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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, June 8, 1970, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington, and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman John H. Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Robert S. Owens, Minister of Plaza Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the regular meeting, on June 1, 1970 and the public hearing on June 1, 1970, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION EXTENDING SYMPATHY AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROSS A. KNIGHT.

Mr. W. J. Veeder, City Manager, read the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, it is with deep sadness and a feeling of great loss that the City Council of the City of Charlotte takes note of the passing of Ross A. Knight on Friday, June 5, 1970; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Knight was serving as Airport Manager of Douglas Municipal Airport, and had been in that position since 1967; and

WHEREAS, with tremendous capability and talent, he was directing the initial stages of an expansion program at the airport, and his death is a great loss to the city organization; and

WHEREAS, his soft-spoken, friendly manner earned for him the admiration and respect of the City Council and his many friends and associates at City Hall, and the sense of bereavement felt by the family is shared by all of us; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte, in regular session assembled on this 8th day of June, 1970, does hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the family of Ross A. Knight, and that the name of Ross A. Knight is hereby memorialized and honored; and

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

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The resolution was unanimously adopted by Council as everyone stood in a moment of silent prayer.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO COACH AND PLAYERS OF MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL MUSTANGS.

Mayor Belk stated in the twilight of another school session, he is very honored to recognize some of the City's fine students. That the spirit of athletics is a competitive spirit and the only way you learn the championship is by participation and the winning of the game. He stated under the leadership of Coach Sink at Myers Park High School, the Mustangs Baseball team has won the State of North Carolina 4-A Championship.

Mayor Belk stated he and members of the Council would like to recognize Coach Sink for his guidance and endurance and leadership to make these boys better citizens of the future. He presented to Coach Sink and the members of the team present the City of Charlotte's Certificate of Appreciation.

CENTRAL CHARLOTTE ASSOCIATION REQUESTS COUNCIL TO MAKE A FURTHER STUDY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REGARDING PROPOSED CHANGES IN TRASH COLLECTIONS IN THE CENTRAL CITY.

Mr. Irvin Jackson, representing the Central Charlotte Association, stated the Central Charlotte Association has carefully reviewed the recommendations of the Department of Public Works regarding proposed changes in trash collections in the Central City. They feel the Central City is the "face" of the City and that cleanliness and appearance is paramount to the image of the City. Further, because of the heavier activity in the Central City and the lack of space for trash storage, it is more important to collect more frequently than in the Central City that in the outlying areas which do not have the dense concentration of people.

He stated they are not opposed in principle to a reasonable reduction in the number of pick-ups, for they can understand the need for more efficiency. They feel that a reduction from 6 to 2 is too drastic. Therefore, they are opposed to the recommendations that collections be reduced from 6 times weekly to 2 times weekly.

Mr. Jackson stated they are asking the City to make a further study to determine the following three points:

- (1) Actual dollar savings to be achieved by such action.
- (2) The total effect to the sanitary conditions to the Central City.
- (3) Hardships caused to many businesses with limited storage or food waste.

He stated they are hopeful that further study will show that the efficiency and budget requirements of the City can be met and the sanitary conditions of the City upheld with a collection frequency somewhere between the present 6 and the proposed two pick-ups.

COMMENTS BY CITIZEN REGARDING THE CALIBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated he was very impressed with the caliber of people in the city organization that were handed out the certificates by Council about four weeks ago. He stated there was not one of them that he would not be glad to engage himself had he been needing such individuals.

He stated at times he has been rather critical of the City Manager. That as far as he has been able to evaluate during the past eight years or so that Mr. Veeder has been here, he must get the major share of the credit of the very successful organization that the city has today. That he deserves a great deal of credit for the city organization.

Mayor Belk thanked Mr. Elvin for his comments and stated he and Council are proud of the City Manager and also the people he has working for the city.

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ORDINANCE NO. 642-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL OF LAND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RANDOLPH ROAD AND GAYNOR ROAD ON PETITION OF HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY.

Councilman Tuttle stated in the absence of Councilman Thrower who is vitally interested in the subject petition, he moved that decision be delayed one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and lost by the following vote:

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

Mayor Belk broke the tie, voting against the motion.

Councilman Withrow stated this has been one of the hardest decisions in zoning that has come before Council during his term; that he has tried to weigh the facts, pro and con, and it has been hard for him to make up his mind.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-12MF to O-6 and B-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short stated these many protestors are some of the finest citizens we have; many of them are very fine business people and he thinks they will respect someone who sincerely disagrees with them and who forthrightly votes his conscience and speaks his belief even though different from theirs.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would like to reiterate what Mr. Short has said; even though he will be voting differently, he is voting his conscience.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Belk broke the tie, voting in favor of the motion to change the zoning.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 148.

PETITION NO. 70-69 BY W. PINKNEY HERBERT, JR. FOR CONDITIONAL OFF-STREET PARKING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES ON A LOT ZONED R-6MF AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, DEFERRED UNTIL SEVEN MEMBERS PRESENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow to deny the subject petition as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Whittington stated when there is a protest petition, generally it has been the custom of Council to postpone decision until all members of Council are present; that Councilman Thrower is on jury duty this week and the petition requires six votes in order to make the change. He moved that decision be postponed until seven (7) members of Council are present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMAN TUTTLE LEAVES THE MEETING.

Councilman Tuttle left the meeting at this time and returned as noted in the minutes.

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JUNE 29, ON PETITION NO. 70-91, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution setting date of public hearing on Monday, June 29, on Petition No. 70-91 by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 99.

COUNCILMAN TUTTLE RETURNS TO MEETING.

Councilman Tuttle returned to the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the session.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, OF THE CODE CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE, ASHES AND MISCELLANEOUS REFUSE, DEFERRED.

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Jackson, representing the Central Charlotte Association, made an official objection to a portion of the subject ordinance at the beginning of the meeting today; that he questions why they were not here when the public hearing was held but perhaps they had very good reasons; regardless of that fact and since he has been here today and Councilman Thrower is absent, he moved that Council not take action on the ordinance today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 643-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR USE FOR GREENVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$15,835.00 to be used for the site acquisition, design and construction of Greenville Neighborhood Center Facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

Council was advised the appropriation is 100% reimbursable to the General Fund following the sale of public building bonds next March and the receipt of the approved federal community facility grants.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 149.

ORDINANCE NO. 644-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT FOR USE FOR FIRST WARD NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$5,433.00 to be used for the site acquisition, design and construction of First Ward Neighborhood Center Facilities, with the appropriation to be 100% reimbursable to the General Fund following the sale of public building bonds next March and the receipt of the approved federal community facility grants.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 150.

ORDINANCE NO. 645-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM URBAN RENEWAL BOND FUND FOR THE GREENVILLE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the transfer of \$1,470,334.00 for the Greenville Urban Renewal Program.

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The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 151.

Councilman Alexander asked if the approval of the ordinance means the Greenville Program will get underway? Mr. Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, replied that is right; that they have been negotiating with owners of the property; todate they have secured seven options that are ready to go and can set closing dates as soon as they have the money.

CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND THE CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BEAR THE INTEREST RATE EXPENSE THAT EXCEEDS THE STATE STATUTORY LIMITATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the two contracts - one between the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Housing Authority and the other between the City of Charlotte and the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission.

Councilman Short stated he would like to commend the variety of people in the State, Local and National governments who worked out this problem.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE THROUGH JUNE 30, 1971 FOR CITY EMPLOYEES 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, extension of one year's service through June 30, 1971, was authorized the following employees:

NAME	BIRTHDATE	CLASSIFICATION	DEPARTMENT
W. C. Lee	5-5-05	Service Dispatcher	Street
J. Miller	3-15-05	Laborer I	Street
J. R. Philemon	6-24-05	Police Sergeant	Police
W. M. Franklin	6-9-05	Water Superintendent	Water
L. A. Newell	8-3-03	Packer Driver	Sanitation
W. Gibson	4-15-04	Laborer I	Water

COUNCIL ACTION OF FEBRUARY 16, 1970 APPROVING CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR SMITH FAMILY INN, INC. RESCINDED.

Councilman Jordan moved that City Council's action on February 16, 1970, approving a sanitary sewer contract with Arthur Smith Family Inn, Inc., be rescinded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of \$211.02 which were levied and collected through clerical error.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 100.

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ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinances were adopted as follows:

- (a) Ordinance No. 646-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Flamingo and Springway Street.
- (b) Ordinance No. 647-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 346 Fannie Circle.
- (c) Ordinance No. 648-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 515 Porter Street.
- (d) Ordinance No. 649-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2022 Roslyn Avenue.
- (e) Ordinance No. 650-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 421 Biddle Street.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, beginning at Page 152.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200(43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinances as follows:

- (a) Ordinance No. 651-X ordering the removal of abandoned motor vehicle at 820 Parkwood Avenue.
- (b) Ordinance No. 652-X ordering the removal of abandoned motor vehicle at 241 North Cedar Street.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, beginning at Page 157.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO ARTHUR RAY OWENS AND WIFE, SARAH OWENS, LOCATED ON OLD DOWD ROAD, IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, FOR THE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of 112.5' x 954' x 112.5' x 941' of property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 101.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 571.99' of easement at 401 Lambeth Drive, from Edward C. Griffin and wife, Sadie E., at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Lambeth Drive Apartments.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 180' x 10' x 11' x 15' x 19' of easement at 500 Burroughs Street, from John R. Smith and wife, Viola Smith, at \$250.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Lambeth Drive Apartments.

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- (c) Acquisition of 10' x 150' of easement on Bellamy Street at Willow Street off Old Steele Creek Road, from John W. Craig and wife, Georgia O., at \$1.00, for Willow Street sanitary sewer.
- (d) Acquisition of 10' x 156.01' of easement on Hungerford Drive, at Lockley Drive in Eastover, from E. C. Griffith, Sr., and wife, Frances R., at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Eastover.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN IN PLAZA ROAD.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the subject right of way agreement for the installation of an 8-inch water main in the north side of Plaza Road, between Milton Road and Barrington Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN HUNTER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Jordan moved the appointment of Mr. John Hunter to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term to expire January 30, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF JOE MILLSAPS TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, appointing Mr. Joe Millsaps to the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees for a two year term to expire January 18, 1972.

REAPPOINTMENT OF CLAUDE L. ALBEA TO THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Tuttle moved the reappointment of Mr. Claude L. Albea for a three year term to expire June 30, 1973 on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO MR. NAHUM R. PILLSBURY, JR.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a special officer permit to Mr. Nahum R. Pillsbury, Jr. for use on the premises of Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital was approved for renewal for a term of one year.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots, as follows:

- (a) Deed with Charles C. Ramsey for Graves 3 and 4, in Lot No. 739, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Paraskevi S. Koutsogeorgas for Lots No. 404 and 405, Section 4A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$504.00.
- (c) Deed with Hugh Puckett for perpetual care for Lot No. 39, Section S, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$201.60.

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CONTRACT AWARDED LAXTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NO. 18.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Laxton Construction Company, in the amount of \$95,400.00. on a unit price basis, for general construction of Fire Station No. 18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Laxton Construction Co.	\$95,400.00.
Cabarrus Construction Co.	95,485.00
Butler & Sidbury	96,558.00
Rodgers Builders	99,536.00
Blythe & Isenhour	104,854.00
D. R. Mozeley, Inc.	120,325.00

CONTRACT AWARDED ACME PLUMBING COMPANY FOR PLUMBING CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION NO. 18.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Acme Plumbing Company, in the amount of \$9,945.00, on a unit price basis, for plumbing contract for Fire Station No. 18.

The following bids were received:

Acme Plumbing Co.	\$ 9,945.00
Mecklenburg Plumbing Co.	10,440.00
Thompkins Johnston Co.	10,722.00
H. A. Lentz Plumbing Co.	11,400.00
Moore Plumbing Co.	12,237.00
A. Z. Price & Associates	12,370.00

CONTRACT AWARDED PATTERSON COAL AND OIL COMPANY FOR HEATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING FOR FIRE STATION NO. 18.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Patterson Coal and Oil Company, in the amount of \$7,769.00, on a unit price basis, for heating and air conditioning for Fire Station No. 18.

The following bids were received:

Patterson Coal & Oil Co.	\$ 7,769.00
Air Masters, Inc.	8,960.00
Mechanical Contractors	9,143.00
Thompkins Johnston Co.	11,312.00
A. Z. Price & Associates	13,777.00

CONTRACT AWARDED DRIGGERS ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION NO. 18.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Driggers Electric Company, in the amount of \$6,923.00, on a unit price basis, for electrical contract for Fire Station No. 18.

The following bids were received:

Driggers Electric Co.	\$ 6,923.00
Power Electric Co.	7,490.00
Long Electric Co.	7,550.00
Beam Electric Co.	7,850.00
Howard Electric Co.	7,912.00
Fudge & Green Elec. Co.	8,260.00

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REPORT ON DIFFERENCES IN COST OF FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTED IN 1961 AND THE COST OF THE STATION PLACED UNDER CONTRACT TODAY.

The City Manager stated he has a tabulation of the cost for similar fire stations since the City has been using the basic design on which contracts have just been awarded. He stated the total of the bids just awarded is \$120,037 for Fire Station 18. That Fire Station 12 which was bid February, 1961, and was basically the same station as 18, had a total cost of \$50,979.00. He stated this is a good indication of the rise in construction cost.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE AMITY CORPORATION FOR SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES TO SERVE SECTION 2D OF HOPE VALLEY SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Amity Corporation, in the amount of \$31,375.15, on a unit price basis, for sanitary sewer facilities to serve Section 2D of Hope Valley Subdivision. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

The Amity Corporation	\$31,375.15
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	34,986.50
Joe R. Abernethy Const. Co.	39,692.50

ATTENTION CALLED TO PROBLEM OF TELEPHONE LINES BEING TIED UP DURING MORNING HOURS.

Councilman Tuttle called Mr. Veeder's attention to the problem of the telephone lines being tied up during the morning hours; that he called three different departments this morning and received the busy signal when he dialed the digit (2) in the number after 374. That this concerns him as this could be happening on calls to the Fire Department.

POLICE CHIEF REQUESTED TO REPORT ON ENFORCEMENT OF KEY IN IGNITION ORDINANCE.

Councilman Short stated the Key in Ignition Ordinance has been operative for a short while, and he requested the City Manager to have Chief of Police Goodman to report to Council, either in writing or in person, on how this is working.

RECOMMENDED CHANGES IN ZONING HEARING PROCEDURES APPROVED BY COUNCIL SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Alexander stated some weeks ago Mayor Belk appointed Councilman Short and Councilman Withrow as a committee to look into the present procedures on zoning hearings. Assisted by the Planning Commission they have complied with this request and Council has this report today. He stated this report perhaps does not do everything that everyone would desire but he feels this is a step in the right direction, and will be a beginning towards some improvement in the zoning procedures from what we have had in the past. He stated he would like to commend Councilman Short and Councilman Withrow for the diligence in which they went about their responsibilities; that Council shares this thinking.

Councilman Alexander moved that the report as submitted be approved on approval of the County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

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Councilman Short stated in reference to what is proposed about the protestors he thinks the effect of what is recommended in this report is to give an opportunity for greater dignity and greater effectiveness to the protestor, who is a much criticized individual. It seems to him that those who sincerely express their views through protest, which is a legitimate feature of the democratic process, often find they are criticized, low-rated and the target of outburst and they have a hard time withstanding this. He stated the procedures which are recommended in the report in his opinion will give protestors a firmer footing, a better voice and a more ready opportunity to be heard and a greater dignity. To this extent, what has been recommended is an improvement and an upgrading of the democratic process.

Mayor Belk stated he would like to commend Councilman Short, Councilman Withrow Mr. Fred Bryant, and Mr. McIntyre of the Planning Staff and Mr. Toy and Mr. Tate of the Planning Commission for the recommended changes in the procedures to improve the zoning hearings. He stated they have all done a fine job and he appreciates their efforts.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC'S ATTENTION CALLED TO NEWS RELEASE FROM THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CONCERNING PROMOTIONS OF NEGRO EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Alexander referred to an item in the News Release from the Information Department which shows a picture of Negro employees in the Sanitation Department who have been upgraded recently on approval of Council. He stated he is calling this to Council's attention for fear there are some in the community who feel the City is not doing a conscientious job in upgrading Negro employees in the city government. He stated he wants to call this to the attention of the public and hopes the public will have an opportunity to see the news release, and hopes the city will continue to give this type of consideration to the employees.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK INTO WAY TREES HAVE BEEN CUT ON CHARLOTTE DRIVE AND DESTROYING THE BEAUTY OF THE STREET.

Councilman Withrow stated he received a call to look at some trees on Charlotte Drive; that either the city or Duke Power Company has let a contract to a tree surgeon to cut trees. That a lot of money has been spent in Charlotte for beautification, and then the tree surgeon goes out and cuts these trees down to the stumps. He stated the people along Charlotte Drive and Ledgewood Lane want the stumps removed. That they have been told it will be at their expense to take up the stumps.

He requested Mr. Veeder to check into this and see what can be done about the removal of the stumps and also the way in which trees are being cut all over the city.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO TRY TO GET TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT SCALEYBARK ROAD AND TYVOIA ROAD TO RELIEVE DANGEROUS SITUATION ALONG SOUTH BOULEVARD AND THE INTERSECTED STREETS.

Councilman Whittington stated the State Highway Commission, through contract, is widening South Boulevard, from about where Woolco and Tyvola Road is to about four miles south. That problem plus the fact that the bridge is out on Archdale Road - this means the only traffic lights on South Boulevard, between Woodlawn and Pineville are the ones at Emorywood Drive and one at Lance. That all this traffic that is trying to get from SouthPark and the southeastern area of the city over to South 21 must use either Emorywood or all these streets where there are no traffic facilities to cross. There were three accident at one intersection one day last week, and this situation is going to get much worse.

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Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to ask Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to immediately try to get some traffic signals at Scaleybark and Tyvola to relieve this dangerous situation along South Boulevard and these intersected roads.

COST FACTOR REPORT ON ROAD NEEDS IN FIRST WARD URBAN RENEWAL AREA TO BE FURNISHED TASK FORCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. Veeder stated on May 11 Council heard some of the opinions on the road needs as relates to the First Ward Urban Renewal area; there was a difference of opinion expressed in terms of what should be done as relates to Davidson Street, Brevard Street and Caldwell Street. At the conclusion of the discussion Council authorized that some costing be done of the alternatives for further consideration. He stated that work has been completed.

Mr. Veeder stated it occurs to him now that the work on costing has been completed it would be good procedure as well as good courtesy to provide these reports to the Task Force concerning itself with the physical facilities for the neighborhood. Rather than have them become familiar with the report through the media that perhaps Council would consider authorizing him to provide the reports direct to that Committee so they can consider it and then come back to Council again with any comments they have.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks this would be appropriate and he would hope that Council concurs; he also asked the City Manager to give Council members a copy of the report.

Councilman Alexander moved that the City Manager be authorized to furnish the Task Force with this information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 653-X AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PORTION OF THE FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE SALE OF \$10,000,000 BONDS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$25,000 to be used for the purpose of preliminary planning of a governmental center office.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 159.

The City Manager advised Council approved a contract about 60 days ago with SPACE Utilization Associates for the space study of City Hall needs and the transfer of funds should have been made at that time.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE COMPLAINT ABOUT WATER ON NORTH SHARON AMITY INVESTIGATED.

Mayor Belk stated he received a call from Mr. Bob Belk who said he was getting rocks in his water on North Sharon Amity Road, and he requested the City Manager to have this checked out.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk