are using part of the land for a recreation house.

A vote was taken on the substitute motion to postpone decision for one week and was carried by the following vote:

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

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 68-2 BY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM I-2 AND B-2 TO I-1 AND O-6 OF PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this requested change is the result of the considerations originally in the area proposed for research zoning around and adjoining Highway 29 and the new I-85; the original area recommended by the Planning Commission for research zoning included all this area and another area that was also recommended for research zoning. As part of the deliberations and considerations of this proposal, it was determined that this area should not be rezoned for research purposes, but instead would be considered for upgrading from the present I-2 zoning to an I-1; that the property south of this has already been upgraded to I-1 so this concerns the triangular-shaped parcel of land between Highway 29 and Interstate 85, changing it from I-2 to I-1.

He stated the other portion is a small area fronting on Highway 29 that extends from the Ancrest Motel Property northward to the beginning of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte property. That this area is still zoned B-2 and is now being considered for a change from B-2 to O-6.

Mr. Donald Denton, President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber has taken a good look at the proposed changes in zoning as the research park is the brain-child of the Chamber of Commerce. That a group of dedicated men have put a lot of time into bringing out this facility without any personal profit or gain in mind of a direct nature; it is something that enhances our University, it offers the opportunity for a firm to come into an area which depicts knowledge and education, and the Chamber believes this zoning change, from I-2 to I-1, is definitely a step in the right direction and also believe the zoning change to office is entirely proper. It will prohibit a change or bringing in of industry or business that would be detrimental to this investment which is being made in a community.

He stated the Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors support this change wholeheartedly.

Dr. Dean Colvard, Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, stated he appeared when this matter was discussed earlier in support of the area to be rezoned to a research area. The extent to which the University can make a contribution to the economy of the community will be determined by a number of actions which occur simultaneously which can help to maximize the University's drawing power from people who will come to the community and share in their economic contribution to the whole community.

He stated the University considers the Research Park as a very important step which will have great, long range impact both on the area, the state and the University. That he recognizes the fact when an institution of this kind is in the building that it does enhance the values in the area, and the action which the Council has taken to take into account the possibility of the owner or owners of the areas immediately adjacent to the Park to expand into certain enterprises that they are now in, is a consideration of fairness. That he would like to support the zoning as it is now recommended.

Mr. Elbert Foster, attorney representing Mr. Harold R. Rimer, stated it is not his desire to stop progress, especially along educational lines. It is his determined effort to continue to protect a small landowner, such as Mr. Rimer, against the encroachments of larger businesses and landowners; there is no doubt in his mind that plenty of land is already bought up by Collins & Aikman Company, and by other businesses and businessmen, to create one of the finest Research Triangles in North Carolina. A number of months ago, Mr. Cooper from Collins & Aikman, came to see Mr. Rimer, who owns 4 lots there, and said Collins & Aikman wanted to purchase his landholdings there on which he has a small motel, enough to take care of himself and three children.

Mr. Rimer told them he did not want to sell his land; that it was his existence, his livelihood and his way of making an honest living and Mr. Cooper left. In about a week or two Mr. Rimer received a letter from the Planning Commission that they are going to rezone this land. He asked if Council could not see the significance there? That Mr. Rimer came before Council about four years ago and asked that his property be rezoned from I-2 to B-2. First, he went before the Planning Board; the Planning Board turned him down, saying they could not do that because it would be spot zoning, which was regarded as undersirable by the Planning Board and the City Council.

Mr. Foster stated Mr. Rimer was told if he wanted to get the adjoining landowners to join in with a request for rezoning, they would be glad to consider it. At considerable expense, time and effort, he obtained those landowners and three years ago last March, he had the petition from all the landowners to change the zoning from I-2 to B-2 so he could escape this spot zoning. Now on the 8th day of January, 1968, the City Council is doing the very thing that they told Mr. Rimer he could not do three years ago last March.

That Council has singled this hard-working citizen out among the rest of the land and has taken his four lots and intend to change it from B-2 to O-6. This is spot zoning; that spot zoning is taking a piece of property from out of a larger area and changing the zone different from the other. He stated the Chancellor and the President of the Chamber of Commerce want to progress the University and he wants to progress the University and feels each Council member wants to progress the University, but at the same time, changing four lots from B-2 to O-6 is not going to progress the University.

Mr. Rimer has been told he can expand his motel. He can expand his motel if he has a million dollars because under O-6 he cannot expand that motel unless he has 75 units; that Council can just imagine what 75 units would cost.

That to take the B-2 zoning away from Mr. Rimer and limiting him to a motel with 75 units is a deprivation of his property and property rights without constitutional provision therefor. To take these four lots and change their zoning without doing likewise with the rest of the property along North 29 is a denial to Mr. Rimer of the equal protection of the law; it is treating him differently; it is spot zoning and is the very thing Councilman Short did not want; that he was up here some few weeks ago and that very point was raised about spot zoning. That this is what is happening here, Council and the Planning Commission is taking four lots, separate by themselves, and changing the zoning on it; no other property out there is getting the zoning O-6 except these four lots; that Mr. Rimer is entitled to a little better deal than this.

Mr. Harold R. Rimer presented Council a map showing the location of his property as it relates to the location of Collins & Aikman property, Carolina Nurseries' property and the 9 residential lots Mr. Christenbury sold for people to build on back in 1937 through 1940.

Mr. Rimer read the following statement:

"This is a deal as handed to me by J. B. Cooper, representing Collins Aikman Company, who called at my residence and place of business and asked if I would sell my property to Collins & Aikman; he also called on other people who own land between U. S. 29 Highway and their property. He was turned down by me and others who were not interested in selling their homes and business places. A few days later, I received a notice

from the City of Charlotte Planning Commission that my property was to receive a curve called I-85 which would destroy my property value and make it worthless to all people except the Collins & Aikman Company. Every means available has been used to promote this - radio, editorial, the newspapers, the television, a man representing the Charlotte College and one representing the Chamber of Commerce.

I do not believe the man from the college understood the deal and I remember recently the Chamber of Commerce recommended and endorsed turning loose communists speakers on this fine school. I do believe Collins & Aikman are not interested in the University but are interested in what they can gain. There is a Research Triangle, a land deal on the south side of I-85, which by words of Mr. Cooper, the Collins & Aikman representative, bought a property of his for circulation with money furnished by several local banks who are being paid interest on the money loaned. This deal is being confused with the property of mine now under consideration. Governor Moore is here today at a ground breaking ceremony of Collins & Aikman and I believe if he knew the circumstances around this deal, he would not be involved in it. I was called on the telephone by a man who said he was Harold Albright, representing Eastern Transit and Storage in Charlotte. He said he thought I would want to sell out on account of the zone regulation and that he, Mr. Albright, represented others in the real estate business but declined to say who. I wrote a letter to each member of the Planning Commission and invited them to personally visit me and actually get a true picture of this situation. I had one come to see me, a very fine gentleman, and I showed him the U. S. 29 property and the territories surrounding it for miles; he indicated that he had been misled and wished he had been able to make this investigation at the beginning. It was my intention to ask them all to call off this deal. Milton Short made a stirring appeal for rezoning to O-6 and stressed on how much the value of my property had increased. I am well aware of the change in the money system of inflation the government operates on. I pay 23¢ for a 10¢ loaf of bread and you pay 40¢ for a 10¢ can of beer.

I do not know about the legal rights but I do know that Mr. Short has no moral right to say what should be done to my property anymore than Mr. Brookshire would have to say that the Mecklenburg Furniture Shops could not use their front door or that a fence should be placed in front of Mr. Short's house. Mr. Cooper, on the second visit to me, stated they had decided they could not afford to pay any prices they had been asked for the highway property. That the Collins & Aikman Company would build a road to U. S. 29 frontage to their building and would build next to the I-85 and University property. The road was made last week and this means they have given up trying to get my property.

The small parcel of land I have is no larger than some residences have in Charlotte, and the propoganda that wild and evil business could be established on this highway is very false. I dare anybody to apply for a building permit on this highway and find out what they encounter. The last time I did, I had to threaten to get a lawyer to obtain this.

There are many pieces of land much nearer to the Charlotte College than my property owned by Mr. Ben Douglas, Sr., the Alexanders and others which could be bought. I spent my time and efforts to have this little piece of land changed from heavy industry to B-2. I am not here asking for anyone to give me anything. I am here asking that you do not take away from me what is rightfully mine; I have no intention of selling my property. It is my desire to have an inheritance for my children and when they receive this, I do not want a curse attached that they cannot benefit by it. I cannot afford to spend all this time I have lost over this evil doing to me or to continue the legal assistance I have had to have. I therefore ask that you let my property alone; let Collins & Aikman have what they want and Mr. Younts and the Research Triangle have theirs."

Councilman Tuttle stated his position on this all along has been crystal clear as far as his attitude, and what he has said to the Chamber of Commerce and what he has said to Mr. Harris, and what he has said to some of these gentlemen personally, he is wholeheartedly behind this so long as we did not take any rights away from this man who has apparently spent his life building this one business. That he was consoled when Councilman Short threw the boomerang into Council by announcing that motels could continue under an O-6 zoning. As far as he was concerned, this cleared the matter completely. That another boomerang has been thrown here today and that was the statement Mr. Foster made ^{with reference} to 75 units. He stated if he can get this cleared, he will know how he stands.

Mr. Henry Underhill, Assistant City Attorney, stated the ordinance provides there must be a minimum of 75 rental units before associated or allied commercial uses are allowed; it does not restrict the number of rental units that may be placed on the property without considering the associated commercial uses. If a restaurant or a snack bar or something of this nature is put in then it will require 75 rental units; otherwise, it would not in order to operate under an O-6. Councilman Tuttle asked if Mr. Rimer could add two rooms? Mr. Underhill replied he could. Councilman Tuttle asked if he could sell this facility to someone, so long as they continue operating it as a motel? Mr. Underhill replied motels are allowed in an O-6 district and would not be a non-conforming use by changing it to an O-6 district. That there are certain lot area widths, sideyard setback requirements in this zoning district; however, motels are allowed as long as they meet those requirements.

Councilman Smith stated he did not understand it that way; he thought you had to put a minimum of 100 rooms and could not add on piecemeal. The Assistant City Attorney replied that you could add on as many rooms as you wish as long as you meet the other lot area and width requirements. Councilman Smith asked if you could take an O-6 piece of property and put 5 rooms on it or ten rooms on it? The Assistant City Attorney replied, yes, as a motel; you could not put a restaurant on it or an associated use on it. Councilman Smith stated you could not have outside signs; that the signs could not be displayed, you could have a barbershop and other things.

Mr. Bryant stated he did not know of any 100 unit minimum that was inserted into the O-6 classification. That this is a 100-foot distance from any residential district that must be observed. No portion of the motel operation in an O-6 district can be within 100 feet of a residentially zoned parcel of land.

Mr. Bryant stated the 75 units is the minimum units pertaining to commercial space only, not to numbers of units; you can put 5 units in an O-6 zone if you meet with the other requirements.

Councilman Jordan asked if Mr. Rimer would want to put a restaurant out there, would he have to have 75 units? Mr. Bryant replied yes, 75 units would be the minimum; that when the O-6 or office classification was amended to permit motel operations, it was recognized that a motel, particularly when it assumes the associated commercial uses such as restaurants, it is in effect a commercial operation and no longer has any resemblance to something we would normally think of in terms of an office district. These restrictions were put in the ordinance in order to insure that if someone built a restaurant or other commercial use in an office district, that the motel itself must be the predominate feature; they would not want to say you could come in and put 5 units of motel and then put a restaurant in - the restaurant then ending up as being the predominate feature of that land not the motel.

Councilman Smith stated when Council did this the intent was that you did not want to put motels in residential areas unless it was something like a Holiday Inn or something big and well established; that you did not want just 6 rooms. He asked the Assistant City Attorney if there was anything in the ordinance pertaining to 100 rooms and restaurants? Mr. Underhill replied there are restrictions on allied commercial uses but there are no restrictions on the number of rooms that you can put into an O-6 zoning without an allied commercial use.

Councilman Jordan asked Mr. Bryant if Mr. Rimer continues to enlarge his motel and get up to 75 or more units, would he be permitted to add a restaurant? Mr. Bryant replied he would then be permitted to have associated commercial space which is in the ordinance.

Council referred this petition back to the Planning Commission for their advice and recommendations.

ORDINANCE NO. 762-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The public hearing was held on petition of William Trotter Development Company for the annexation of 81.12 acres of land located off Plaza Road in Crab Orchard Township. Council was advised that the property can be served by a gravity sewer system estimated to cost \$75,000; that it will cost \$65,000 to install the necessary water mains within the area and the area forms a logical extension of the present city limits.

Mr. Jake Berry, representing William Trotter Development Company, presented a map showing the general area of the subject property. He stated Mr. Trotter's plan would be that during this fiscal year about 70 lots would be developed and during next fiscal year approximately 130 lots would be developed. That they estimate at the present tax rate and method of evaluation this would yield about \$35,000 a year in taxes and additional revenue to the city. He stated he did not know of any difficulties involved in serving this area with sewer and water and the plan is to do this in the typical and conventional way.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, an ordinance extending the corporate limits of the city was adopted, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 174.

ORDINANCE NO. 763-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The public hearing was held on petition of John Crosland Company for the annexation of 40.56 acres of land located off Plaza Road Extension in Crab Orchard Township.

Council was advised the property can be served by a gravity sewer system estimated to cost \$40,000; the estimated cost for providing adequate water system is \$18,800, and the area forms a logical extension of the present city limits and annexation would be compatible with past decisions to expand in this vicinity.

No objections were expressed to the petition.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of an ordinance extending the corporate limits of the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 176.

ORDINANCE NO. 764-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The scheduled hearing as continued from Council Meeting of December 18 was held on petition of Howard Nance Company for the annexation of 77.04 acres of property located in Crab Orchard Township, off Redman Road adjacent to Amity Gardens and Idlewild.

The Engineering Department advised the problem of sewer service has been resolved by a contract with the Howard Nance Company to extend sewer into the area in accordance with the present city policies and a contract with Idlewild Utilities Company for the treatment of city sewage and the construction of a connecting trunk line.

No objections were expressed to the petition.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to adopt the subject ordinance extending the corporate limits of the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 177.

CONTRACT WITH HOWARD NANCE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR SANITARY SEWER LINES TO SERVE COVENTRY WOODS SUBDIVISION.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was approved.

CONTRACT WITH IDLEWILD UTILITIES, INC. FOR TREATMENT OF CITY SEWAGE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CONNECTING TRUNK LINE AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried authorizing the subject contract for the construction of a connecting trunk line and the treatment of sewage.

BIDS RECEIVED FOR CONVENTRY WOODS PUMPING STATION REJECTED.

Councilman Whittington moved that all bids received for the proposed Coventry Woods Pumping Station be rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sanders Brothers, Inc.	\$21,193.00
Crowder Construction Company	24,435.90
C. W. Gallant, Inc.	27,735.00
A. P. White Associates	31,245.00

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REPORT REQUESTED BY W. J. ELVIN.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated he would like to obtain a copy of the Public Administration Report. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he would be glad to see that he received a copy. Mr. Elvin asked how much this report cost the City of Charlotte. Mr. Veeder replied \$5,000.00. Mr. Elvin stated at a later time he would like to offer his criticisms of the report because he felt there were one or two statements that were not fact at all, particularly the one referring to the Traffic Department.

COLISEUM REPORT REQUESTED BY JAMES MCDUFFIE.

Mr. James McDuffie stated he would like to obtain a copy of the Coliseum Report; that last year it took him one month to get a copy. That he is interested in comparing the parking revenues of the Charlotte and Atlanta Coliseums and also the rental rates of the coliseum. Mr. Veeder stated he would see that Mr. McDuffie received any copy of any report he wants if he will get in touch with him.

PETITION NO. 67-71 BY W. I. BOSTIC, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9MF TO O-6 OF PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF LANTANA AVENUE, FROM SHARON AMITY ROAD TO MANDARIN BOULEVARD, DENIED.

Council was advised a protest petition has been filed and found sufficient to invoke the 20% Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six councilmen in order to rezone the property on the subject petition.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Short stated he does not agree with this motion and cannot understand how a terrazo contractor's yard and building and the area right up around it was zoned residential in the first place; that this is not necessary in order to preserve Sharon Amity Road which is some distance to the east, and he does not feel it is necessary to preserve the residential character of Mandarin Boulevard which is an entity within itself some distance to the west. If he had a building that was up against a terrazo contractor's plant and it was zoned residential and the zoners would not let him change it because they wanted to preserve this zoning relationship, he would not be able to understand what they were talking about. That he feels Council should give this petitioner the office zoning that we want; just for the one address he plans to use as an office at 105 Lantana Avenue. That the protestors are protesting the other 8 lots nearby which front on Mandarin Boulevard and Sharon Amity Road. Councilman Short offered a substitute motion that the subject petition be granted to that portion known as 105 Lanatana Avenue and turn down the other 8 lots. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and failed to carry by the following votes:

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

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

PETITION NO. 67-78 BY WILLIAM A. MCGARITY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-9MF OF A 9.655 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF SHARON ROAD, ABOUT 1,600 FEET SOUTH OF SHERBROOK DRIVE, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition be denied, as recommended by the Planning Commission, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried by the following vote:

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

PETITION NO. 67-82 BY MAUDE H. FINGER, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9MF TO R-12 OF PROPERTY ON RUMPLE ROAD BEGINNING AT THE WESTERMOST CORNER OF THE GEORGE W. RAWDON PROPERTY AND EXTENDING ALONG RUMPLE ROAD TO A POINT NORTH OF RIDGE LANE ROAD, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject petition was denied as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 765-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-9MF TO O-6 OF A LOT 50.3' x 140.2' ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PURSER DRIVE BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 175' EAST OF EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of the subject ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 179.

ORDINANCE NO. 766-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM O-6 TO B-1 OF A LOT 66' x 193' ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF EAST SEVENTH STREET, BEGINNING 132 FEET SOUTHEAST OF PECAN AVENUE; AND CHANGE FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF A LOT FRONTING 68 FEET ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF PECAN AVENUE BEGINNING 193 FEET NORTHEAST OF EAST SEVENTH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 180.

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ORDINANCE NO. 767-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-9 TO I-1 OF A STRIP OF LAND ABOUT 550 FEET WIDE LOCATED SOUTH OF ORR ROAD AND GRIER ROAD, AND EXTENDING FROM THE VICTOR ORR PROPERTY TO NEAR THE W. E. HOOK PROPERTY.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject ordinance changing the zoning as recommended be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 181.

ORDINANCE NO. 768-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF A TRACT OF LAND 432' x 469' AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SOUTH TRYON STREET AND FREELAND LANE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 182.

ORDINANCE NO. 769-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM O-15 TO B-1 OF A TRACT OF LAND 300' x 839' AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF NATIONS FORD ROAD AND GENERAL YOUNTS EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 183.

ORDINANCE NO. 770-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-6MF AND R-12MF TO O-6 OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTHWARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning as recommending by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 184.

ORDINANCE NO. 771-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SUGAR CREEK ROAD AND ARGYLE DRIVE.

Councilman Alexander moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from O-6 to B-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Alexander stated he cannot see why the petition should not be granted by virtue of the fact all the property in the block is business other than this section; there is one house on the corner which belongs to the petitioner who wants to move the house and expand his business; that preserving this piece of property will not do anything to improve the block

as it stands now, nor decrease any of the values as they exist today. He stated he does not feel this is spot zoning to allow a business to continue on to the corner; and for these reasons he feels Council is justified in overriding the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny the petition.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 185.

ORDINANCE NO. 772-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MORRIS FIELD DRIVE ON THE WEST SIDE OF TAGGART CREEK.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to R-9MF as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 186.

ORDINANCE NO. 773-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF MOUNT HOLLY ROAD AND HANSARD DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 187.

ORDINANCE NO. 774-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND WEST OF NORTH TRYON STREET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF TOM HUNTER ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission was adopted.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 188.

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DECISION ON PETITION NO. 67-93 BY GEORGE GOODYEAR COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-9MF OF A 6.887 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WOODLAWN ROAD, BETWEEN MURRAYHILL ROAD AND FAIRBLUFF PLACE, DEFERRED.

Councilman Whittington moved to postpone decision on the subject petition until the Assistant City Attorney can get more information regarding whether the protest petition is sufficient. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 775-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND 150' X 250' ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CLANTON ROAD EAST OF GENERAL YOUNTS EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously, the above subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 189.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 67-95 BY WELCO, INC., TO GRANT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF OFF-STREET PARKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH OFFICE USES ON PROPERTY NOW ZONED R-12MF FRONTING 97.1 FEET ON CROSBY ROAD EAST OF SHARON AMITY ROAD AND EXTENDING 353.51 FEET TOWARD PROVIDENCE ROAD, DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman Short moved the subject petition be deferred and re-scheduled next week due to a law suit concerning this matter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

Mr. L. M. Creel stated the protest petition has been withdrawn. Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Creel what caused the withdrawal of the protest? Mr. Creel replied Executive Sales, Welco, Inc., and he entered into agreement with the Tropicana to erect two 15-foot basketweave redwood fences on the shopping center side so that people who are standing on the upper balcony of the Tropicana cannot see over to the shopping side so that people who are standing on the upper balcony of the Tropicana cannot see over to the shopping center and they also agreed to erect a 5-foot redwood basketweave redwood fence on the Tropicana property; that they agreed to exchange some property to square the lots of both parties up where it would be satisfactory to use that for a parking lot. He stated this agreement has been executed by the proper parties.

Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Warren Fitch, President of the Board of Directors of Tropicana, Inc., has written to the Mayor and City Council to advise that an agreement has been reached with Executive Sales, Inc. concerning the proposed use of the property adjoining Tropicana, Inc. for a parking lot. As a result Tropicana has withdrawn its objections to the petition of Welco and Executive Sales for permission to use such land as a parking lot.

Mayor Brookshire asked the Assistant City Attorney if this letter releases Council from the 2/3 vote requirement? Mr. Underhill replied he has checked into the legal aspects of this and a withdrawal of an objection to a zoning petition may be either oral or in writing; that he would hold this is a valid withdrawal of the protest.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Creel the width of the driveway which would remain for the Tropicana? Mr. Creel replied they are giving them an additional 14 feet, making the driveway approximately 25 feet all the way back.

The vote was taken on the motion to defer this decision for one week and carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE APPROVING EXCHANGE OF LAND BETWEEN OWNERS OF ATTORNEYS BUILDING AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN PROJECT NO. N.C. R-37, ADOPTED DECEMBER 11, 1967.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, and seconded by Councilman Jordan, adopting the subject resolution approving exchange of land between owners of Attorneys Building and Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte in Project No. N. C. R-37, adopted December 11, 1967.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 37.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLLS AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICES OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JANUARY 29, 1968.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of subject resolution for preliminary assessment rolls and providing for notices of public hearings on January 29, 1968, on confirmation thereof for the following streets:

- (a) Chesterfield Avenue, from Bascom Street to Hanover Street;
- (b) Shenandoah Avenue, from St. Julian Street to Westover Street;
- (c) Shenandoah Avenue, from Westover Street to Bascom Street;
- (d) Shenandoah Avenue, From Bascom Street to Hanover Street;
- (e) Shenandoah Avenue, from Hanover Street to Lorna Street.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 38.

ORDINANCE NO. 776-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED 1955 BLUE FORD LOCATED AT THE END OF LANCASTER STREET PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF CHARLOTTE AND CHAPTER 160-200(43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan adopting the subject ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 190.

ORDINANCE NO. 777-X AMENDING THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$3,465 FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION BUDGET AND \$1,595.00 OF UNUSED FUNDS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 18 TOPO MAPS FROM ABRAMS AERIAL SURVEY CORPORATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 191.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PERMITTING THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT AN 8-INCH SANITARY SEWER LINE WITH TWO MANHOLES WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, NEAR GLENDORA DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the subject agreement with the State Highway Commission.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PERMITTING THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT AN 8-INCH SANITARY SEWER LINE WITH THREE MANHOLES WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD NEAR EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute subject encroachment agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

SANITARY SEWER ENCROACHMENT CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION OF AN 8-INCH SEWER SERVICE LATERAL ON SHARON ROAD BETWEEN QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD AND BROOKFIELD DRIVE.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute the subject contract.

APPLICATION TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES IN SHERBROOK DRIVE, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS, TO THE CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the application of Mr. Gerald W. McCumby to connect private sanitary sewer lines in Sherbrook Drive, outside the city limits, to the City's sanitary sewerage system with the contract to stipulate the lines will become the property of the city when annexed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNK AND MAIN TO SERVE INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the construction of 536 feet of sanitary sewer trunk and 235 feet of main in Independence Boulevard, inside the city limits, at the request of Humble Oil & Refining Company at an estimated cost of \$5,100 with all cost 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. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNK TO SERVE PARK ROAD, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the construction of 195 feet of trunk to serve 4911-23 Park Road, inside the city, at the request of Colonial Park Apartments, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$1,730.00 with all cost 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, was authorized.

APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN TO SERVE HERRIN ACRES.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, approving the installation of 625 feet of water main to serve a portion of Herrin Acres, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,140.00, at the request of L. L. Herrin, with the city to finance all costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR THE INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET OF 12" C. I. WATER MAIN ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF I-85 SERVICE ROAD, BEGINNING AT GOSSETT AVENUE, AND EXTENDING SOUTH TO AMERICAN BAKERIES PLANT SITE, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Alexander moved the approval of the execution of subject agreement by the Mayor and City Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with Wallace D. Gibbs, Jr. for appraisal of one parcel of land for Airport Capital Improvements;
- (b) Contract with Henry E. Bryant for appraisal of one parcel of city-owned property; one parcel for Airport Capital Improvements, and one parcel for Eastway Drive Project;
- (c) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of three parcels of land for the Northwest Expressway, and one parcel for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (d) Contract with Lionel D. Bass, Sr. for appraisal of thirteen parcels of land for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (e) Contract with William L. Frickheoffer for appraisal of thirteen parcels of land for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (f) Contract with Zollie A. Collins for appraisal of seven parcels of land for the East Thirtieth Street Project.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized to Mr. Samuel J. Kennard for use on the premises of Fruehauf Trailer Division, 310 Dalton Avenue for a term of one year.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Wilbert Lewis for Grave No. 4, in Lot No. 191, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00;
- (b) Deed with William Page Stover and Betty Stover Fulton for Lot No. 316, Section E, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$378.00;

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- (c) Deed with Mrs. Joye B. Bosio for Grave No. 4, in Lot No. 181, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00;
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Ethel Odessa Williams for Lot No. 275, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. Mona T. Williams Blake and husband, James Blake, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED SANDERS BROTHERS COMPANY FOR GARDEN PARK SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Sanders Brothers Company, in the amount of \$44,010, for the Garden Park Sanitary Sewer Facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sanders Brothers Company	\$44,010.00
Noll Construction Company	45,416.75
Rand Construction Company	49,990.50
Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	50,851.50

CONTRACT AWARDED W. H. STEWART COMPANY FOR SEWER RODS.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to W. H. Stewart Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$1,237.25, for 500 steel sewer rods without couplings and 300 rods with couplings, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

W. H. Stewart Company	\$ 1,237.25
Champion Corporation	1,249.50
Flexible Pipe Tool Div. Rockwell Mfg. Co.	1,277.20
O'Brien Mfg. Co.	1,802.50

CONTRACT AWARDED GEORGE F. CAKE COMPANY FOR PROTECTIVE SHIELDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, George F. Cake Company, in the amount of \$2,570.40, for 30 protective shields complete with attachments, door and window handle covers to protect officers in transporting prisoners, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

George F. Cake Company	\$ 2,570.40
Carolina Police Supply Co.	2,680.58
Novelty Carriage Works, Inc.	3,396.43
J. R. Setina Mfg. Co.	4,282.36

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Veeder to confer with Chief Ingersoll and as soon as these guards or shields are installed in the police cars that he invite the taxi cab companies to come and see this, hopefully that they

will follow suit and do somewhat similar in the future. That Councilman Tuttle and he brought this up after a trip to Detroit where they had been used very effectively; this would have to be voluntary on the part of the taxi companies, but he feels they should be made aware of the protection between the driver and passengers.

CONTRACT AWARDED MOORE BUSINESS FORMS, INC. FOR IMPRINTER-DETACHER.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder meeting specifications, Moore Business Forms, Inc., in the amount of \$3,345.18, for one Imprinter-Detacher, on a unit price basis.

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Standard Register Company	\$ 3,231.45
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CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNEL COMPANY, INC. FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Grinnel Company, Inc., in the amount of \$9,775.53, on a unit price basis, for 509 cast iron pipe fittings.

The following bids were received:

Grinnel Company, Inc.	\$ 9,775.53
Russell Pipe & Foundry Co.	10,992.92
Glamorgan Pipe & Foundry	11,822.20
Pump & Lighting Co., Inc.	12,460.91
Lunchburg Foundry Co.	12,572.59
American Cast Iron Pipe Co.	13,547.50

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

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

- (a) Approval of payment of damage settlement to John B. Freeman, 4122 The Plaza, in the amount of \$75.00, in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project;
- (b) Approval of payment of damage settlement to Bobby Jo Long, 4225 The Plaza, in the amount of \$30.00, in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project;
- (c) Approval of payment of damage settlement to William M. James, Jr., 4208 The Plaza, in the amount of \$35.00, in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project;
- (d) Approval of payment of damage settlement to Mrs. Flossie Jordan Byrd, 4243 The Plaza, in the amount of \$30.00, in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project;

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- (e) Acquisition of 400 sq. ft. of property from Samuel May, 1004 Grove Street, in the amount of \$15.00, for construction easement in connection with the West Fourth Street Extension Project;
- (f) Approval of payment of damage release to John T. Creegan and wife, Barbara C. Creegan, in the amount of \$400.00, in connection with the Woodlawn Road Widening Project;
- (g) Acquisition of Easement for Sanitary Sewer 335.43' x 10' from Arthur S. Grier and wife, Irma Grier, in the amount of \$350.00, in connection with the Briar Creek Outfall Project;
- (h) Acquisition of 800 sq. ft. easement from John D. Little, unimproved property on Jeremiah Avenue, in the amount of \$50.00, in connection with the North-South Expressway Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project;
- (i) Acquisition of 4,390 sq. ft. easement from Fred A. Saunders and wife, Sudie M. Saunders, 616 Pressley Road, in the amount of \$220.00, in connection with the North-South Expressway Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project;
- (j) Acquisition of 4,422 sq. ft. easement from A. Jackson Bost, 501 Pressley Road, in the amount of \$222.00, in connection with the North-South Expressway Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project;
- (k) Acquisition of 25.58' x 10' easement from Jackson G. Hudspeth & wife, Carolyn Hudspeth, 4827 Amity Place, in connection with the Sanitary Sewer to serve Coventry Woods Project;
- (l) Acquisition of 8,000 sq. ft. easement from C. D. Spangler Construction Company, off Hoskins Road at Stewart Creek, in the amount of \$1.00, in connection with the Garden Park Sanitary Sewer Project;
- (m) Acquisition of 2,755 sq. ft. easement from Roosevelt Glenn, Jr. and wife, Mildred M., 1540 Plumstead Road, in the amount of \$110.23, in connection with the Garden Park Sanitary Sewer Project;
- (n) Acquisition of 2,432 sq. ft. easement from Jessie L. and Rosetta T. Moss, 2911 Cricketeer Drive, in the amount of \$147.29, in connection with the Garden Park Sanitary Sewer Project;
- (o) Acquisition of easement 46.78' x 10' from Burgin W. Baity, Sharon Road West, in the amount of \$50.00, in connection with the Kings Branch Pump Station Project;
- (p) Acquisition of easement 291.63' x 10' from R. A. Yount and wife, Julie C. Yount, in the amount of \$291.63, in connection with the Kings Branch Pump Station Project;
- (q) Acquisition of 18,866 sq. ft. easement from E. C. Griffith Company, Summit Avenue and Bryant Street, in the amount of \$314.44 in connection with the Irwin Creek Outfall Project;
- (r) Acquisition of 2,700 sq. ft. easement from E. C. Griffith Company, Irwin Creek off Walnut Avenue, in the amount of \$136.00, in connection with the Irwin Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project;

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- (s) Acquisition of 1,080 sq. ft. easement from E. C. Griffith Company, Irwin Creek off Bryant Street, in the amount of \$90.00, in connection with the Irwin Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project;
- (t) Acquisition of 13,890 sq. ft. easement from Griffith Development Company, off Walnut and Bryant Streets, in the amount of \$231.50, in connection with the Irwin Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project.

APPROVAL OF TRAFFIC ENGINEER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD-WATERMAN AVENUE INTERSECTION.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the Traffic Engineer's recommendation as related to Independence Boulevard and Waterman Avenue Intersection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The recommendation is as follows:

- (1) Remove the turning slot or construct a decelerating lane along the north side of Independence Boulevard adjacent to the Holiday Inn;
- (2) Remove the black top and parking from the city and state right-of-way.

MRS. JUDY THOMPSON AND GIRL SCOUTS FROM MYERS PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMED TO COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Brookshire recognized and welcomed Mrs. Judy Thompson and several Girl Scouts from Myers Park Presbyterian Church and stated Miss Linda Tuttle is among the group. Mrs. Thompson introduced the other girls to Council.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN JORDAN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HELP RECEIVED IN THE PAST YEAR.

Councilman Jordan read the following statement:

"Mr. Mayor:

Since this is our first regular meeting in the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a year of devotion, and good leadership to the Council, the City, and all it's citizens in your position as Mayor of this great city of ours.

I would also like to thank my colleagues for their help and cooperation to me, and for the tremendous amount of time and effort that each devotes to his position as Councilman. I would certainly like to thank our City Manager, Department Heads, and employees for the excellent job they are doing. I believe we have the best employees in the world; the most loyal, and devoted to their jobs and our city.

We have had many problems, and trying times, but I think we have done real well considering all things. Surely you know that the wheels of

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government move slowly, and more slowly than we would like. However, I think we started and accomplished many things, and have so many more in the working stage. The most noticeable accomplished being the one cent sales tax, and our approval as a Model City.

Our Urban Renewal, Expressways, city streets, and downtown programs are moving along. I hope that the New Year will see many of these worthwhile projects completed, plus the beginning of many new ones, and consolidation of much of city and county government.

It is my desire and hope that the Council, working as a team under your leadership, will move ahead at an accelerated pace this year to do the job that we are entrusted to do, and to the best of our abilities for all our citizens. The position as a Councilman is a hard and trying one, and continues to get harder and more time consuming, but I pledge you my full cooperation in this New Year.

In closing I would like also to pay tribute and thanks to all the news media for their coverage of City Hall, their friendship and help to all of us, and their understanding of our problems and our job. May you continue to help and work with us during the coming year."

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON REGARDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Councilman Whittington read the following statement:

"The close of a year and the beginning of a new one gives the Mayor and City Council an opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments, and a platform for the future.

The Mayor has defended the progress of the City and I thank him for this. We have made progress in our downtown street widening program, thoroughfare plan, urban renewal, public housing, model cities, code enforcement and airport improvements.

We must move now with haste to implement the plans, blueprints, and guide lines for the future.

I would suggest to the Mayor and Council Members that we take the following course of action in this year of 1968:

1. Complete the widening of the downtown streets this year as named by the City Council in January of 1967;
2. Instruct Whitehead and Associates and our Right-of-Way Departments to get the City in shape to go out for bids and begin work on the 30th Street overpass in the Spring of 1968;
3. As suggested by Mr. Tuttle a month ago, have a public hearing with all the railroads involved, other property owners, the Master Plan Committee, Central Charlotte Association, Task Force, and their attorneys, Planning Commission, Urban Redevelopment, and Mr. George Broaderick to set the record straight, thereby advising everyone what Council expects to do as far as "A" Street and Convention Boulevard are concerned;

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(Mr. Veeder informed me on Friday, after I had written these recommendations, that such a meeting was scheduled for January 22nd.)

We should begin immediately following this meeting to pursue a way to acquire the right-of-way for this boulevard. It is conceivable that we should consider now, hiring engineers to design the road and we will approve this contract today with Whitehead and Associates;

4. Everyone speaks of civic and/or a Convention Center being a catalyst, or a spark, to begin rebuilding downtown in the twelve block core area. We, the Council, agree with this statement;

While we are proceeding with the railroads and properties along "A" Street, as far as design and legal work is concerned, I propose that a Committee of Councilmen select an architect to make preliminary plans and specifications for a civic center. This will give Council and the citizens of Charlotte the approximate cost of the facility. We have previously been told of the cost of the land. This seems to me to be a significant step. This action will give us something to "hang our hat on" costwise, and something concrete to approach the citizens of this city with, should a bond election be necessary. I would recommend, too, a program of set backs on the cross streets in the twelve block core area of downtown;

5. We should explore all avenues to obtain federal approval of urban renewal for Greenville and First Ward, and Code enforcement for Belmont-Parkwood Area;
6. Police consolidation should be completed by the time the new police and jail facilities are completed. I would hope the Committee on consolidation would soon be ready to bring the two governing boards together for discussion toward consolidation;
7. We should take our surplus funds now, and begin the purchase of right-of-way on Eastway Drive, so as to expedite the completion of Eastway over Independence Boulevard at the most congested intersection in North Carolina;
8. Decision on the reorganization of our public works;
9. A Manpower or Job Opportunity Committee. I would urge the Council to appoint a Committee to closely ally itself with the Manpower Commission of the Chamber of Commerce, Piedmont Community College, the Bureau of Employment & Apprenticeship Training, and the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations. Their task would be to train the unskilled and eliminate unemployment, to promote jobs and job opportunities, where job opportunities are plentiful, the problem is to get people to work;
10. City Manager Veeder is a very able City Manager, so much so that he, at our direction and request, has been involved about completely for months in Federal Programs. I would hope that these programs now would be turned over to other individuals and Mr. Veeder be more available to administration and to the City Council.

These recommendations are nothing new. They are programs we have been talking about and planning for. I hope Council will concur with me and let's get these things accomplished in 1968."

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO MAKE REPORT ON FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING WEST MOREHEAD NORTHWARD SECTION IN URBAN RENEWAL.

Mr. Tuttle stated Council received a letter, dated December 27, 1967, from Mr. King, Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission, with reference to the possibility of our including the West Morehead northward section into Urban Renewal and this is the site for the proposed and recommended by the Central Charlotte and Master Plan Committee for the new stadium. That he would like Mr. Veeder to report to Council the feasibility of Council making the request that this be included.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK RATES ON FALSE ARREST INSURANCE.

Councilman Tuttle stated sometime ago he made available to either Mr. Veeder or Chief Ingersoll certain information with reference to insurance rates on false arrests in addition to our insurance. That he knows there is some timidity on the part of the policemen in some cases and if the cost is reasonable, we probably owe this protection to them and he would urge the City Manager to explore this with Chief Ingersoll.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE PLANNING DIRECTOR PRESENT ZONING MAPS OF PROPERTY IN AND AROUND THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Short stated it would be a good idea if, at one of the Conference Sessions or at one of the formal sessions, Mr. Bryant and Mr. McIntrye would bring the necessary maps and materials to show Council the zoning all around the University of North Carolina at Charlotte property and the new section I-85 which is being constructed.

He stated it would be good for Council, as a group, to see this and share views on it; that this is such an exceedingly valuable and priceless asset for our community, and would request that the City Manager make this request to the Planning Director.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REGARDING SIGNALIZATION OF FREEDOM DRIVE NEAR SHOPPING CENTER.

Councilman Alexander stated he does not know when the last traffic count was given on Freedom Drive and the section by the Shopping Center, but something needs to be done about that stretch of road; the traffic pattern for the movement of traffic and signalization needs to be improved in some fashion. He stated he has no technical know how to suggest in what direction it should go or what needs to be done but in light of the increase in traffic, the whole area should be looked at again.

He stated he calls this to Mr. Veeder's attention hoping that some discussion can be made with our Traffic Engineering to see if any such consideration is necessary. He stated he did know that many of the merchants in the Shopping Center are complaining and at one time there was talk of a petition; he does not know what has happened to it but certainly something is wrong out there, traffic-wise.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK ON PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PROGRAM FOR PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Alexander stated several weeks ago he asked whether or not the Park and Recreation employees were covered under any retirement system; at that time, Mr. Kiser was to look into this and see if there was any legal reason why they could not be brought into the city's retirement plan.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he received a report this morning regarding this; that it is not a question of joining the city's plan as the city belongs to the Local Government Employees' Plan, a state-wide plan administered by the State Government; the Park and Recreation Commission does have the option of participating in this plan if it wished to do so. Councilman Alexander asked if the Park and Recreation Commission was considering this plan? Mr. Veeder replied no, this is a study he is going to make available to Council and give to the Park and Recreation Commission for any interest they may have in it.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH LEGAL DEPARTMENT REGARDING OVER-CROWDING OF CITY BUSES.

Councilman Alexander stated sometime ago he brought up the overcrowding on our city buses, especially with regards to school children on these special school buses. He stated Mr. Kiser had said the State had no regulation concerning the number of persons on a bus. That he would like for Mr. Veeder to give some consideration to this and see if our Legal Department can come up with some local control regarding the problem; that we owe it to our citizens to attempt to do something about it if we can, certainly after an accident would perhaps result in death or severe injuries for many would be too late for Council to give it consideration; that he hopes the Legal Department can come up with some advice to Council on this problem.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Veeder if anyone has been in touch with the bus people; he has found in talking with them that they are very cooperative and before any legal relief is forthcoming whether anyone from his office has discussed this problem with the bus people. Mr. Veeder replied he has not been in contact with them himself.

Councilman Alexander stated he has no objections to Councilman Tuttle's suggestion, but he does know that contact has been made with the bus company about overcrowding the buses in certain areas, and he does know they have put on extra buses to relieve overcrowding but he also found those buses filled up and the same situation. He stated he does not know what the bus company has done about the school children at all but he is disturbed about it all over the city; that talking may get some results but he would hate to have an accident happen in our community and Council just sit and let the record show it was never brought to anybody's attention.

Councilman Short requested the Assistant City Attorney to look into this matter in reference to whether the State has already pre-empted the field; we are not allowed to pass an ordinance which would get into a field already pre-empted by the state and that may be the case here. Mr. Underhill stated his office has done some research into this problem and will continue to do this and advise Council as to the possibility of the enacting of such an ordinance.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CHECK ON PARKING PROBLEM ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD, BETWEEN LASALLE STREET AND OAKLAWN AVENUE.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like the Traffic Department to check a situation on Beatties Ford Road from LaSalle Street to Oaklawn Avenue; there is developing a serious problem in the morning with in-bound traffic being held up because delivery trucks stop on the sidewalk side of the traffic lane; it backs up traffic five and six blocks and certainly some attention should be given to stop people from blocking traffic by stopping in that lane at that hour in the morning, especially between 8 and 9 o'clock when traffic is its heaviest. Aside from accidents that are possible, and every morning somebody is skidding, it needs some consideration before we have a terrible accident out there.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO PREPARE A QUARTERLY FISCAL REPORT FOR COUNCIL'S USE.

Councilman Smith stated he is quite concerned as to Council's lack of knowledge of our Fiscal Program from month-to-month and quarter-to-quarter; for example, Councilman Whittington mentioned a \$300,000 surplus; that if this is true, he feels it would be well if Council had a quarterly report on our financial position, not necessarily an Auditor's Report, but a layman's report by department to show expenditures, anticipation and any changes since the budget was put into effect; this way everyone would be aware of what is happening financially and we would not be appropriating \$50,000 or \$100,000 without referring to the figures.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this point is well taken and Council should have enough details to make judgements and they do not have this now. This has been one of the problems of having the Staff involved with other things; this is something Council should have.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF AMALIE P. WALLNAU.

Councilman Stegall presented the following resolution:

"RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF AMALIE P. WALLNAU

WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness that the City Council of the City of Charlotte takes note of the passing of Amalie P. Wallnau; and

WHEREAS, Amalie P. Wallnau was a dedicated and devoted employee of the City of Charlotte for 34 years, during which time she served with efficiency and skill as a secretary to the Chief of the Police Department, and later as secretary and policewoman in the Youth Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the sense of bereavement felt by the family is shared by the City Council and her associates in City Hall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte, in regular session assembled on this 8th day of January, 1968, does hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the members of her family; and

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

Councilman Stegall moved adoption of the subject resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

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QUIT-CLAIM DEED FROM THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, APPROVED.

Mr. Underhill, Assistant City Attorney, stated the City and Piedmont Natural Gas are involved in a joint project for acquiring right-of-way for the McAlpine Creek Project; that the City and Piedmont Natural Gas have negotiated and reached an agreement for some right-of-way with the Old Providence Racket and Swim Club but there is a provision in the deed to the Old Providence Racket and Swim Club that Council needs to act on.

He stated Ervin donated this property to the Old Providence Racket and Swim Club in fee simple, subject to revision to the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission should the Racket and Swim Club discontinue using this property for recreational purposes within 21 years; that he would like to obtain Council approval of a Quit-Claim Deed from the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission to the City and Piedmont Natural Gas in order to clear up a title question that may result because of this reversionary clause. Section 5.46 of the Charter requires that the City Council give prior approval to any sale of land by the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approval was made of a quit claim deed from the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission to the City and Piedmont Natural Gas.

ORDINANCE NO. 778-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND.

The City Manager stated the Police Department's budget now authorizes 393 police positions and 56 civilian positions. Of this total, we now have 373 police positions and 48 civilian positions filled, with 20 police vacancies and 8 civilian vacancies. He stated he has made some projection of payroll costs for the remainder of the physical year and finds we are not funded to permit filling a major portion of these vacancies; this has come about because of anticipated salary savings that have not been realized. Each year/the preparation of each department's budget, we anticipate certain money will not be able to be used for filling positions and this is taken as salary savings; this was misjudged for this year as it relates to the Police Department.

He stated if the department is to approach its authorized strength during the balance of this fiscal year, an additional appropriation is going to be required. It is unlikely the manpower required to operate at full strength will be available for the entire period because of the problem of recruiting, retirements and resignations which take place during the

balance of the fiscal year. It is probable that as many as 20 of the 28 vacancies can be filled to get the department closer to strength. With this estimate of what can be done in filling vacancies we estimate some additional \$88,323 will be required to permit the department to proceed with the employment of police officers as they become available. This additional amount will permit required equipment as well; that he would recommend Council approve an ordinance appropriating this amount in order for this department to finish out the year properly.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Veeder the source of this money? Mr. Veeder replied this would have to come from surplus. In conversation with Mr. Fennell this morning, he stated this is about all the surplus.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the following ordinance ordinance was adopted:

"AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte,
North Carolina:

Section 1. That \$88,323 of the unappropriated balance of the General Fund is hereby transferred to the appropriations made in the 1967-68 Budget Ordinance for General Fund - Police.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption."

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END OF THE YEAR REPORT BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire read the following statement:

"As Charlotte begins the first year in its third century, it is shifting into high gear in its efforts to meet growth requirements and to overcome problems of obsolescence, deterioration / ^{and} neglect - with the bright prospect of creating a revitalized city of hope and opportunity for all of its citizens. It seeks to extend its leadership among cities as it plans for orderly growth and development, meeting forthrightly the challenge and responsibility that comes to leadership.

The turning point in Charlotte's all out efforts to seek and make use of all available resources of State and Federal assistance programs that meet its needs came perhaps in August, 1965, when I appointed, with the concurrence and unanimous backing of Council, a Task Force, headed by General Paul Younts.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS, at that time, described this as 'an historic action by the obvious unity of civic, business and governmental leadership in meeting head-on the problems of growth'. It added, 'For the first time in the City's history there was unanimous agreement that this City cannot meet its needs by itself'.

Since that time we have been using every available program, for which we have a demonstrated need, with increasing momentum to build a greater Charlotte, with constantly decreasing objections.

There is, however, an important string attached to these State and Federal grant in-aid programs, whether applied to our airport, hospitals, expressways, urban renewal, or our new Model City project - and that is the requirement of local matching funds. This in the past, in addition to other capital needs and our operating annual budget, has been a problem. Fortunately 1967 turned up two new sources of revenue - well not exactly 'turned up' because getting them required considerable effort - one was the local penny sales tax and the other was an escalation of the local share of the State's gross utility tax, passed by the State Legislature, which within three years will increase our share from three quarters of one per cent to a full three per cent.

An additional resource could accrue to the City, hopefully in the near future, if the County Government will undertake the support of those general services which are county-wide in scope, but which heretofore have been borne by the city. Dialogue between Council and County Commissioners is suggested as the county begins to collect the larger part of the new local penny sales tax. The development of equitable support for services could well be a step towards unified local government.

We have a tremendous city, on the move and making measurable and prideful progress, but all of the entries in our ledger are not on the credit side.

Let me illustrate: We have greatly improved our police department under the capable direction of Chief Ingersoll, but we still have a rising crime rate. We have one of the finest fire departments in the country, but it is beset with internal problems. Our motor transport department is well organized and run, but we get frequent complaints. We are building new streets and improving others, but I doubt if we are keeping up with the increasing census of vehicles. We are removing slums, while other neighborhoods are fast deteriorating. Private industry is building some 4000 new dwelling units

annually, in addition to new public housing, and yet the housing demand is greater than the supply, particularly for low priced housing. New industry is coming to Charlotte at the rate of \$100 million per year, contributing to economic opportunities but creating jobs that are difficult to fill.

The growth and progress in which we rightfully take pride brings difficult problems - but they are the kind of problems we should not mind, as long as we can do something about them through coordinated and cooperative community-wide efforts."

Mayor Brookshire stated he would like to thank all for their cooperation in the past year.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Louise McLendon, Acting Secretary