

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, February 13, 1967, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem James B. Whittington presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Milton Short and Jerry Tuttle present.

ABSENT: Mayor Stan R. Brookshire, Councilmen Sandy R. Jordan and John H. Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on Monday, February 6, were approved as submitted.

EMPLOYMENT OF JAMES VERNER AS REPRESENTATIVE TO PRESENT CITY'S CASE FOR ADDITIONAL AIR SERVICE TO CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD.

Mr. John C. Erwin, Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee, stated he is present to ask Council to consider taking steps looking toward better airline service for Charlotte. That the area needs additional service, and that he would not want anything he says today to be construed as derogatory towards Eastern Air Lines. They are good citizens of our community, and he hopes they will continue to be for a long time to come.

Mr. Erwin stated Charlotte, in effect, is a one trunkline major airline city, and competition is needed. In their investigation - which has been carried on largely by the Chamber of Commerce - it would appear that Delta Air Lines is the most logical carrier and the most interested in providing this service. That both United and Delta are franchised to serve Charlotte but both are doing a very poor job of service with one flight a day each way. He advised they have had meetings with representatives of both airlines and United expressed little or no interest in increasing their service. Delta did, subject to restrictions. That following the meeting with these two companies, they had a meeting with Colonel John Dreggy, Director of the office of Community and Congressional Relations of the Civil Aeronautics Board, to see what the Board might recommend that might be done. Mr. Dreggy pointed out, if certain restrictions could be lifted from Delta's authority to serve Charlotte, he thought it would be the most logical way for Charlotte to proceed. They then went to Mr. James Verner, Washington Attorney specializing in airline affairs and who has served the City before, and he recommended that a proceeding be initiated looking toward the lifting of restrictions of Delta's certificate. This would go to the Civil Aeronautics Board - how fast they do not know.

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Mr. Erwin stated his request is to ask Council to re-employ Mr. Verner to initiate this proceeding, looking toward this additional service of Delta.

Councilman Albea asked what the restrictions are? Mr. Erwin replied mainly they have to do with turn around service. The restrictions say that Charlotte cannot be served by a flight that does not originate in Atlanta or south and go on beyond to Washington north. In effect, it means that Delta cannot serve Charlotte on an Atlanta-Charlotte turn around. Now, they are running a plane through Charlotte one stop in Charlotte into Washington, turn the plane around and stop in Charlotte and back to Atlanta.

Councilman Alexander asked the kind of service United is giving? Mr. Erwin replied very poor - one flight a day each way, and apparently they are not interested in expanding this particular segment of their system.

Councilman Short asked why any agency would object to the Atlanta-Charlotte turn around service; why would it need to be restricted? Mr. Erwin replied it was in the original certificate issued to Delta; it came out of the old south-west, north-east case, which was a new case of service from the Tulsa-Oklahoma City area into New York and Philadelphia area, and some of the other airlines objected to having further competition with Delta and that was the reason the restrictions were put on Delta in this particular segment of their route.

Councilman Tuttle requested Mr. Erwin to discuss the dollars in order for Council to look a little further into this. Mr. Erwin stated he does not know how long this will take nor how much Mr. Verner's office will have to spend. That Mr. Verner has estimated the cost might run between \$10,000 and \$15,000 - not to exceed \$15,000. That the Chamber of Commerce is prepared to furnish all the statistical data that is necessary supporting the reasons.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Erwin if he is going to ask the City for half the funds and the county for half? Mr. Erwin replied he would like to have the County to contribute to the airport but so far he has not been able to shake them. Councilman Tuttle stated he doubts if this Council could go along with anything other than to say not exceeding \$15,000. Mr. Erwin replied that would be satisfactory with him and he is sure with Mr. Verner - that he does not know what the fee will be, but it will not exceed \$15,000.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he thinks the request is needed - that we are long overdue in this area with this particular airline and if they are asking Council to assist them in lifting these restrictions, he thinks Council should go ahead. Mr. Erwin stated Delta has indicated to them they are interested in seeing that this goes through, but they prefer that the City initiate it rather than Delta itself.

The City Manager advised he has discussed this subject with Mr. Erwin and the situation we are in is something like this - depending upon the route that is selected to get this before the C.A.B. may have some relevancy on the dollar cost involved. The selection of the route that might be followed is going to depend in some

measure on the information that the Chamber of Commerce is going to pull together for the use of this firm. That the actual cash load that might be involved will undoubtedly extend over one fiscal year. That he is saying, we do not know for sure how much it may cost and have no idea of how much it will take in how many fiscal years. This is something that he would have to come back to Council with as we get further along on the subject. That undoubtedly two fiscal years are involved, and as Mr. Erwin indicates we are talking about something not to exceed \$15,000. For Council to actually make an appropriation today, for the balance of this fiscal year, we would not know what amount to request, and he would expect to come back to Council with more information as it is available. Mr. Erwin stated he thinks Mr. Veeder is right on this as it is very uncertain as to when we will be able to get this before C.A.B. after the case is put together as they are badly overloaded.

Councilman Albea stated if we do this is there any doubt that Delta will come through? That he is willing to vote for it provided we know they are going to do it; that he does not want to spend this money and then Delta say they did not want to do it. Mr. Erwin replied Delta has already said, in no uncertain terms, they are interested and will support us, but they want us to initiate it.

Mr. Veeder stated what is indicated this afternoon is for Council to indicate a willingness to employ Mr. Verner's firm to do this work for the City much in the same fashion as was done eight or nine years ago, recognizing the limit of \$15,000.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the employment of James Verner to present the City's case before the CAB, at a fee not to exceed \$15,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Erwin if it is likely that some of the Eastern people will be on the phone later today and say they see where Council appropriated up to \$15,000 to hire lawyers to attack a position that has been carefully put into the record? Mr. Erwin replied he does not think there is a thing different about that; and he thinks they would call under any circumstances; that the competitive situation is not anything new with Eastern and Delta, they go through it all the time.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Erwin how he would answer such a phone call? Mr. Erwin replied with what happened to us in 1966 when Eastern was on strike for so many weeks and also three or four years ago when the Eastern engineers were on strike and we had no trunkline service.

Mr. Erwin stated the airlines are in a right critical condition as far as their equipment is concerned. That Vietnam is taking up all the engines that can be turned out and the aircraft people are having a great deal of difficulty. That he cannot see why it would be controversial because Delta and Eastern are at each other's throats in Atlanta and other places all the time; that this is nothing new for them to be competing.

Councilman Tuttle stated his attitude is not one against Eastern but for the City of Charlotte and we need this additional service. Councilman Short stated he does not want any implication that his attitude is one against Delta. Mr. Erwin stated this is for the City and its air service, and not against anybody.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY WELCOMED TO COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor pro tem Whittington welcomed Mr. Paul Whitfield, Assistant City Attorney, who is sitting with Council today.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 66-92 BY J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ET AL FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 AND B-2 TO B-3 OF BLOCK BOUNDED BY ROYAL COURT, EUCLID AVENUE, MOREHEAD STREET AND CALDWELL STREET, THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY LIBERTY STREET, CALDWELL STREET, MOREHEAD STREET AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, PROPERTY FRONTING ON MOREHEAD STREET, EXTENDING FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO COLLEGE STREET, AND THREE LOTS ON THE NW CORNER OF COLLEGE STREET AND MOREHEAD STREET, DEFERRED UNTIL FEBRUARY 27.

Councilman Tuttle stated because of the magnitude and the importance of the subject petition and with Councilman Jordan out of the country, he moved that decision be deferred until the 27th of February. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and carried unanimously.

DECISION ON ZONING PETITION NO. 67-1 BY D. L. PHILLIPS INVESTMENT BUILDERS, INC. AND PETITION NO. 67-2 BY DOLPH M. YOUNG, DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, decisions on the following zoning petitions were deferred for one week:

- (1) Petition No. 67-1 by D. L. Phillips Investment Builders, Inc. for change in zoning from O-6 and I-2 to R-9MF of a 25-acre tract of land located at the dead-end of Scottsdale Road, south of Broadview Road;
- (2) Petition No. 67-2 by Dolph M. Young, for change in zoning from O-6 to B-2 of a lot 75' x 150' located on the south side of East Park Avenue, beginning 100 feet west of Cleveland Avenue.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED ON WESTBURY ROAD, FROM PROVIDENCE ROAD TO ROBIN ROAD, AND ON CLOVER ROAD FROM SHARON-AMITY ROAD TO WESTBURY ROAD, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON CONFIRMATION THEREOF.

Councilman Alba moved the adoption of the subject resolution approving the preliminary assessment roll for improvements completed on Westbury Road and Clover Road and providing for a notice of public hearing on February 27th on the confirmation of the assessment roll. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 404.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS TO SERVE OLD PROVIDENCE SUBDIVISION NO. 2 APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea approving a supplementary contract to contract dated July 15, 1963, with American Investment Company for the construction of 2,430 feet of water main and two fire hydrants to serve Old Providence Subdivision No. 2, outside the city at an estimated cost of \$17,200, with the applicant to pay the entire cost of the mains and hydrant and to own same until such time as the area is incorporated into the City at which time the mains and hydrants will become the property of the City without further agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and carried unanimously.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the following appraisal contracts were approved:

- (a) Contract with Wallace D. Gibbs, Jr. for appraisal of seven (7) parcels of land in connection with the Airport Clear Zone;
- (b) Contract with C. W. Todd for appraisal of three (3) parcels of land in connection with the Sixth Street Widening.

AIRPORT LEASE WITH EDMOND F. SELLS, JR. APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of a lease with Edmond F. Sells, Jr. for Room 219, containing approximately 352 square feet on the second floor of the Airport Terminal, at a monthly rental of \$200.00, effective July 1, 1967, for a term of five (5) years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried unanimously.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing that the following streets be taken over for continuous maintenance by the City:

STREET	FROM	TO
Echo Glen Road	Snow White Lane	725' S. of Friendly Pl.
Echo Glen Road	Log Cabin Road	125' N. of Rosada Dr.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

- (a) Deed with Ralph E. Harries and Lelah R. Harries for Graves No. 7 and 8, in Lot No. 157, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00;

- (b) Deed with Hampton V. Carter and Lucy Carter Hancock for Lot No. 513, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00;
- (c) Deed with Ernest C. James and wife, Ila H. James for Lot No. 345, Section 6, Oaklawn Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. May J. Seago, widow of E. E. Seago, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED CATAWBA INDUSTRIAL RUBBER COMPANY, INC. FOR CONVEYOR BELT.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Catawba Industrial Rubber Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,788.16 for 470 feet of conveyor belt 24" wide, 2 ply for use at the Sugar Creek Sewage Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Catawba Industrial Rubber Co., Inc.	\$1,788.16
Mize Company, Inc.	2,265.59
Goodall Rubber Company	2,663.07

ORDINANCE NO. 588-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 498-X, THE 1966-67 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the transfer of \$15,385 from the General Fund Unappropriated Account, with \$15,000 transferred to the Engineering Budget to be used in connection with the construction of temporary sidewalk along the south side of Providence Road, from Sharon Lane to Greentree Drive, and along the east side of Sharon Amity Road, from Providence Road north 280 feet, and \$385 transferred to the Police Budget to be used for the employment of a school crossing guard for the intersection of Providence Road and Westbury Road.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 485.

ORDINANCE NO. 589-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 498-X, THE 1966-67 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised the subject ordinance involves the request for traffic signal at Craighead Road and Graham Street. That this has been studied on numerous occasions in recent years and each time the study has been made in the past, sufficient volume of vehicles was not apparent. The situation has now changed; there is adequate volume to justify a signal and it is on this basis that Council is requested to approve the request.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$1,950 from the General Fund Contingency Appropriation to the Traffic Engineering-Traffic Controls budget for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersections of North Graham Street and Craighead Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he hopes that Mr. Veeder and Mr. Bobo are aware of the problems with truck traffic on Craighead Road, which is not a truck route. That the time is going to come when the City is going to have to do something to get the trucks off of Craighead as they turn off Graham Street into the trucking terminals without going down Craighead.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 486.

#### PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 3,800 sq. ft. of property at 208-11 South Cedar Street, corner of Fourth Street, from Piedmont Pacific Lumber Company, at \$5,300 for the West Fourth Street Extension Project;
- (b) Acquisition of 5,300 sq. ft. of property at 805-13 West Fourth Street, from William M. Holbrook and wife, Anna B., at \$9,500, for the West Fourth Street Extension Project.

#### APPOINTMENT OF J. A. STONE BY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS CITY-COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, RATIFIED BY CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised Council that the Board of County Commissioners this morning appointed Mr. J. A. Stone, the tax collector of Davidson County, as Mecklenburg County's Tax Collector. As this is a joint agency, they requested Council to act on the appointment.

Councilman Tuttle stated while this is a joint City-County appointment, it is primarily a County administration and he believes the Council would be glad to go along with their choice, and he therefore moved that Council ratify the action of the County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

#### DISCUSSION OF PAVING OF EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Manager when the final surface will be put down on Eastway Drive? That he has had two calls in the last week and one person said he nearly wrecked his car because of the temporary paving; and there is one yellow line down the center with no lane markings and it is very dangerous. Mr. Veeder replied the State has some specific calendar requirements when you can and cannot put down asphalt and he expects this has something to do with it, and their requirements probably require them to wait for a certain date before they can put the asphalt down.

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DISCUSSION OF COST AND VALUE OF PROJECT 4 FOR USE AS PARK PURPOSES.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would like to thank Mr. Sawyer for coming up with figures on Project 4.

Councilman Tuttle stated originally he had said this land could be had for park purposes by the City for some three/hundred thousand dollars, and the last time it was in the papers and the last time it came before Council, it was a million dollars. That it is true that this land, using the Federal Grant, could be bought by the City, the money borrowed from the Federal Government, with the interest paid by the Federal Government for five years for an estimated \$361,000. That the estimate is based on the total land that is there now without consideration for that which will be removed when the new expressway goes through the area, so it will probably be between \$250,000 and \$300,000 for a valuable piece of land which the City may want to use in the next five years.

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MAYOR INSTRUCTED TO APPOINT A FIVE MAN STUDY COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS IN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Short stated a few weeks ago he mentioned to Council that the City's last bond issue for sidewalks was in 1947 for \$50,000 and in twenty years was 1/10 of 1% of our bond money.

That the matter of a study committee has been discussed with the Chairman of the School Board, the Executive Director of the Citizens Safety Association, the head of the Traffic Engineering Department and the head of the City Engineering Department. That all of these parties are eager to serve on this committee and to get this study underway. The mission of the committee would be to study and make recommendations concerning the building and maintaining of sidewalks in Charlotte. Within this mission this Committee would give consideration to permanent sidewalks at the approaches to schools, and also sidewalks in certain danger areas, and possible sidewalks along some of the arterial streets - belt roads that did not get them when the roads were built. That this Committee also would study the City's maintenance and repair program because our forces are one year behind under its policy of providing labor for sidewalk repairs. Councilman Short stated he is convinced that we need this study, and he moved that Council instruct the Mayor to appoint and charge a five-man committee, including representatives of the organizations and departments which he mentioned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short stated there is an article in the current issue of the Public Works Magazine telling about such a program in Kansas City.

CITY REQUESTED TO REACTIVATE ACTION NECESSARY TO BEGIN NEW DISCUSSIONS ON WATER PROPOSALS.

Councilman Alexander stated, without agreeing or disagreeing with what has been said, the water proposal as submitted by Mr. Potter of the County Commissioners has let us know the position of the County Commissioners regarding the water matter. That everyone knows the City's position and he feels now is the appropriate time to reactivate whatever action is necessary to begin new discussions on the water proposal, hoping to arrive at a satisfactory solution. He suggested this be put on the Mayor's desk for immediate consideration.



CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO TAKE MATTER OF AIR POLLUTION UNDER ADVISEMENT AND TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL WITH PROGRAM THAT CAN BE REACTIVATED.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the City is getting in a bad situation for the lack of smoke control. The Health Department was taken over by the County and Mr. Charlie Frost, who headed this Air Pollution Program for the City is now in another position. That as he understands it there is no enforcement of the smoke program and the pollution program, and he would suggest that Mr. Veeder, City Manager, take this under advisement and come back to Council with some program that this can be reactivated. That the longer we wait the worse the situation is going to get, and we will be in dire straits if something is not done soon.

Councilman Tuttle stated he goes along with the suggestion 100%. That he attended a dinner not long ago where this was the subject and the speaker brought this out in his talk; he mentioned this to Mr. Veeder and he believes that he has already started on the project.

Councilman Alexander stated when Dr. Kamp came before Council and talked about Air Pollution some months ago, he thought they were going to continue their work on air pollution and that was one of the hopeful things about Mr. Frost being continued under their administration.

Councilman Tuttle stated the problem is that the City has an ordinance and now that the program has been turned over to the Health Department, there is no way to enforce it, and they have an ordinance that can be enforced in the County but not in the City.

Councilman Albea stated at the time the transfer was made, he argued against it. That he was on the Committee that brought Mr. Frost to Charlotte, and he was about the fourth or fifth Smoke Abatement Engineer Charlotte had had. Everyone of them went out just like that. That he thought Mr. Frost was doing a splendid job and then they came in and wanted to transfer him to the Building Inspection Department and he was very much opposed to it, but did not get anywhere.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated Mr. Frost did do a good job and because of the fact that he did such a good job, we are aware now that we are in bad shape and need some clarification, and he thinks that Mr. Veeder understands the Council wants the program reactivated.

Councilman Alexander stated here is a matter that is important; yet it has been lying dormant for this period of time and no action has been taken on it to get it resolved. That he does not know the direct solution to these problems but somewhere down the line Council should give some thought to some of these things so that so many things will not hang fire in this fashion.

Councilman Albea stated this is just history repeating itself as far as the Smoke Abatement Engineer is concerned.

Councilman Short asked if part of the problem is that the County does not have legislative authority to pass the type of ordinance which would enable them to come to grips with this problem comprehensively? He asked if this is being taken care of as this is the time to do it.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he does not know what the answer is but he thinks the Department does need to be reactivated or consolidated so that this problem will not arise.

Councilman Tuttle stated that at the dinner he attended there were about 75 people there and he was the only one connected with City Government and he was the most surprised one in the audience to find that there was no way to enforce the ordinance. Mayor pro tem Whittington stated this sort of thing is brought to our attention many, many times by citizens and because of this fact we are better councilmen.

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO CONSIDER CREATING A NEW OFFICE DISTRICT DESIGNED FOR HIGH DENSITY OFFICE DEVELOPMENTS.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated in connection with the Jones property (Zoning Petition 66-92) regardless of what has been said in the newspaper by the Petitioner, this Council and the Planning Commission has spent many, many hours trying to resolve this Petition. That he would suggest and hope that someone on Council would make a motion to put this machinery into action. As far as he is concerned, this petition calls for too much property in B-3. That he would not consider if he were going to vote on it, anything except the block which is bounded by Euclid Avenue, Morehead, Caldwell and Royal Court.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated this Petition has been delayed again today because Mr. Jordan is out of the country, and he would recommend that Council ask the Planning Commission to create a new office district and have a public hearing on this amendment. That what he is proposing is a new office district designed for high density office development in areas adjacent to the central business district. This would constitute a similar action to that taken by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Council concerning high density apartment developments in and near the central business district - that particular district is called R-1 OMF.

Councilman Short moved approval of the recommendations as suggested by Mayor pro tem Whittington. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Short stated the Jones Company has said what they are calling the ratio and that is the building size as against the land value, is such that they cannot afford the setback called for in our law. That he thinks it is a serious matter when a responsible and knowledgeable citizen makes such a statement, and the implications go beyond the present zoning petition. If the high rise office buildings cannot be afforded in the large area that adjoins the central business district, then we should take another look at our law. That we may find our side yard requirements were made as large as they are with rather heavy consideration given to preventing two tall buildings from being built close against one another, and the result may be that we have placed difficulties on the building of just one lone building when we have no way of knowing that another tall building would ever be built in this vicinity.

Councilman Short stated in the whole history of uptown there has been only one instance where tall buildings were placed side by side very closely, and this was a situation where there were no zoning restrictions that would have kept the buildings from being close together. That he would ask the Planning Commission to give this their earliest possible consideration.

Councilman Tuttle stated he believes our professionals and the commissioners finally were swayed very much with the parking situation in the entrance and the exit to the garage being across the sidewalk where cars coming out would have actually had to block the sidewalk to gain site vision. That there are many, many ramifications to this and he is happy to see us move ahead and to try to alleviate the situation because we do need the buildings, but not as now proposed.

Councilman Alexander asked for clarification if we are voting on the motion as stated by Mayor pro tem Whittington and that the comments which prefaced the motion are not a part of the motion? Mayor pro tem Whittington replied that is right.

Councilman Albea stated he is voting for the motion but that does not mean he is tying himself down to whatever comes out of it.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

#### CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ARRANGE CAUCUS WITH MECKLENBURG LEGISLATORS REGARDING CITY'S LEGISLATIVE REQUEST.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated at the earliest possible time the Legislature is going to have a caucus here in Charlotte - that he understands they are going to do that on Monday - that Council should have such a caucus with them to present our legislative requests, and he requested the City Manager to set the meeting up.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied this would be helpful. That the City Attorney has forwarded copies of the material to each member of the Delegation.

#### COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER SUGGESTS STAGGERED TERMS FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND VOTE FOR MAYOR TO BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL.

Councilman Alexander stated he thinks Council needs to request a change in the Council setup regarding the term of office of councilmen. That it poses too many problems to have all the terms of councilmen to expire at one time. That the City would benefit if staggered terms were arranged. Much could be done that we lose a lot of time in doing now from each two years having to change all the councilmen. If by chance a major change is made in the council personnel, you just about have to begin all over again in establishing bases to get accomplished and to move forward on projects that have been instituted by the prior council. That he feels there are many other reasons that would require consideration of staggered terms of office.

Councilman Alexander stated he thinks consideration should also be given to changing the charter to allow the Mayor to have a voice or vote. That one problem comes from the fact that this Council needs a ramrod, and it is his opinion if we had a Mayor who had a vote there would be more desire to assume a certain type of leadership responsibility that you can get in situations that we have now. That this came to him very, very vividly when Council was discussing where we stood with the proposed governmental plaza plans against the plans of the downtown. These things are very important, and he thinks it needs deep consideration. That perhaps these things cannot be submitted to our Delegation now, but it should be put on the agenda somewhere and discuss it where it can be given consideration.

Councilman Albea stated the matter of staggered terms has come up at different times ever since he has been on the Council, and he has always opposed it because he can see a lot of political shenanigans going on. The ins are always against the outs and the outs against the ins, and the ones who are in, if they wanted to, could almost dictate the election. That there never has been a Council, since he has been on it, where everyone was swept out. That some times you find a man in his first term is "going to school", and he has seen some of the best Councilmen when they were "going to school". That he is utterly opposed to a staggered term on this Council. That he has observed it on some of our boards and commissions where terms are staggered. That it has been the policy that people who are on there practically name their new members. Not that they have the authority but through persuasion of the Council. Councilman Albea stated he is opposed to staggered terms. If they want to vote him out, he can take that, but do not stagger him out.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the City Manager has been requested to let the Council meet with the Delegation in their caucus and if Mr. Alexander wants to bring up either one of the two at that time, he can, and those who want to oppose it would have the opportunity.

**CHAIRMAN OF SCORE REQUESTED TO MEET WITH COUNCIL AND EXPLAIN THEIR PROGRAM.**

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated this morning he had the pleasure of representing the Mayor at the Library speaking to the Score group, which is a group of retired executives who, for some eighteen months has been working with and through the small business administration office in Charlotte, helping primarily with advise to small businesses in this area and in surrounding counties. That he was enthused and encouraged with what the men are doing.

He invited Mr. Buckey, Chairman of the group, to contact Mr. Veeder and at an early date to come and tell Council what this group is doing, so that these men can get some publicity about a program that they are doing here in Charlotte for small businesses. This is a way they are helping the economy of this community, and are not getting much recognition for it because very few people know about it.

EMPLOYMENT OF VINCENT CONNERAT AS FEDERAL-LOCAL PROGRAM COORDINATOR  
AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AMENDING PAY PLAN ESTABLISHING CLASSIFICATION.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised in keeping with Council's interest and desire to move expeditiously on a number of inter-governmental programs, he has been looking around for an individual who could assist the City with such programs. That he knows Council's interest in this area and knows their interest increased after voters approved a number of programs in the election in December, including a number of new urban renewal projects.

He stated he has found a well-qualified individual to be employed as federal-local program coordinator. That the individual is Mr. Vincent Connerat who is scheduled to join the City on March 1. Mr. Connerat comes from the Atlanta Regional Office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. In recent months, he has been directly concerned with the new demonstration cities program whereby whole neighborhoods in cities can be improved by using all available federal and local programs to generally improve the quality of urban life. During the last several years, Mr. Connerat has served as a coordinator of the federal urban renewal programs covering a number of states - North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. That he is not new to Charlotte, in that he has been involved in our urban renewal efforts since 1957. He is well known by local officials as he is well known throughout North Carolina and he has a reputation as a person who gets things done. In addition to his years of experience in the Housing and Urban field, he has served in industrial development activities in Georgia when he was Executive Director of the Industrial Development Board of that State; he has also served as an economist in the United States Department of Labor and Commerce and was for some time with Dunn and Bradstreet in the Market Research Division.

Mr. Connerat is married and has two daughters; he is a graduate of the University of Georgia and from the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Veeder stated Mr. Connerat's first assignment is to provide major assistance in the preparation of the planning grant applicant tied in with the model city program. That this is an important assignment but not an exclusive one, and he will work on other federal and local programs.

Mr. Veeder requested Council to approve a resolution which will establish a salary range for the position of Federal-Local Program Coordinator, and that it be at the existing pay range 42.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the resolution as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Alexander stated this is one of the most important steps that has been made in the over-all program regarding urban renewal and its related programs, and we can make up for lost time in such a measure as this.

Councilman Short stated he would like to compliment Mr. Veeder on arranging this excellent thing.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he thinks this is one of the biggest and best steps the City has taken to meet the need for overall plans for the Model City, health programs, welfare programs and public housing. That Council is moving to meet the challenge.

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

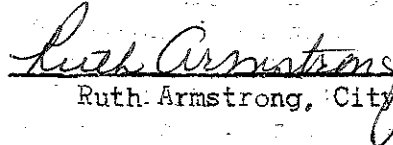
The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 405.

#### VISITORS WELCOMED TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

Mayor pro tem Whittington recognized the leaders and troop members of Troop 69, Brownie Pack, from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, and welcomed them to the Council Chambers.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk