

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, January 31, 1966, with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Jerry C. Tuttle, and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman John H. Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Frank P. Moore, Pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on January 24th were approved as submitted to the City Council.

RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON MILTON ROAD, ADOPTED.

The public hearing was held on the Petition signed by 100% of the owners of property abutting on Milton Road, from 2106 to 2216, representing 100% of the lineal feet of frontage, for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the west side of the street for a distance of approximately 465 feet, for the City Council to determine if the improvements should be made. The total project cost being estimated at \$1,320.00, the entire cost of which will be assessed against the abutting properties at an estimated cost of \$2.80 per front foot.

No objections were expressed to the proposed improvements.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of a Resolution Ordering the Making of the Sidewalk Improvements on Milton Road, which was seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 191.

RESOLUTION APPROVING ROAD PROJECTS TO BE CONSTRUCTED IN CHARLOTTE BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WITH BOND FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Mr. George H. Broadrick, State Highway Commissioner, appeared before Council and stated that he is here today representing the North Carolina Highway Commission to present to Council a list of projects involving the expenditure of Urban Construction Funds allocated to the City of Charlotte under the recently approved North Carolina Highway Bond Issue. These projects based on preliminary estimates require the expenditure of \$3,585,000.00 of the \$7,904,000.00 available for Charlotte.

These particular projects were selected on the recommendations of the City's staff personnel who devoted many hours of study and consultation to them. The professional people of the Highway Commission have been to

Charlotte to inspect these streets and fully agree on these selections.

These six projects were selected, first, because they would provide much needed improvement of certain central routes, and secondly, because they lend themselves to comparatively fast accomplishment for the use of large numbers of motorists.

While the City's list includes only those streets within the city limits, they are committed to the completion of West Boulevard all the way to the Airport and a boulevard type entrance into the airport terminal. This will be financed from Primary Road Funds and is estimated to cost an additional \$464,000.00. Hopefully there will be other primary funds available so that they can extend some of the other projects beyond the city limits.

He stated that the Council will be interested in knowing that the State Highway Commission also plans to build a four lane facility on N. C. #49 from U. S. #29 to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

It is their plan to use the remaining funds available for use on those streets and highways within Charlotte on projects that require considerably more study and planning and which would contribute the greatest possible benefit to the ultimate thoroughfare plan of the city. It is their sincere desire that either some of these funds, or funds from regular appropriations can be used to locate and design the second peripheral loop of the city.

He stated that he wishes that it were possible to give Council some idea of precisely when these six projects would be constructed. They will be submitted to the Commission at its meeting this Friday. It is expected that within a very few weeks they will be contracted to a consulting engineering firm for planning and engineering. There is a committee of the Highway Commission that will assign priorities to all projects on a State-wide basis and these will, of course, be considered by that group. That it would be his position, if necessary, to give one project precedence over another, that the priorities would be in the order that they are shown on the list of these projects he has given Council.

Mr. Broadrick stated that he hopes that Council will by resolution approve these projects. He commended the City's professional staff who have worked so diligently on this matter.

At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Broadrick pointed out on a map prepared by the City's Engineering Department, the projects involved:

1. West Boulevard, from Cliffwood Place to the city limits, but they are going all the way to the Airport and an entrance to the Airport Terminal.
2. Old Monroe Road, from Laurel Avenue to the city limits, and hopefully beyond the city limits.
3. South Boulevard, from where the present four-lanes end to the city limits and hopefully beyond.
4. Albemarle Road, from Independence Boulevard to the city limits and here again hopefully beyond.
5. Freedom Drive, from where the present six-lanes end at I-85 to the city limits.
6. Central Avenue, from Eastway Drive to the city limits and hopefully on to N. C. #27.

Councilman Tuttle remarked that in view of the fact that the cost and time have been carefully weighed by Mr. Broadrick and Mr. Veeder and those who made the study, and in view of the fact that this is a day for which we all have waited, he moves the adoption of a resolution approving the proposal as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Whittington remarked that he would like to thank Mr. Broadrick and the Commission, as well as our folks here at City Hall, who have worked on this; that he thinks what Mr. Tuttle has said is very appropriate, and he hopes that Mr. Broadrick can go to the meeting on Friday and come back with even more good news. He thanked Mr. Broadrick for his cooperation and assistance.

Councilman Jordan commented that he goes along with what Mr. Whittington and Mr. Tuttle have said, and certainly this is a big day for Charlotte and he does not think we could do any better. But he must put in a pitch for the 28th Street Underpass that he has plugged for so long. That he is sure the only way the City will ever get the underpass is to get it on the State System. That this entire section of the city is still blocked off and will be and will get worse in the future, and he hopes that in some way we can get some help on this to alleviate the situation, and certainly he will continue to put in a plug for it in the hopes that we can get the project on the State system.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that so long as he is at City Hall he will support Mr. Jordan in his efforts for the 28th Street project in the hope that this portion of 28th Street, that might well come under the State system, is approved by the Commission so that we could use some of our funds for this project. That he believes that Mr. Broadrick is fully familiar with our wishes in this matter, and he is sure that he will represent the Council's wishes before the total Commission.

Councilman Albea stated he agrees with the Mayor's remarks about 28th Street, but he would like to put in a little plug for the downtown streets widening.

Councilman Short stated that he thinks Mr. Tuttle is most appropriate in thanking Mr. Broadrick, and our own staff for the very fine work they have done with reference to these six projects. That he also thinks that appreciation is due presumably Mr. Broadrick, or someone, for the fact that Charlotte got seemingly a very good deal out of the bond issue and he believes the amount of money allocated for state roads within cities was somewhat in Charlotte's favor and he thinks that should be mentioned and Mr. Broadrick thanked for that.

Mr. Broadrick replied that he wishes he could take credit for it, and Councilman Tuttle remarked that Mr. Broadrick will be glad to pass these thoughts along to Governor Dan Moore.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 192.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Broadrick for his efforts in our behalf, and remarked that we are highly pleased with the results.

ORDINANCE NO. 422-X ANNEXING 88.7 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ADOPTED.

The Petition of Ed Griffin Development Corporation for the annexation to the City of Charlotte of 88.7 acres of property was again considered, action having been deferred at last week's meeting for a clarification of the question of water being supplied to the area. A letter from the Superintendent of the Water Department was read in which he stated that a conference was held by the City Manager, City Attorney, a representative of the Petitioner and himself, and they are of the opinion that the developers now understand the City's policies regarding the type of contracts which would be required between the Company and the City, and they feel that the matter has been sufficiently clarified so that the Water Department has no further objections to the annexation of the property.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 422-X Annexing 88.7 Acres of Property in Crab Orchard Township to the City of Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 264.

CHANGE ORDER NO. G-1 AUTHORIZED IN CONTRACT WITH LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO THE HOSKINS FILTER PLANT.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of Change Order No. G-1, in contract with Lee Construction Company for the construction of additions to the Hoskins Filter Plant, to provide a 24-inch raw water pumping unit in lieu of the 30-inch unit specified in the contract, decreasing the contract price by \$1,990.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 423-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF THE DWELLING AT 1212 NORTH DAVIDSON STREET, ADOPTED.

An ordinance entitled: Ordinance No. 423-X Ordering the Demolition and Removal of the Dwelling at 1212 North Davidson Street was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, was unanimously adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 267.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, ADOPTED.

A Resolution Relative to the Municipal Agreement with the State Highway Commission for Woodlawn Road Widening Project was introduced, and the City Manager explained the provisions of the resolution and, also, of the following two resolutions relative to the Eastway Drive Widening Project and Sugar Creek Road improvements. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 193.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR EASTWAY ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, ADOPTED.

A Resolution relative to the Municipal Agreement with the State Highway Commission for Eastway Road Widening Project, dealing primarily with traffic controls and utilities, was introduced and read, and upon motion

of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 194.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR STREET CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT ON SUGAR CREEK ROAD, ADOPTED.

A Resolution relative to the Municipal Agreement with the State Highway Commission for Street Construction and Improvements on Sugar Creek Road, providing for the City paying for the sidewalks, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 195.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, cemetery lots were authorized transferred as follows:

- (a) Deed with Mr. John J. and Dena J. Grevas for Lot 247, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Ruth B. Brown for Graves Nos. 3 and 4 in Lot 169, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Eugene J. Osborne for Grave No. 6, Lot 14, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN STATES CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR ALUMINUM SULPHATE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, a contract was awarded Southern States Chemical Company, the low bidder, for 315 tons of Aluminum Sulphate, as specified, in the amount of \$16,741.62 on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Southern States Chemical Co.	\$ 16,741.62
American Cyanamid Company	16,822.73
General Chemicals Div.,	
Allied Chemicals Corp.	18,152.98

CONTRACT AWARDED MORELAND CHEMICALS COMPANY FOR HYDRATED LIME.

Councilman Whittington moved the award of contract to Moreland Chemicals Company, the low bidder, for 480 tons of Hydrated Lime, as specified, in the amount of \$10,189.58, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Moreland Chemicals Company	\$ 10,189.58
Asher-Moore Company	10,273.63
Cheney Lime & Cement Co.	10,876.80
Tucker-Kirby Company	11,005.34
Tesco Chemicals, Inc.	11,005.34

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN STATES CHEMICAL COMPANY FOR ACTIVATED CARBON.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Southern States Chemical Company, the only bidder, for forty tons of Activated Carbon, as specified, in the amount of \$6,395.06 on a unit price basis.

CONTRACT AWARDED JONES CHEMICALS, INC., FOR ANHYDROUS AMMONIA.

Councilman Tuttle moved the award of contract to Jones Chemicals, Inc., the low bidder, for 15 tons of Anhydrous Ammonia, as specified, in the amount of \$2,781.00, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Jones Chemicals, Inc.	\$ 2,781.00
Moreland Chemical Company	4,171.50
Southern States Chemical Co.	4,635.00
Tesco Chemicals, Inc.	6,180.00
Asher Moore Company	6,180.00

AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

The following bids on Plant Mix Asphalt and the recommendations of the award of contracts were presented for consideration:

SECTION I      3,000 tons of Plant Mix Asphalt

Bids Received:

Blythe Bros. Company	\$ 20,085.00
Asphalt Division of Rea Construction Co.	20,085.00

Contract recommended awarded to Blythe Bros. Company on a unit price basis. City trucks to pick up the material at plant at 2911 North Graham Street for maintenance and repair of streets in northern section of the City.

SECTION II      1,600 tons of Plant Mix Asphalt

Bids received:

Asphalt Division of Rea Construction Company	\$ 10,712.00
Blythe Bros. Company	10,712.00

Contract recommended awarded to Asphalt Division of Rea Construction Company, on a unit price basis. City trucks to pick up the material at plant at 6001 Old Dowd Road for maintenance and repairs at the Airport.

SECTION III      3,000 tons of Plant Mix Asphalt

Bids received:

Asphalt Division of Rea Construction Company	\$ 20,085.00
Blythe Bros. Company	20,085.00

of this material is, and Mr. Veeder replied that he would recommend awarding the contracts today. Mayor Brookshire asked the City Manager if he knows what other cities are paying for this type of material, and Mr. Veeder replied that he recalls that we secured the prices from other cities when this came up before in order to check on it, and he recalls that our price was about the same or maybe even a little better, but we did not do this, to his knowledge, this time; and he will be glad to check on prices if Council wishes. Councilman Whittington asked the City Manager how many years the prices have been the same, and Mr. Veeder replied that he would have to go back and verify the bids. Councilman Alexander stated he is willing to vote for awarding these contracts since this has been a continuing thing, and since the bids have met the approval of everyone up to now, but he would say that in the future we should have some explanation any time that identical bids are submitted. If this thing has been happening over a period of years who knows that they are not in collusion realizing that nobody objects to identical bids. The City Manager asked what type of information would he ask the bidders for, and Mr. Alexander stated that with both companies dealing the City the same figures to the penny, we could find out something about costs of some sort that would let them know that we are concerned about it and just raise the question as to how it is that we get both bids in this fashion. Councilman Short remarked that there is the possibility of restraint of trade or some Federal violation. That even if we could prove it, the only thing that would occur would be the next time they would change their bid \$5.00 and he does not see how we could make any advantage out of delaying this.

Councilman Short moved that the contracts be awarded as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

The City Manager remarked that, obviously, the weather being as it is, only a small amount of asphalt could be used within the next five days, and he suggested that the matter be deferred for a week so that he can get additional information in keeping with the general tenor of the conversation.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Tuttle that action on the three contracts be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

#### NOMINATION OF JOHN S. SPURRIER TO SUCCEED HIMSELF AS MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Albea nominated Mr. John S. Spurrier to succeed himself as a member of The Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Brookshire stated the nomination would remain open for one week as is the usual practice, with Council's consent.

#### ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING AND OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER TO SERVE BROOK FOREST LANE, AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 117 sq. feet of property at the corner of Eastway Drive and Kilborne Drive, from W. M. Berryhill and wife Myrtle, at \$350.00, for Eastway Drive Widening.
- (b) Acquisition of easement over 1,159 sq. feet of property at Brook Forest Lane and Sharon Amity Road, from Mrs. C. A. Seawright, for sanitary sewer line to serve Brook Forest Lane, at \$1.00.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND EASEMENTS ON WOODLAWN ROAD FROM DAVID E. HENDERSON FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Property and Easements on Woodlawn Road from David E. Henderson for Woodlawn Road Widening Project, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 196.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF J. M. HENDRIX AND WIFE, HELEN B. HENDRIX, LOCATED AT 505 WOODLAWN ROAD, FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Construction Easement over Property of J. M. Hendrix and Wife, Helen B. Hendrix, Located at 505 Woodlawn Road, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 197.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF C. W. DAVIS AND WIFE, MARGARET L. DAVIS, LOCATED AT 914 WOODLAWN ROAD, FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Construction Easement over Property of C. W. Davis and Wife, Margaret L. Davis, Located at 914 Woodlawn Road, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 198.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF COLEMAN POOL EQUIPMENT COMPANY LOCATED AT 4640 OLD PINEVILLE ROAD, FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Construction Easement over Property of Coleman Pool Equipment Company Located at 4640 Old Pineville Road, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 199.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF J. C. TRAVIS AND WIFE VIRGINIA H. TRAVIS, LOCATED AT 900 WOODLAWN ROAD, FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Construction Easement over Property of J. C. Travis and Wife, Virginia H. Travis, Located at 900 Woodlawn Road, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 200.



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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF SCOTLAND RENTAL COMPANY, LOCATED AT 443 WOODLAWN ROAD, FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Construction Easement over Property of Scotland Rental Company, Located at 443 Woodlawn Road, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 201.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF J. Z. GRIFFIN AND WIFE, WINCY GRIFFIN, LOCATED AT 1328 EASTWAY DRIVE, FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Property of J. Z. Griffin and Wife, Wincy Griffin, Located at 1328 Eastway Drive, for Eastway Drive Widening Project, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 202.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF FLOYD W. HOWARD, LOCATED AT 1200 EASTWAY DRIVE FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: Resolution Authorizing Condemnation Proceedings for the Acquisition of Property of Floyd W. Howard, Located at 1200 Eastway Drive, for Eastway Drive Widening Project which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 203.

MAYOR BROOKSHIRE REPORTS TO COUNCIL ON POSSIBILITIES OF CHARLOTTE BEING SELECTED AS A "DEMONSTRATION CITY" UNDER THE PRESIDENT'S FEDERAL RENEWAL PLAN.

Mayor Brookshire stated that he likes to keep Council fully informed on those matters relating to Charlotte's interest and our endeavor to get a Grants-in-Aid program from either the State or Federal Government for which we qualify and for which we have a need, and he would like to briefly present the President's proposal to establish certain American cities as demonstration cities, demonstrating projects for slum clearance and renewal of the central city.

The Mayor stated that when the President presented this to Congress ten days ago, he did not indicate the number of cities to be included in the program, and he learned on his trip to Washington that the number will be approximately sixty cities and not over seventy. The amount the President proposed is \$2.3 billion and would be spread over a six-year period at \$400 million annual rate. If Congress approves the plan and provides the appropriations, it is anticipated that the program would embrace all of the present Grants-in-Aid programs, such as our urban renewal, open spaces, parks, beautification, water-sewer, etc. The present programs would be brought under the program, together with any new ones that might develop, to carry the program through in these demonstration cities. That the ratio of Federal anticipation instead of being what it is now on these programs, would all come under the program and carry an 80% Federal participation with 20% by the City, which makes it very attractive to Charlotte

or any other city. The Mayor distributed to the Council members copies of a Guideline which was received only today from the U. S. Conference of Mayors, which they will no doubt want to review carefully as it spells out what Charlotte, or any other city that makes an application, will have to prepare for.

Councilman Jordan asked whether Mr. Wheeler indicated that all the cities have been selected, and the Mayor replied that he mentioned one or two cities that have already expressed an interest, and, of course, Charlotte has done that. Councilman Jordan asked if he thinks there is a possibility that Charlotte might be selected, and Mayor Brookshire advised that we were encouraged to make a proposal. Of course, at this point they do not have any application forms and no format for it, but we should not lose any time in preparing any materials that we think could be put together for an attractive proposal and submit it in the hopes that the program will go through.

Councilman Albea asked if the Mayor thinks Charlotte has been closed out, and Mayor Brookshire replied that it has not only not been closed out, but both Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Woods, the Under-Secretary, in conversations with him encouraged us to proceed with a proposal and showed very much interest in Charlotte and what we are doing, the things that we have done and the things we are planning to do. That he thinks there is a real good chance of approval, providing that the program materializes and if Congress approves the appropriations. That there is only one thing that might delay this and that, of course, is the escalation of the war in Viet Nam. Both Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Woods and others in the HUD Department were most gracious in their reception and in the time they took to discuss the matter with him, and he is glad to report to Council that they evidenced an active interest in Charlotte, and they have been very much impressed with the direction in which Charlotte has been moving. Incidentally, when he told them about the central city master planning that is being done here and that we hoped to have a full report with a model by May, they indicated that they thought that was really getting ahead of most cities that would be interested in submitting a proposal. That he was told that in the event this program materializes and if Charlotte were accepted as a Demonstration City, any programs that we have in process not completed, would be included in the package and participation provided at the 80-20 ratio.

COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT THIS TIME AND WAS ABSENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

Councilman Alexander left the meeting at this time because of the reported robbery of his office at Double Oaks Apartments and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPRESSES APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT AND INTEREST OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN THE COUNTY BOND ELECTION ON TUESDAY.

Mayor Brookshire read a letter from Mr. Sam T. Atkinson, Jr., Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, thanking the entire City Council for their valuable support of the Bond Issues which won by wide margins in last Tuesday's election and which will mean much to the progress of the community. And he stated that the active interest and support of the entire Council are further evidence of the splendid relationship existing between the City and County Governments.

REQUEST OF JUDGE P. B. BEACHUM REGARDING CHANGE IN PERSONNEL IN CITY RECORDER'S COURT OFFICE RECEIVED.

Mayor Brookshire stated that he believes each of the Council members has copies of the letters from Judge P. B. Beachum which were received today, and he suggests that their attention be given it and consider an answer to one of the letters in which he makes a request regarding personnel in City Recorder's Court.

Councilman Short asked the City Manager if Judge Beachum is not suggesting here that a certain personnel be put in another classification which has a higher salary ceiling, allowing a good and faithful employee a better opportunity for advancement beyond that which now exists? Mr. Veeder replied that there are a couple of things involved; one basic point being that Assistant Clerks must be designated as such officially by the City Council, and he thinks that is the reason for the request. That he has not had the opportunity to discuss this with Judge Beachum.

Councilman Whittington asked if Judge Beachum is not recommending whom the Council appoints to the Recorder's Court office? Councilman Albea asked if there is not a vacancy in the office and Councilman Whittington stated he thinks he is asking for an additional clerk. The City Manager remarked that he does not think he is asking for an additional person, but he is asking to have an existing person designated also as Assistant Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk