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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, June 5, 1972, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor pro tem Fred D. Alexander presiding at the beginning of the meeting, and Councilmembers Ruth M. Easterling, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Mayor John M. Belk at the beginning of the meeting, and Councilman Sandy R. Jordan for the entire session.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Dr. Warner Hall, Chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the last meeting on Monday, May 29, 1972 as submitted with the following correction:

Minute Book 57 - Page 173, Second paragraph, third line,
change the rate block of 30¢ to 33¢.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT PRESENTED TO DARRELL SIFFORD, EXECUTIVE EDITOR OF THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.

Mayor pro tem Alexander requested Mr. Darrell Sifford to come forward and be recognized. He stated at this time we want to acknowledge one of the city's and state's outstanding journalists, Mr. Darrell Sifford, Executive Editor of the Charlotte News.

That Mr. Sifford is well known for his administrative excellence in making the Charlotte News one of the nation's outstanding afternoon dailies. However, the service to the public he has done through his twice-weekly features in the News has been invaluable in educating our citizens. These features, which have included in-depth interviews on a wide variety of subjects touching mankind, are among the most talked about endeavors in our fine city. The Knight Publishing Company, which owns and operates the News, has seen the benefits of these endeavors and has syndicated Mr. Sifford's features throughout the entire chain. Mr. Sifford has been in Charlotte only six years, but he has truly become one of our outstanding citizens and we want to recognize him now with our Certificate of Appreciation.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated we are happy to have him as one of our citizens. On behalf of the City Council and Mayor Belk he presented Mr. Sifford with the City of Charlotte Merit Award.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO JESSE EDWARD HOUZE.

Mayor pro tem Alexander recognized Mr. Jesse Edward Houze and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque on his retirement. He stated Mr. Houze has served the city for 22 years. He wished him a pleasant and long life.

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AMA LEVEL II CERTIFICATES PRESENTED TO EMPLOYEES.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated the City of Charlotte prouds itself on having the best working force of any city in America, and we are not ashamed of any of the employees we have anywhere. He stated these employees have been diligent in attempting to improve themselves in their capacity to render service in their various city responsibilities. He stated these employees have completed a previous course under the American Management Association program, and have now completed the second level which equips them to be entitled to perform as past masters and individual leadership skills - meaning they have improved themselves to a point where they are now past masters in their various positions where they have been rendering the best service possible. That we now expect them to give better than they have done in the past.

He presented the following certificates:

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| 1. Murdies R. Arnold | 18. James F. Farrell, Jr. | 35. Carl A. Raymond* |
| 2. G. A. Bailey | 19. Henry L. Forrest | 36. Clark D. Reading* |
| 3. Pressley F. Beaver* | 20. Gill Gilleland | 37. A. H. Scott* |
| 4. Leo Black | 21. Tom Ginn | 38. Robert R. Seals |
| 5. H. E. Blackmon | 22. S. M. Harkey* | 39. V. C. Severs |
| 6. Fred E. Bryant | 23. Betty Harris | 40. C. B. Sparrow |
| 7. Walter Byers | 24. Richard Hauersperger | 41. Patricia Stauffer |
| 8. R. D. Campbell | 25. C. A. Helms* | 42. Robert J. Stith |
| 9. Jerry B. Coffman* | 26. Robert E. Honeycutt | 43. George J. Sugar |
| 10. B. A. Corbett, Jr.* | 27. George A. Kessler | 44. Harry A. Taylor* |
| 11. Gilbert W. Cole | 28. Roy F. Lynch | 45. Evelena Thompson |
| 12. Charles B. Cross* | 29. John R. McClelland | 46. David A. Travland |
| 13. W. L. Cuthbertson | 30. Jerry T. McCollough* | 47. Larry B. Vanhoy |
| 14. E. G. Davis* | 31. W. L. Molyneux | 48. Steven F. Watts* |
| 15. W. O. Dowdy | 32. Thomas B. Perrone* | 49. Kent G. Winslow |
| 16. Lee S. Dukes* | 33. W. W. Queen* | |
| 17. David W. Duncan | 34. Gene Randall | |

* Absent

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING THE SALE TO AND PURCHASE BY CHARLOTTETOWN, INC. OF LAND IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-43.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution approving the sale to and purchase by Charlottetown, Inc. of Disposition Parcel No. 5 which contains 4,575 square feet of land at a sale price of \$4,346.25.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 255.

ORDINANCE NO. 477 AMENDING CHAPTER 3A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ENTITLED "ANTI-DISCRIMINATION" AND AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY REGARDING THE EXTENSION OF SERVICES OF THE MAYOR'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE TO THE COUNTY TO DEFINE DISCRIMINATION TO INCLUDE DISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO SEX.

Councilwoman Easterling stated it is wonderful that the Community Relations Committee has come up with this recommendation on discrimination; that she has an idea it will meet with the approval of the City Council. She stated she is basing this on the fact they appointed a woman to the Council. She thinks they are ready to recognize the talents of women; they are ready to bring women into the planning and into the future development of the city. That she is happy to see this recommendation come from the Community Relations Committee.

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Councilwoman Easterling moved adoption of the ordinance amending Chapter 3A and approval of the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Mecklenburg County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Dr. Warner Hall, Chairman of the Community Relations Committee, stated Ms. Easterling has underscored some of the feelings of the Committee. He stated the average month has seen some 225 persons use the resources and staff of the Committee to seek resolution of some problems they have or some sense of grievance they have encountered. He stated they feel these are much more easily resolved in this kind of fashion than court action, for two reasons: (1) this can be a mediating force in the community for good; and (2) the resources of the committee can be engaged in trying to enable the city and county to make use of the extraordinary large amount of talent that we have sometimes unused in our wonderful women in the community. He stated they think this is a move in a good direction, and are grateful for Council's consideration.

Dr. Hall stated this was presented at the meeting of the County Commissioners this morning and they, without dissent, approved the recommendation.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated Dr. Hall's remarks are appreciated, and Council appreciates the service he is rendering as Chairman of this Commission. That all are aware of the responsibilities it involves and do not know what we would have done if we had not had the Committee's services in many moments of stress and strain. That we always want both Dr. Hall and the staff to know that we appreciate what is taking place in the City of Charlotte through the efforts of this Committee.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 19, at Page 90.

MAYOR COMES INTO MEETING.

Mayor Belk came into the meeting at this time and presided for the remainder of the session.

DISCUSSION OF HOLDING ORDINANCES A WEEK BEFORE ADOPTION.

Councilman McDuffie stated Council at one time talked about holding an ordinance open for a week rather than having it presented and adopted at the same meeting except in case of emergency. The City Attorney advised the city charter would have to be changed to do this.

The City Manager stated staff has been in the process of discussing some changes in the procedures; that they will have something for Council to look at soon.

Councilman Short stated Council might consider the possibility that certain matters would need to be voted twice.

Councilman Withrow stated this could also apply to things any individual members of Council might bring up at the end of the meeting; that it also be held over for a week.

Mr. Burkhalter stated there are other areas also; one of which is requiring that the Planning Commission review any matter which involves the purchase of land for capital improvement; not to approve it but a requirement that it must be referred to them. He stated Council can put the limitation of

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delaying adoption of ordinances on itself; but it cannot be done for urban renewal, the housing authority, parks and recreation, and schools. He stated he is referring to a provision that no public body could acquire a piece of land or build anything on it without first referring it to the Planning Commission. That would only mean that someone is looking at all these things. If this were done, he is sure you would not have to build as many streets and sidewalks to schools.

Councilman Whittington stated he has a lot of information on this subject; that he will be glad to give it to the City Attorney and let him come back with a recommendation on it for Council.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING SALE TO AND PURCHASE BY THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LAND IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-24, DEFERRED.

The subject resolution was presented for Council consideration. Council was advised this is Parcel No. 13 and it contains 209,107.03 square feet of land and the sale price is \$219,562.38.

Mr. Vernon Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, stated this is 4.8 acres of land; it fronts on Independence Boulevard and the new Second Street, between Scott Buick and Metropolitan School property. He stated this goes back and includes about 10 years of planning and preparation for enlarging the campus of Old Second Ward School. The Redevelopment Commission sold to the School Board four parcels of land which he pointed out on the drawing. The subject parcel is one that was earmarked for the School Board from the beginning, going back to Dr. Elmer Garinger's tenure as Superintendent of Schools. At one time the Board decided it did not want the parcel and did not need it; then it changed its mind, and this is now following the original plan. Mr. Sawyer stated the Redevelopment Commission has approved the sale of the parcel to the School Board.

Councilman Whittington asked the School Board's plan for the property, other than green space? Mr. Sawyer replied at the present time that is all; they have been told the proposal to develop a skill type trade school here is under study and presumably will be used for that. From the beginning there was no specific use to which it was to be put. The most specific thing they have seen was the plan the school board had at one time for the renovation of Second Ward School when plans were prepared by a local architect. That plan showed an athletic field there for the Second Ward School. Since that time, as far as he knows, those plans have been abandoned because of court orders that intervened. So this plan is being purchased by the School Board to be devoted to open space and future building as required.

Councilman Alexander asked if there is any way to tie this situation up to say that in a certain period of years the School Board would have to make use of this land, or do we just sell it to them, and that is it, and if they never make use of it for school purposes that is just it? Mr. Sawyer replied they do not have a definite date for construction; but they do have a definite date for the School Board to bring it into the open space with some landscaping. The plan permits construction for school purposes; this piece of land is restricted to public use by the redevelopment plan, and the School Board can not sell it for private development without amending the plan which would come back to the City Council. Councilman Alexander stated he would not want the School Board dilly dallying about with developing a type high school for ever and ever; the Board should make up its mind to develop it or the city get the property back and use it in the development plan. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated in light of what Mr. Sawyer has said the restrictions imposed by the overall redevelopment plan would be restrictions that would apply to this property.

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Councilman Whittington asked if this piece of property comes under the governmental plaza commission? Mr. Sawyer replied this does not; the property on the south side of East Second Street is exempted. The governmental center is the area from Second Street to Fourth Street.

Councilman Withrow stated the school board is getting this property cheaper than any of the other; that the cheapest price was \$1.50 and the board is getting it for a little over a dollar? Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct and it goes back; the School Board is taking advantage of a unique situation, and that is the property was appraised at least three years ago, and the appraisal at that time was \$1.05 a square foot, and an offer was made to the school board, or mutually agreed the school board would buy it at that figure. Things have rocked along and they decided they did want it, and then decided they did not; the Commission went through the process of amending the plan which came back to City Council for approval so that it could be put on the market for some office use; that was never approved because the school board had control there as a property owner, and it never concurred in this amendment. The Commission wanted to do something similar to what Mr. Alexander suggested and that is to give the School Board an option at this price to hold until they came back to the Commission with some specific plans. He stated they tried to get that approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the answer they got was that they would not approve the option, and if the land was not sold within 90 days, they would have to have it reappraised on today's market, and the price would go up, so it was on that basis the Commission agreed to sell it to the School Board, rather than to penalize another governmental agency by further delay.

Councilman McDuffie asked if the vocational high school is built, where will the people park their cars? Mr. Sawyer replied parking has been proposed on the McDowell Street side.

Councilman Whittington stated the County Commissioners, the City Council and the School Board are supposed to build elevated parking garages - one across Fourth Street, one across Fourth and McDowell, and the School Board is supposed to attach an elevated parking garage to their building. Mr. Sawyer stated there was a time limit to that and it was to be 1974; that they have already sent a reminder to the County and the School Board. Councilman McDuffie asked if he is talking about a paying type garage or free, and Mr. Sawyer replied there was no restriction on that except that parking would be enclosed or put in a structure by that time.

Councilman McDuffie stated with all the expressways and freeways surrounding downtown, he would have reservations about approving a metropolitan high school for that area and then having to support it with parking facilities that could be done at a lesser expense two or three miles away.

Councilwoman Easterling stated before coming to a decision such as locating a high school in this area, this refers to open space after clearance and landscaping, and asked if this is the type of thing that could be used for a park in the meantime; is it restricted to public use? She asked if it is suitable for a park in this location? Mr. Sawyer replied he thinks it is; there is a park across the street that will soon be under construction; the School Board has a fine relationship with the park and recreation commission in using land at a school. Mayor Belk asked if it will tie in with the one that is planned to be opened up across the street? Mr. Sawyer replied East Second Street is on an elevation of the Plaza that goes around the education center and ties in with the elevated walkway which in turn has to give access to the park that is being created; so there would be a physical connection; you would still have to walk the grade across Second Street.

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Councilman Withrow stated he hopes before building a school there they will coordinate with the city and county. Mayor Belk stated he does not think they will ever build a school there. The thing that worries him is the expressway across the street; that we do not have all that land; we do not have the final figure on it. The only thing that bothers him is if we are going to swap land across the street it is going to cost more to buy it than what we are selling this for. Mr. Sawyer replied they are reserving all the land for the city for the expressway. The portion that will be needed to round out the expressway right of way is outside the project boundary.

Councilman Whittington asked if there is an urgency in approving this today? Mayor Belk stated he would rather see if we can find a little more on the expressway; it is more of an urgency from our viewpoint to not complicate it. Mr. Sawyer replied the only urgency he knows is the 90 day limitation that HUD imposed on the Commission; that was for getting the sale under contract, and the Commission does not normally execute a sales contract with a purchaser until it is approved by the city council; the 90 days is up June 12. Councilman Whittington stated someone in the school system, either Mr. Morgan, the Chairman of the goals committee, should tell the Redevelopment Commission and the City Council what their plans are and when they plan to do something, before a decision is made.

Councilman Short asked to what extent is either the Commission or is the Council committed on this? This is a matter that has been discussed for some years. That he is not quite sure if we are in a position, regardless of the Mayor's comments, to fail to follow through on this. He asked if the School Board does not think this is an accomplished thing? Mr. Sawyer replied if they had had any doubts about this, he is sure a representative would have been here today. This is being proposed as an action that is in accordance with the redevelopment plan. The redevelopment plan merely calls for this to be put to public use; that is as far as it goes, and it lists school purposes. It is only in the sales contract where they tried to pin it down within the limitations of school board funds and their ability to commit to the construction of a facility in the future.

Councilman Alexander asked if they have said they are ready to build a school? Mr. Sawyer replied they have not. Councilman Alexander stated a lot of things have changed since they started off with the idea of a trade school on this particular site; the school board has not been back with anything about this site over a number of years; many things have changed since then. That he sees nothing wrong in having further talks with the school board as to what their plans are.

Councilman Withrow moved that decision be deferred until such time as a representative of the School Board comes to Council and explains their plans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and after further discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH PROGRESS ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. SETTING FORTH THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PAED IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER LOAN FUND, APPROVED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of a contract with Progress Association for Economic Development, Inc. setting forth the responsibilities of PAED in the administration of the business development center loan fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Dr. David A. Travland, Assistant Director of Model Cities, stated this establishes the technical relationship between PAED and the loan fund. Everything has been established but they neglected to do the one last technical detail which was to establish a firm operating agency for the loan fund; that will be PAED. The loan fund will be used to provide seed money for loans for development of minority businesses through the business development center which is funded by Model Cities.

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

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CONVEYANCE OF A FOUR FOOT STRIP OF LAND ABUTTING THE ALLEYWAY FROM SOUTH COLLEGE STREET INTO THE FIRST BLOCK OF THE DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT, TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the conveyance of four feet of land abutting the alleyway from South College Street into the first block of the Downtown Urban Renewal Project to the Redevelopment Commission was approved.

PRIORITY LIST OF STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Withrow to approve the priority list of State Highway improvements as follows:

FREEWAY SYSTEM PROJECTS

1. Independence Freeway - Fifth Street to Kenilworth Avenue.
2. Independence Freeway - Kenilworth Avenue to I-77.
3. I-85 Interchanges - Mulberry Road to Sugar Creek Road.

MAJOR ROAD SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

1. Inner Loop and Airport Parkway.
2. Fairview Road Extension.
3. The Plaza.
4. Central Avenue (outside the city).
5. Statesville Avenue.
6. Tyvola Road Extension.
7. Thirtieth Street.
8. Freedom Drive.
9. Graham-Statesville Interchange.

MAJOR ROAD SYSTEM PLANNING PROJECTS

1. Independence Boulevard Corridor Study.
2. Graham Street.
3. North Tryon Street.
4. Park Road Relocation.
5. New Airport Terminal Entrance Road.
6. Outer Belt Loop Corridor Study.

Councilman McDuffie stated he cannot justify Fairview Road ahead of the Plaza; that Councilman Withrow has mentioned Freedom Drive and he thinks all of Freedom Drive inside the city is four lanes; that he is talking about inside the city limits of Charlotte. That it is a poor argument to him to say that Fairview Road Extension, which is entirely in the County, should be on our priority list ahead of Plaza Road. That is a small change, but he asked Council to make the change. Councilman Withrow stated Mr. Hoose has said they would both be done about the same time, and he does not think it will make any difference if one is in front of another or not.

Councilman McDuffie replied he would just like to see it that way. It has been promised for ten years that the road would be widened; and he would like for City Council to say the Plaza is the No. 2 priority.

Councilman McDuffie made a substitute motion to change the list to have The Plaza as No. 2 and Fairview as No. 3 priority. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Whittington stated he does not think anyone has fought any harder than he has about Plaza Road. But at this time with the Highway Commissioners term about to expire and a new administration about to take over, he thinks we should leave what we now have alone and hopefully get these funded, and he believes we will.

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

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CONTRACT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING FACILITIES NEEDS, APPROVED.

Contract with IACP was presented for Council's consideration, and Council was advised LEAA funds are being requested for the police department's portion of the study which is \$13,200, and the fire department's portion will be approximately \$3,000.00.

Councilman Whittington asked if these consultants will plan a joint facility for fire and police? The City Manager replied how to locate one.

Councilman Withrow asked if we have no in-house capabilities? Mr. Burkhalter replied we have some police who think it should be this, and firemen who think it should be that, and some who think it should not be a joint facility and some who think it should. The fact is we are trying to build a training facility that will be used for two different groups of people. That the International Association of Chiefs of Police have been noted throughout this country for some very fine advice and work with various departments in training facilities.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Short to approve the contract with the International Association of Chiefs of Police to conduct a study of the police and fire department's training facilities needs.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to remind the City Manager and the people who are going to do this study, that the fire department already has a facility. That perhaps it is not what Chief Lee and his department would want; but the land is there with additional land he would imagine that could be obtained east of that building at much less than you can go to another location. With renovations perhaps the present building could be made secure to the extent that it would be at least one building and the tower is already there. That he would suggest they think along these lines and makes these suggestions to the people before they go looking all over the county for land.

The City Manager stated the police have a need for a rifle range and the fire department has a need for a tower - that he understands the present one is not usable because of the location. These are two needs that require space. They have two things that are similar; they need joint classrooms and this type of thing.

Councilman Short asked if we have a valid plan, an approved plan, to run an expressway through the present fire facility? The City Attorney replied it might be a part of the 30th Street extension. Councilman Short stated he is talking about the 30th Street arterial when extended eastward is to come on down Briar Creek and run on over near Mr. McDuffie's house. As now planned it will have quite an effect upon the present fire training facility.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to have this included as part of the study, so we will not have to have another study.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED AGAINST 18 TAX ACCOUNTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of \$1,946.25 which were levied and collected against 18 tax accounts.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 256.

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ORDINANCE NO. 478-X AMENDING THE 1971-72 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING TWO FLASHING STOP SIGNS.

Councilman Short moved adoption of subject ordinance to amend the 1971-72 Budget Ordinance transferring \$2,400 from the general fund contingency to the Traffic Control Budget for the purpose of erecting two flashing stop signs - one at Kenilworth Avenue and Greenwood Cliff and one at Sharon Amity Road and Walker Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 19, at Page 91.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE RELOCATION OF EXISTING SANITARY SEWER OUTFALL TO CLEAR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARKWOOD AVENUE CULVERT, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject change order was approved with Crowder Construction Company, increasing the contract price of \$720,805 by \$11,600.00 for the relocation of an existing sanitary sewer outfall to clear construction of the Parkwood Avenue culvert.

CONTRACT WITH MR. SAIYAD FAREED AHMAD FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN THE AREA OF FOURTH YEAR HEALTH PROGRAM PLANNING, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving contract in the amount of \$1,000 between the City of Charlotte Model Cities Department and Mr. Saiyad Fareed Ahmad for technical and professional services in the area of fourth year health program planning.

WATER PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH TOWN OF CORNELIUS TO PURCHASE WATER FROM TOWN OF CORNELIUS TO SERVE THE VILLAGE OF SMITHVILLE, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, a water purchase contract was approved between the City of Charlotte and the Town of Cornelius to purchase water from the Town of Cornelius to serve the Village of Smithville, near Cornelius.

Councilman Alexander asked if the problems with the water bills at Smithville have been resolved, and Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied all the meters are being replaced and the residents' bills have been adjusted.

CONTRACT WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving a contract with John Crosland Company for the construction of 600 feet of 6-inch c. i. water main and one fire hydrant to serve a portion of The Meadows, at the Foxcroft Condominium Town House Project, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00, with funds to be advanced by the applicant and reimbursed under the terms of the existing city policies as related to such water main construction.

REPORT TO BE MADE TO COUNCIL ON COMPLAINT FROM RESIDENTS OF MARLWOOD SUBDIVISION ABOUT WATER SERVICE.

Councilman McDuffie asked if the City Manager has a report to Council about the complaint from the residents of Marlwood Subdivision about water service? Mr. Franklin, Director of the Utility Department, replied this has just come to their attention, and they have not had time to review the request, but he will bring a report back to Council.

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CONTRACTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER MAINS AND TRUNKS, APPROVED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the following contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains and trunks, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Contract with The Salvation Army for the construction of 240 feet of 8" main to serve the Boys Club Extension, in the Belvedere Homes Housing Project Area, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,810.50, with the applicant to bear the entire cost of the project, which amount is non-refundable.
- (b) Contract with Southern Bell for the construction of 470 feet of 8" main to serve the Southern Bell Central Office at 5220 Central Avenue, in Sharon Amity Road and Central Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$4,620.00, with the applicant to pay the total cost of the project and to be refunded the amount of \$3,391.25 under existing policies of the City.
- (c) Contract with John Crosland Company for the construction of 2,100 feet of 8" main to serve the Firestone Subdivision Section 2, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$21,000.00, with the applicant to bear the entire cost which is non-reimbursable, and to dedicate same to the City upon acceptance by the city for maintenance and operation.
- (d) Contract with John Crosland Company for the construction of 1,120 feet of 8" main to serve The Meadows at the Foxcroft Apartment Complex, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$11,200.00 with the applicant to bear the entire cost of the project, which is non-reimbursable and to dedicate same to the city upon acceptance by the city for maintenance and operation.
- (e) Contract with Southampton Investments, Inc. for the construction of 115 feet of 8" trunk and 50 feet of 8" main to serve the Southwood Condominium Project, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00, with the applicant to bear the entire cost of the project, which is non-reimbursable, and to dedicate same to the city upon acceptance by the city for maintenance and operation.

MAYOR LEAVES CHAIR.

Mayor Belk left the Chair at this time, and Mayor pro tem Alexander presided.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to approve the acquisition of 15' x 170' of easement at 2601 Interstate 85 from Lincoln Company, Incorporated, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Interstate Industrial Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the acquisition of 15' x 417.91' and 25' x 3,429.99' of easement at Sharon and Fairview Road, from Belk Brothers, Co., J. B. Ivey and Company, and Belvey Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer construction to serve SouthPark Shopping Center. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

MAYOR RETURNS TO CHAIR.

Mayor Belk returned to the Chair at this time, and presided for the remainder of the Session.

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RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving a right of way agreement between the City and State Highway Commission for the installation of 1,150 feet of 8" c. i. water main on the north side of Barringer Drive, outside the city.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the following encroachment agreements with the State Highway Commission, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line within the right of way of Barringer Drive to serve 3800 Barringer Drive.
- (b) Encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8" C. I. water main and 8" VCP sanitary sewer line within the right of way of Sandy Porter Road to serve Taragate Farms.
- (c) Encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8" VCP sanitary sewer line and 8" C. I. water main within the right of way of Nations Ford Road to serve Ramblewood No. 2.

STREETS TO BE TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY CITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the following streets were approved to be taken over for continuous maintenance by the city:

- (a) Clawson Court, from Little Hope Road to end of cul-de-sac.
- (b) Urban Place, from Little Hope Road to end of cul-de-sac.
- (c) Zion Court, from Little Hope Road to end of cul-de-sac.
- (d) Enterprise Drive, from West 32nd Street to 545 feet west of West 32nd Street.

CLAIM BY MRS. JOHN OWEN, FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington and seconded by Councilman McDuffie to approve payment of claim in the amount of \$477.00 by Mrs. John Owen, 3801 Abingdon Road, for property damage resulting from a sewer line backup on February 23, 1972, as recommended by the City Attorney.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried as follows:

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

RESOLUTION AMENDING PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO ESTABLISH TWO CLASSES.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of a resolution amending the Pay Plan of the City of Charlotte to establish the following classes, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously:

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CLASS NO.	CLASS TITLE	RANGE NO.	PAY STEPS
357	Municipal Information System Project Director	41	A-F
358	Municipal Information System Design Manager	38	A-F

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 257.

CONTRACT AWARDED AIR MASTERS, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING ON THIRD FLOOR OF OLD POLICE BUILDING.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Air Masters, Inc. in the amount of \$6,098.00, on a unit price basis, for installation of heating and air conditioning on the third floor of the Old Police Building.

The following bids were received:

Air Masters, Inc.	\$6,098.00
Climate Conditioning of Charlotte, Inc.	6,586.00
Ross & Witmer, Inc.	7,997.00

CONTRACT AWARDED STETSCO SERVICE COMPANY FOR LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR PAINTING AND CLEANING TWO WATER TANKS IN THE CITY COUNTY WATER SYSTEM.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Stetsco Service Company, in the amount of \$11,312.00, on a unit price basis, for labor, materials and equipment for painting and cleaning two water tanks in the City-County water system.

The following bids were received:

Stetsco Service Company	\$11,312.00
Charlotte Tank Lining Co., Inc.	14,700.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CATERING MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR THE SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM, MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD YOUNGSTERS.

After explanation by Mr. Norman Williams of Model Cities Department, Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Catering Management, Inc. in the amount of \$72,900.00, on a unit price basis, for the summer feeding program, Model Neighborhood Youngsters. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Catering Management, Inc.	\$72,900.00
Macke Vending Company	77,225.40

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CONTRACT AWARDED ROSS & WITMER, INC. FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM, IN THE AMA CLASSROOM AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Ross & Witmer, Inc. in the amount of \$6,275.00, on a unit price basis, for the installation of air conditioning system, in the AMA Classroom and Purchasing Department.

The following bids were received:

Ross & Witmer, Inc.	\$6,275.00
Air Masters, Inc.	6,357.00

RESIGNATION OF JAMES WILSON AS DIRECTOR OF MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT ACCEPTED.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, read the following letter from Mr. James S. Wilson, Jr., Model Cities Director, addressed to Mayor John M. Belk:

"I have received confirmation of the job offer with the National League of Cities, which we discussed on May 26, 1972. I have, in writing, accepted the offer of Project Director of the Community Development Service Center, a HUD funded project with the National League of Cities.

I am requesting that my resignation become effective at 5:00 p.m., June 30, 1972. I am accepting this offer because it will give me an opportunity to be of assistance not only to the City of Charlotte in this period of governmental transition, but also to all cities that are members of the National League of Cities and the United States Conference of Mayors.

My experience with the City of Charlotte has been both challenging and rewarding. I feel that we have accomplished the major goals undertaken back in December of 1970. Namely the re-organization of staff, the regaining of administrative credibility for this Department and reaching the credibility gap that existed between the City of Charlotte - Model Cities and the HUD regional and national officials. In the area of programming, I believe we have substantially stabilized the Model Cities effort and have gotten it back on the tract and have the entire process moving forward again. We have even anticipated the need for major transitional changes and have already conducted training sessions for this staff and other Model Cities staff in the State of North Carolina, with this thought in mind. I feel we will leave you with the in-house capability on the Model Cities staff to carry on this program with minimum difficulty. Of course, while I will at least indirectly still be in your service as a member of the staff of the National League of Cities, I will remain available to assist you as needed.

During this month of June, we expect to complete the first of two major reprogramming efforts scheduled for this year. I also hope to complete the final revision of the Second Action Year program during this period. Arrangements are being made through staff with the possibility of outside assistance for all of the above to be completed by June 30th. I am confident that the momentum we have built up with your assistance and encouragement over the past 18 months will sustain this program through to its completion with minimum difficulty.

It has been a team effort and I am grateful to you for your 100 percent support over the past year and a half. I am sure that the City of Charlotte will continue to support the Model Cities operation and maintain it as a stable ongoing process within city government.

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Thank you is a small way of expressing my sentiments to you and all those who have given of themselves to the Model Cities Program, the residents, the staff, the Commissioners and the elected officials. I do say thank you and mean it full measure for the year and a half I have had as Director of the Model Cities Department. For those who may not quite understand my decision, may I ask you to remind them of the words of Henry David Thoreau, "if a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Mayor Belk stated he would like to thank Mr. Wilson for serving the City of Charlotte; that he appreciates the fine job he has done. That the City looked at a lot of places before finding Mr. Wilson over 18 months ago. That he has done a fine job, and he would like to wish him well in this advancement. This shows the type of person he is in receiving this job offer.

Councilman Alexander moved that the statement by Mayor Belk be resolved by Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Alexander stated the position to which Mr. Wilson is going is an important position, and is a new position created by the National League of Cities and one which many of us had much input in getting it developed.

COMMENTS FROM TOM SYKES ON REVENUES AND SALES TAX, AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Mr. Tom Sykes stated the committee appointed by the Mayor for the purpose of resources for the city to expend made a report this past week relative to the sales tax. He stated the City has already announced a bond election in the fall and the county has a bond election in the fall, and now it looks as though we have a sales tax election coming up. He stated Council has just approved a contract for \$72,000 for lunches for people who need it, and this committee recommends an additional one cent of their income practically to go into a sales tax. There are one or two businessmen on this committee; there is a banker on the committee and there is no sales tax on his product; there is a lawyer and there is no sales tax on his product.

Mr. Sykes stated he is a little leary of any more commissions and committees being formed to spend money and he is much more leary of those committees appointed to raise revenues. That it is time this Council and the County Commissioners start organizing committees to tell us how not to spend money, and organize committees to tell us where we are spending too much money.

He stated it is most ridiculous to come into this Council and ask for people to raise revenues; it is time somebody came in and said let's cut some of our budgets. A school budget of \$21.0 million increase over a six year period with 2,000 less students - who is kidding who. The taxpayers are getting a little sick of it; and those who are sick of it do not have time to come to Council and show their indignation. He asked why revenues are not recommended that are practical. He stated past history includes a study made of property taxes by himself at his expense; past history includes revenues by privilege licenses recommended in 1968 for a total of \$3.0 to \$5.0 million at that time by people who were not paying privilege licenses. Banks do not pay a privilege license, do they? He stated this Council has something to do with the schools on the agenda today; that he says to turn their land request down and turn it down in a hurry and change the method of doing business and make some money on that property.

Mr. Sykes suggested that Council go through the privilege licenses and spend the time he has spent on privilege licenses and they will find that not a doctor in this town or county pays a privilege license; not an attorney pays a privilege license. He suggested that a Committee be created to cut expenditures and cut budgets.

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Councilman Short stated he thinks Mr. Sykes has made a good point toward supporting and helping the bond issue in September, and he asked if Mr. Sykes is supporting the bond issue? If the committee keeps quiet can he support the bond issue? Mr. Sykes replied if this committee is dissolved, there might be some thought along those lines because this committee is already off on the wrong foot. That you cannot put bankers and lawyers on a committee to raise revenues and employees of a public utility company and get the revenues from the people that can most afford to pay them.

Mr. Sykes stated he would rather be collecting a payroll tax; that he has employees who ride into here from Cabarrus County, bring their lunch and try to get out of town before the traffic jam keeps them here for another hour. They do not spend any money in Mecklenburg County.

Councilman Withrow asked if he thinks a study could be made free of charge by an efficiency expert? Mr. Sykes replied he believes the city could find people who would be delighted to do it.

Mr. Sykes stated he is up to his ears in the way the tax dollars are being spent; it is not all in this room; but it is across the street, in Raleigh, and all the way to Washington D. C. He stated we are going to be faced very soon with some sort of tax revolt by the taxpayers. Councilman Withrow stated he is with him if he can get him some individuals who will make an efficiency study free of charge, he will agree with him. But if we have to pay for it, it will be about another half million dollars just to study it. Mr. Sykes replied it is not a very expensive thing to make a time study.

Councilman McDuffie asked Mr. Sykes if his committee will write a memorandum to Council with the suggested revenue sources they are in favor of; start out with privilege license and then maybe the payroll second; amusement taxes and some of the other things they are in favor of. Mr. Sykes replied there is a committee formulated for this purpose. Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to have their input.

Mr. Sykes requested this Council to take some action related to a committee to save tax dollars.

Councilman McDuffie asked if Mr. Sykes will be present at the budget sessions? Mr. Sykes replied he will be glad to come if he knows when the sessions are to be held. Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to write Mr. Sykes and advise him of the first budget meeting. The City Manager replied the first meeting will be June 21 and probably will be at night.

Mr. Sykes requested Council to get this land deal out of the hands of the Board of Education and let them go somewhere else for their property. He stated they have more land now lying idle than anyone else.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Whittington stated he does not agree with Tom Sykes very often, and Mr. Sykes does not agree with him very often, but they are still good friends. That he understands the Mayor has asked the City Manager to set up a meeting with the nominees and those who have been elected from Mecklenburg County to the next session of the General Assembly. Prior to that meeting, it is important that the City Council and the Mayor sponsor a meeting with the County Commissioners, and invite the Metropolitan Finance Committee to meet with Council and tell Council the reasons and research that has gone into what has been reported through the news media. After they do that, he thinks Council, along with the County Commissioners, should develop our own needs on some priority basis and be able to stand behind them, and then present them to the Delegation when we meet with them.

He stated all these steps are important. Whatever we are going to get done in the next session of the legislature, we have to support our candidates to the General Assembly and we have to ask them what they need for us to do with the other members of the General Assembly. Another reason this is important

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is the Committee that Mr. Underhill is on, the legislative committee, and the Committee he is serving on about new revenues. If we are going to get new revenues or additional revenues from the State, then we have to do it first with our own delegation with the support of the citizens of Mecklenburg County, and the support of the City Council and the County Commissioners. We must carry this message across the State and get the support of other delegations from the other 99 counties. He stated we are making some progress this way.

Councilman Whittington stated two weeks ago before the Legislative Committee of the League of Municipalities, for the first time we are dealing directly with Schedule B, license and privilege taxes. He stated when the time comes for Council to appear before the Committee down there, Mr. Sykes will receive an invitation.

Councilman Whittington stated if Council will take these steps, it will be very helpful to our Delegation, and it will be helpful to the City Attorney, and to him as a member of another committee trying to get additional revenues for citizens of Mecklenburg.

The City Manager reported the meeting with the legislative nominees is set up as a breakfast meeting next week on June 13 at 8:30 A.M. at the Ramada Inn on East Boulevard. He stated from reading the minutes he does not see that the Revenue Committee will have a report in the foreseeable future.

Mayor Belk stated these meetings are set up to try to improve the relationships between the three bodies. Councilman Whittington replied he thinks this is commendable; but at the same time he thinks if these steps are taken we will further cement these better relations. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated a speaker from out of town is scheduled for the meeting next week, and arrangements have already been made about the program, and the whole theme is not to present a program on revenues to the Legislators. The theme of the meeting is simply to indicate that Council is going to sit down and work with them; and hopefully they will be willing to sit down and work with Council. Councilman Whittington stated he is aware the Mayor had scheduled this meeting with the Delegation. He stated after that meeting, he would hope the Mayor and Council would agree that we need to do some of the things that he has said with the Metropolitan Finance Committee; then a meeting with the County Commissioners and Council, and then several meetings with the nominees and those already elected.

Mayor Belk stated one meeting has been held with the Mayors of eleven of the larger cities in the State. Another meeting is set up to tie in with the Committee Mr. Whittington is serving on with the N. C. League. By working with these various angles we can do a better job. That he plans another meeting with the Mayors in July. These eleven cities have the same problems we do at one time or another; they have the growing city problems. This is trying to get us all to the point where we have the same goals.

Councilman Short stated the Metropolitan Finance Planning Committee has not decided anything; has not spoken to anyone; has not taken any action; has not adopted anything. The meetings have just been talk sessions.

Councilman Alexander stated this Committee was set out in an attempt to find possible ways of considering new avenues of revenues. He does not see this Committee can do that without discussing everything we have heard of as a means of revenues. To discuss them does not mean this Committee has agreed on anything it is going to recommend. There will be many people who are going to be talking about what this Committee has talked about before the Committee has ever agreed to anything. The Committee is going to discuss every possible source of revenues anyone has heard tell of as far as that goes. He stated they do not have any way to come back to City Council with anything before someone knows it as the press is right there hearing everything that is said. These are not secret meetings.

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CITIZENS PARTICIPATION DIVISION OF MODEL CITIES REPRESENTATIVES INSTRUCTED TO MEET WITH STAFF AND MAKE THEIR REQUEST FOR A NEW STATION WAGON.

Mr. Ernest Davis of the Citizens Participation Division of Model Cities asked if Council is ready to make a decision on their request of last week for a new station wagon? Mayor Belk suggested that they take this up with the Model Cities staff and see what they recommend. Dr. Travland, Assistant Director, stated they appreciate the needs of Citizens Participation; that they have gone through a reprogramming effort in order to free these funds and to work this out at the staff level. He stated they need to get together with these representatives and come to an acceptable solution of the problem.

Councilman Alexander stated to Mr. Davis that Dr. Travland is saying they have gone through the budget and will be back to Citizens Participation to resolve the matter as it concerns the station wagon.

POSITION OF ARCHITECT-PLANNER FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, AUTHORIZED AND ASSIGNED TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Whittington stated in connection with the item in the conference session on the pedestrian movement and the suggestion that Council consider a planning coordinator, he would like to make the following statement:

"Council adopted and approved the Ponte-Travers & Wolfe plan for the Central Business District several months ago. This is the first step in the implementation of the plan along with steps Council has already taken through urban renewal and parking garages. This second step, the employment of an architect-planner, is in his opinion, an effort to deal adequately with the future and not to be run over by it. Dealing with today's problems we must keep the long term in perspective and strive not to do things that future generations must undo at great cost.

We must have in mind the closest possible relationship between the city's aims and those of the individuals who comprise it. We must dream no small dreams; we must envision great, ambitious and difficult roles. Yet our objective must be and is within our reach, if we are to be diligent, durable, faithful and willing to make sacrifices demanded by any worthwhile achievement."

Councilman Whittington stated he wanted to say that as it is important as we think about the central business district.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council authorize the position of an architect-planner as a central business developer coordinator and that he be assigned to the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE SET FOR JUNE 26 ON READOPTION OF THE CITY'S BUILDING CODE, HOUSING CODE, SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND ZONING ORDINANCE.

Councilman Whittington moved that Monday, June 26 be set as date of public hearing on re adoption of the city's building code, housing code, subdivision ordinance and zoning ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

STATUS REPORT ON PARK FOR RANDOLPH ROAD.

Councilman McDuffie asked the status of the park on Randolph Road.

Mr. Carstarphen, Assistant City Manager, stated they met with Chairman Walker of the Parks and Recreation Commission last week; the matter has not been resolved; that he believes the Commission will come to Council with a recommendation on a site for a park in that area within the next 30 days.

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COUNCILMAN REQUESTS THAT TWO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SERVE ON THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE STUDYING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE IN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Withrow stated several weeks ago there was an article in the paper about the Chamber of Commerce re-studying the ambulance service. That a few years ago, he and John Thrower were on a committee with the Chamber of Commerce and received all the information on the study. He asked if it is possible for the Mayor to contract the Chamber of Commerce and ask them if they will put two council members on their committee to receive all this information and these two members could bring the information back to Council.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE OLD FENCE AT THE FIRE STATION ON SOUTH BOULEVARD, REMOVED.

Councilman Withrow stated in connection with the fire station on South Boulevard at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church there is an old fence around the station. The church has landscaped their property, and he sees no reason why that old fence cannot be taken down. It is an eyesore to the whole city, and the city has spent a lot of money on the little park at the side of the fire station.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to look into this and report back to Councilman Withrow.

SUGGESTION THAT HIGH RISE APARTMENTS BE CONSIDERED FOR FOURTH WARD IN ORDER TO HELP DEVELOP DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Whittington stated today Council has made a significant step in the implementation of the Ponte-Travers, Wolfe plan. In this plan they talk about the mini-parks and the encouragement of the development of the area north of the Square to retail and professional outlets as we now have south of the Square and east and west of the Square. He stated it seems to him if we are going to do what we can to encourage the new development of the central business district, we need to make some effort to encourage the development of high rise apartments in the Fourth Ward, along with these small parks.

He stated perhaps Mr. Connerat and Mr. McIntyre, along with the City Manager, should try and get the developers, such as Crosland, Spangler and Vinson and others together and see if there is not a way the city can change the zoning ordinance, the off-street parking requirements and do something to develop Fourth Ward in high rise apartment structures. We already have Edwin Towers on the north, and Poplar Apartments on the north side. If we could get one or two apartments built between those and Fifth Street at the Old Settlers Cemetery, then he thinks we would make a step towards getting people to live downtown who work downtown. This would help in the transit and traffic problems, and in the development of the Central Business district.

REQUEST THAT REPORT ON RETIREMENT FOR FIREMEN BE SPEEDED UP.

Councilman Whittington stated the City Manager sent Council a memorandum about the retired firemen situation. He asked if there is any way this report can be speeded up so that Council can have it by budget time. He stated these men need some help as they have no additional income. The City Manager replied he will do everything possible to speed it up.

SPEED CHECK REQUESTED ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD, BETWEEN FIVE POINTS AND I-85.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to have someone check the speed of vehicles on Beatties Ford Road, between Five Points and I-85. That he imagines we will have to step up the speed check and especially cut down the speed of the big gravel trucks that come barreling through the traffic.

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TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO WRITE ALL TRUCKING COMPANIES AND ADVISE THAT TRACTOR TRAILERS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON EASTWAY DRIVE, ASHLEY ROAD, WOODLAWN ROAD AND PARK ROAD AS THEY ARE NOT TRUCK ROUTES.

Councilman Whittington stated tractor trailer trucks are still using Eastway Drive, Ashley Road, Woodlawn Road and Park Road, and they are not supposed to use any of them as they are not truck routes.

He suggested that Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, be requested to write all the trucking companies and tell them tractor trailers will be stopped and the drivers will be cited if they use these roads which are not truck routes.

W. H. GUERRANT APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION OFFICE.

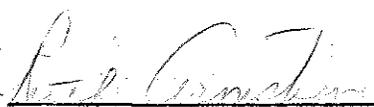
Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated Mr. W. H. (Bill) Guerrant has been appointed as Director of Public Service and Information Office. He stated Mr. Guerrant has been with the Department since 1970 and has a good background; he is well respected among the other city departments, and is a fully, capable individual. He stated he hopes Council will continue to use him as they did the former Director, Mr. Wheeler, who resigned.

COUNCILWOMAN EASTERLING ANNOUNCES SHE MOVES TO WILDACRES ON TUESDAY, JUNE 6.

Councilwoman Easterling announced she is going to Wildacres tomorrow, June 6; and will be there until after Labor Day. She stated she has marked every meeting that has been scheduled on her calendar and she plans to be present for each of them.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adjourning the meeting.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk