

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, April 8, 1968, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Huntington Williams, Minister of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last regular meeting on Monday, April 1st, 1968, were approved as submitted.

PRIVATE FLYING CLUB TO BE NOTIFIED MEMBERS CAN APPEAR BEFORE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS THE CLUB BEING DISPOSSESSED FROM AIRPORT.

Councilman Smith stated a member of a private flying club called him and said his club was being dispossessed from the runway at the airport.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he had a call from the gentleman but did not have the opportunity to call him back. That Mr. Ross Knight, Airport Manager, has briefed him on this to a degree. This aerial club was operating out of a trailer on the premises leased by a fixed base operator and it has been brought to the attention of the fixed base operator that this was not in conformity with his lease. Mr. Knight has had several conversations with at least one representative of the aerial flying club and has brought to their attention the feeling of the Airport Committee that until a study underway is completed, the Committee does not want to recommend any additional general aviation activities on the premises. Mr. Veeder stated he will get back in touch with the gentleman, and suggest, if he would like, he can attend the next meeting of the Airport Advisory Committee and discuss it with them.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT NO. WS-3-34-0009 FOR WATER FACILITIES FOR THE NORTHWEST SECTION OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Short introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina (herein called the

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"Applicant") has heretofore submitted an application to the United States of America, acting by and through the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (herein called the "Government"), for a grant under Section 702 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, for the purposes designated in the said application; and

WHEREAS, the Government has approved the said application subject to certain conditions and has submitted to the Applicant a certain Grant Agreement dated as of May 18, 1966 (herein called the "Grant Agreement"), for approval and execution by the Applicant, which said Grant Agreement is satisfactory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the Applicant that the said Grant Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto, be and the same is hereby approved. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute the said Grant Agreement in the name and on behalf of the Applicant, in as many counterparts as may be necessary, and the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix or impress the official seal of the Applicant thereon and to attest the same. The proper officer is directed to forward the said executed counterparts of the said Grant Agreement to the Government, together with such other documents evidencing the approval and authorization to execute the same as may be required by the Government.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted.

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DECISION ON PETITION NO. 68-24 BY BRAKE SERVICE COMPANY OF CHARLOTTE, INC., FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF STATESVILLE ROAD, BEGINNING NORTH OF NEVINS ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTHWARD, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like to see some talk exist between the owners of this property and the Planning Commission to consider developing this area and to avoid spot zoning to see if something can be done to improve all the property at one time.

Councilman Alexander moved that decision on the subject petition be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Stegall asked if he is indicating that, to some degree, he is in favor of this and perhaps the Planning Commission should be brought back into this to revise their thinking? Councilman Alexander replied not only the Planning Commission, but also the owners to see if they can come up with something more favorable, rather than an outright denial.

Councilman Short stated he has discussed this matter with some people and he thinks there is validity in the discussion that almost anything anyone has wanted to do out this highway, the City has not wanted them to do it, and the result has been no one has done anything. That he believes this needs looking into on a comprehensive basis, and it might involve bringing into the picture some of the people who were previously interested in something out this way.

Councilman Smith stated the petitioners need to make their move; they are being inconvenienced economically and every other way by not being able to build their plant. That personally he is in favor of changing the zoning, but he will go along with the deferment.

Mr. West, Attorney for the petitioner, stated the week's delay will not be a hardship on them, and if there is anything they can do, they will be glad to cooperate with Council.

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

Later in the meeting, it was brought to Council's attention that next Monday is Easter Monday, a holiday.

Councilman Stegall then moved that decision on the subject petition be deferred until the next meeting of Council, two weeks from today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 833-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON TRACT OF LAND EAST OF BARRINGTON ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 800 FEET NORTH OF MILTON ROAD.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 251.

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ORDINANCE NO. 834-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON TRACT OF LAND WITHIN 400 FEET OF SUNSET ROAD.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 252.

ORDINANCE 835-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SUNSET ROAD, BEGINNING AT REAMES ROAD AND EXTENDING EASTWARD.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to I-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Tuttle asked if the petitioner is aware Council will be denying him his right to use the property for residential development and he is willing for the property to be rezoned to I-1? Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, replied residential development is not permitted in either I-1 or I-2; that when the petitioner requested I-2 he was automatically discounting a residential development. Mr. Bryant stated he has discussed this with Mr. Lyons and he is agreeable.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 253.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MAY 13 ON PETITIONS NO. 68-38 THROUGH 68-42 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution setting date of hearing on zoning petitions for Monday, May 13th.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 78.

ORDINANCE NO. 836-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE AIRPORT FUND ACCOUNTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the transfer of \$3,328.00 of Airport Unappropriated Surplus Account to Airport Fund Account No. 7310, Project No. 562.01 for payment of the cost of court and attorney's fees in the case of Davie Contractors, Inc., vs. City of Charlotte.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 254.

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ORDINANCE NO. 837-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS TO MODEL CITY FUND.

Councilman Stegall moved the adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$4,639 of General Fund Unappropriated Funds to Model City Fund to be used for funding Model Neighborhood Program operations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 255.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND TRUNKS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains and trunks, were authorized as follows:

- (a) Construction of 1,640 feet of 8-inch trunk and 2,646 feet of 8-inch main to serve Hope Valley 2-C Suvdivision, inside the city, at the request of Ed Griffin Development Company, at an estimated cost of \$29,892.00. All cost of construction will be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement;
- (b) Construction of 500 feet of 8-inch trunk to serve Briarbend Drive, inside the city, at the request of Phillips Petroleum Company, at an estimated cost of \$2,710.00. All cost of construction will be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement;
- (c) Construction of 375 feet of 8-inch main extension in South Boulevard, inside the city, at the request of H. V. Lang, at an estimated cost of \$3,035.00. All cost of construction will be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, authorizing appraisal contracts, as follows:

- (a) Contract with Zollie A. Collins for appraisal of one parcel of land for East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (b) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel of land for Irwin Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall;
- (c) Contract with William L. Frickhoeffter for appraisal of one parcel of land for East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (d) Contract with L. H. Griffith for appraisal of one parcel of land for Northwest Expressway;
- (e) Contract with Robert R. Rhyne, Sr., for appraisal of one parcel of land for Northwest Expressway.

CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Smith moved approval of contracts for the installation of water mains, as follows, which motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall:

- (a) Contract with Hobart Smith Construction Company for the installation of 1,890 feet of water mains and three fire hydrants to serve the Canterbury Woods Apartment Complex, (a part of the Hidden Valley Estates), outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00. The project will be financed under the terms of the water and sewer policy adopted by Council on April 17, 1967, as set forth in Paragraph D-1. The city will retain title to all facilities and will be responsible for their operation and maintenance. The applicant has deposited with the city funds in the amount of ten percent of the estimated cost and qualifies under the terms of the policy for approval of the contract;
- (b) Supplementary contract to contract dated October 26, 1955, for the installation of 2,690 feet of main and two fire hydrants, to serve the Old Farm Subdivision, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00. The applicant will pay the entire cost of the mains, including the fire hydrants, and will own same until such time as the area is incorporated into the city, at which time the mains will become the property of the City without further agreement;
- (c) Contract with Rousseau-Petty Company for the installation of 3,790 feet of main and four hydrants, to serve the Castleton Gardens Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$13,000.00. The City will finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

Councilman Short commenting on Item (a) stated this is the first use made of the D-1 Plan, and he is glad it is getting this use. The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a right-of-way agreement between the City of Charlotte and the North Carolina State Highway Commission for the installation of water mains in the south side of Tom Hunter Road, including the crossing of U. S. 29N at Tom Hunter Road, and the installation of mains in the west side of Canterwood Drive, all outside the city, to serve the Canterbury Woods Apartment Complex. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

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APPOINTMENT OF WALLACE GIBBS AND PETE ELLINGTON TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Smith moved the appointment of Mr. Wallace Gibbs to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term of three years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Stegall moved the appointment of Mr. Pete Ellington to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried by the following vote:

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

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO MELVIN MESSER AYERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, authorizing the issuance of a special officer permit for a term of one year to Mr. Melvin Messer Ayers to serve on the premises of Revolution Golf Course.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Dora Brewer Thomas and Mrs. Ruth Brewer Gates for North half of Lot No. 16, Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from the Heirs of Mrs. J. A. Brewer, at \$3.00 for new deed;
- (b) Deed with Basil M. Boyd, Sr. and Basil M. Boyd, Jr., for Lot No. 269, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$378.00;
- (c) Deed with Samuel L. Hayes and Ruth W. Hayes for Lot No. 318, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$378.00.

WITHDRAWAL AND REJECTION OF BIDS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Jordan moved that Charlotte Aircraft Corporation be permitted to withdraw their bid for the removal of the ex-National Guard Hanger at the airport, and that the bid of D. H. Griffin Company be rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE URBAN BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 79.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT FOR AN URBAN BEAUFICIATION GRANT.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 80.

ORDINANCE NO. 838-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY SIDEWALK TO SERVE MCCLINTOCK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$2,000 from the General Fund Contingency Appropriation to Engineering-Streets Account to be used for the construction of a gravel sidewalk along the west side of Rama Road, from Charing Drive to the City Limits at the Seaboard Railroad.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 257.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 570 square feet of property at 913 Wesley Avenue, from James G. and Mary Ellen Sims, at \$275.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (b) Acquisition of 145 square feet of property at 724 Wesley Avenue, from Ed R. Gentry and wife, Effie I. Gentry, at \$300.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (c) Acquisition of 447 square feet of property at 804 Wesley Avenue, from O. D. Hudson and wife, Frances B. Hudson, at \$300.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (d) Acquisition of 810 square feet of property at 2911, 2905, and 2901 The Plaza, from H. B. Moss and wife, Nellie Lee D. Moss, at \$850.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (e) Access acquisition of property on East Fourth Street, second lot east of Cherry Street, from Lou A. Harrill, Divorcee, at \$900.00, for the East Third Street Connector;
- (f) Acquisition of 28.83 square feet of property on South Boulevard, the fourth lot on east side beyond Hartford Avenue, from W.J. and Elizabeth Bain, at \$1.00 for South Boulevard Intersections;
- (g) Acquisition of 5 sq. ft. of property at 1222 Matheson Avenue, from Asa L. Teague and wife, Rebecca W. Teague, at \$100.00, for East Thirtieth Street Project;

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- (h) Acquisition of easement 233.75 sq. ft. on Stokes Avenue, next to Moravian Church, from Rousseau-Petty Corporation, at \$1.00 for sanitary sewer easement to serve Heatherstone.
- (i) Acquisition of right-of-way 3,010 sq. ft. on Independence Boulevard, second from Glendora Drive, from Chrysler Realty Corporation, at \$150.00, for sanitary sewer easement to serve 5050 Independence Boulevard.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF MARY R. GRAHAM AND HUSBAND, GEORGE W. GRAHAM, LOCATED IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, FOR AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE PROJECT.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 81.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF H. R. GIBSON AND WIFE, EULALIA B. GIBSON, LOCATED IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, FOR AIRPORT CLEAR ZONE PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 82.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONTACT STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION REGARDING THE GRAVEL PORTION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD FROM ERVIN BUILDING OUT.

Councilman Stegall stated on Independence Boulevard, from about the Ervin Building out some distance, the road was widened and it has been graveled for four or five months. He requested the City Manager to contact the State Highway Commission to see if they can pave the area. That he has had numerous complaints and it is a bad situation with the gravel being knocked into the road, and when it rains, it gets muddy and goes up into the businesses' driveways.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON COST TO CITY TO PAY FOR DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES ON HOSPITAL COVERAGE.

Councilman Smith requested the City Manager to check on the City's hospital policy with Life Insurance of Virginia and give a report on the cost to the city to pay for the dependents of the employees. That this insurance is given to the employee but he has an expense for his dependents, which is the same as the man himself. That this is one of the benefits that can be given to the employees.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON NECESSARY STEPS TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH CLOVER LEAF AT INTERSECTION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Smith stated the City has delayed on proceedings with the State at Independence Boulevard and Eastway Drive. That he understands the State now has the final plans of how the clover leaf will be put in; and they are waiting for the City to give its okay on it. That although the City does not have the money available now, it can have it in the budget for next fiscal year and probably spread it over the next two years.

Councilman Smith requested that a report be made at the next Council Meeting as to what the City's next step should be.

Councilman Whittington stated he has mentioned many times the urgency of the completion of the widening of Eastway Drive hopefully to encourage the State to complete the plans for the bridge at Independence Boulevard and Eastway Drive. And according to Mr. Smith, this has been done and he would echo his sentiments that this amount of money - which he understands is \$500,000 - be put in the capital improvements budget in the next fiscal year to do this work. Without question, this is the worse bottleneck and the worse intersection in either North or South Carolina.

Mayor Brookshire stated the appropriate action of Council would be to consider it in the capital funds budget for next year as this Council has made a commitment to roll back the ad valorem tax rate next year to last year's level.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks this Council is definitely going to do it in July, and there is no reason for the time lag between now and July because if Council is going to do it, then it should pass a resolution that it will appropriate this money, and this is what he would like the City Manager to check and see if the Council can reasonably do.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated no one can question the need but he would like to get an appropriate commitment from the State that if the City does this, then the State will be able to follow through with its portion.

REPORT REQUESTED ON BLIGHTED AREA OF PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, AND OTHER STREETS OFF HIGHWAY 16.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like to comment on a situation that exists on Pennsylvania Avenue and the streets in there which are off Highway 16, where there is much blight and the streets are in poor condition. That he does not know how much can be done but knows if some of those houses which are privately owned, could be forced to come under the Building Code, they would have to be torn down. If they were to be rehabilitated, he does not know if the owners would be financially able to negotiate financial arrangements to bring the houses up to code standards. He asked if there are any possibilities of having this area referred to the Urban Renewal Commission to see if there is any way they can suggest some solution. That he does not know what this Council

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can do about the improvements to the streets, but it should be looked at by whatever departments in government we have such as Building Inspection, Engineering Department and Urban Renewal so there will be a feedback to Council about what can be done.

He stated a new development is being built which will extend to the back of this section and will open up into Burbank Street coming through University Park. When this development takes place, it will create more attention and more traffic.

He requested that some attention be given this area as soon as possible with a report to Council. He asked that a truck be sent to clean up the trash lying around in the streets. That there are also some vacant lots that need to be cleaned up.

COUNCIL WISHES BILL NOBLITT GOOD LUCK IN HIS NEW WORK.

Councilman Short stated that Mr. Bill Noblitt has been with Council on Monday afternoon for a number of years, and the Charlotte News should be thanked for sending to Council Meetings a fine professional newspaper man; that he has been not only a fine newspaper man but a good friend of all Council Members, and he is sorry that he will not be with Council again.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would echo the statement and also add his thanks to Bill Noblitt himself for having covered City Hall in a very fine way.

Councilman Jordan stated he would also like to echo the remarks and wish him good luck in his new position.

Councilman Alexander stated Council will not be losing him entirely because with his new responsibilities with Model Cities, he will be seated in the audience quite often.

RESOLUTION OF THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL COMMENDING THE PROGRAM OF ALCOHOLIC REHABILITATION ESTABLISHED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY ALCOHOLIC AND BEVERAGE CONTROL.

Councilman Tuttle introduced and read a resolution entitled: "Resolution of the Charlotte City Council Commending the Program of Alcoholic Rehabilitation established by the Mecklenburg County Board of Alcoholic and Beverage Control" and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 83.

PROGRESS REPORT ON TOWING FEE FOR WRECKER COMPANIES ON ABANDONED CARS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Councilman Whittington asked for a progress report on towing fees of wrecker companies on abandoned cars on private property? Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, replied he met with representatives of the various wrecker companies two weeks ago, and the companies were to bring back information from their accounting records pertinent to the subject and he will meet with them again within the next week or ten days.

CROSSING GUARDS REQUESTED PLACED IN TRAFFIC ENGINEERING BUDGET FOR 1968-69.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to have Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to place in the 1968-69 Budget a school crossing guard at intersection of Tuckaseegee Road, Clay Avenue and Rush Avenue where the children have to cross to get to Enderly Park School. Also, that he place in the budget a crossing guard at Plaza Road and Sugar Creek Road for the children coming from the northeast Plaza Road section who have to cross at this busy intersection where there is no policeman or crossing guards at either location.

POLICE, FIREMEN, OTHER EMPLOYEES AND CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE COMMENDED FOR WAY IN WHICH THEY PERFORMED DURING DIFFICULT AND TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES.

Councilman Whittington made the following statement:

"In these most difficult times, this City and its people have stood resolute against violence. Only a few people have caused trouble to fester. I believe that Council would want to commend our Mayor, Stan Brookshire, those student leaders at Johnson C. Smith University, plus Dr. Perry, and others who stepped in the breach against the violence out there last Thursday night. We also want to commend the entire Charlotte Police Department and the entire Fire Department for the very excellent way they performed under difficult and trying circumstances. The men and women of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee did, and are doing, a commendable job. All of these people plus the great majority of our citizens made this city an even greater city in the last few days. We should all be proud to be Charlotteans."

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the statement and that it be made a part of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Alexander stated he can testify to the fact that the spirit in which such a statement is drawn can be substantiated by all who had an opportunity to witness the activities of our police department and others during this period, and even through now. That he can truthfully say in many cases our police department is condemned for acts of wrongdoing by citizens who are restrained. That in like vein we should be as broad in spirit to render commendation when their actions portray good will and service to the community as has been exhibited in the past three days. He stated he has been in the

streets himself each night until two and two thirty in the morning - not riding, but walking through the streets - mixed up with the crowd, and he knows that in many cases, it may have been done in jest, but our policemen have borne up admirably under the taunts and jeers of the crowd and have used all manners of restraint. That he witnessed no acts of brutality and he joins with Mr. Whittington and thinks the record should show that citizens are concerned and are willing to be just as generous in commendation of fine acts of a police department, as readily as they are with condemnations.

Councilman Tuttle stated he and Mr. Short have been on this Council for three years this coming May, and he had his first ride in a police car on Saturday night, along with Mr. Short because he wanted to see the attitude of our citizens and wanted to see our police department in operation. He stated they saw efficiency, compassion, alertness, and devotion to duty, and he would like to publicly commend the police chief and the entire department.

Councilman Smith stated the job that the Mayor has played in this crisis should be re-emphasized, that it was not done in the last week; it has been done during the Mayor's entire term since he first took office. The entire city is indebted to him for his dedication to good race relations in this city.

Councilman Short stated he does endorse all the adjectives Mr. Tuttle used, but he would also like to commend Mr. Veeder, City Manager, and Chief Goodman for what they have done throughout this touchy period. He stated he saw them in action and they were courteous, efficient and firm and performed admirably for our city.

Mayor Brookshire stated he did not want to let the motion go to vote without pointing out to the public the very fine job which Mr. Veeder, whose responsibility it is to administer all departments of the city together with Chief Goodman and all his officers and patrolmen, and the fire department as well, have all performed excellently, and have earned the gratitude of the whole community.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilman Jordan stated he has talked with a number of merchants today and they are all very thankful that the curfew was set, and they were not mad and wanted to go along with it, and this adds greatly to our citizens and business establishments in the city. That all he has heard today has been for the greatest respect for the police department.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REQUESTED TO CHECK INTERSECTION OF RANDOLPH ROAD AND ANDOVER ROAD FOR SITE OBSTRUCTION.

Councilman Jordan requested the City Manager to have Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer to check the shrubbery on each side of the street at Andover Road and Randolph Road and the big mail box which sits in the view of the traffic coming from into town in connection with site obstructions at intersections.

RESIDENTS OF BERTONLEY AND PINE VIEW ROADS REQUEST REPAIRS TO STREETS.

Councilman Jordan stated he received a petition from the residents in the area of Randolph Junior High which states that the pavement of the streets have deteriorated badly and is reverting to gravel, and the conditions of the streets are of such a poor nature that some immediate attention is seriously indicated. That the residents of Bertonley Avenue and Pineview Road petition Council to take action to alleviate the deplorable condition of the streets as soon as practicable. He filed the petition with the City Manager.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF OVERTIME TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES WORKING DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated in view of the comments Council has reflected on the fine activities and performance of the Charlotte Police Department and Charlotte Fire Department, he would like to reiterate his observations of the professional manner in which these departments handled this situation over the past several days; that he is proud to be associated with them; they knew what they were doing; they know what they are doing and they do it extremely well.

He requested Council to approve a resolution authorizing the City to pay the men on an overtime basis.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 84.

BOY SCOUTS COMMENDED FOR CLEANING UP SECTION 3 OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AREA ON SATURDAY.

Councilman Whittington stated he does not think the Mayor and Council have officially recognized the tremendous efforts the County Council of the Boy Scouts and some 1,000 scouts did in Section 3 of the Brooklyn Redevelopment Project on Saturday. He suggested that the Mayor write a letter on behalf of the Mayor and members of Council to the Scout Executive, Tom Warren, and ask him to get the message down to the troops that participated.

That there were over a thousand boys participating and each unit set up its own unit flag on a particular plot of land that they were to work in that day.


Mayor Brookshire replied he would be happy to write such a letter on behalf of the Council and the City to thank these boy scouts. That he did have the opportunity to tour the area and made several stops, and he was real pleased with the manner and attitude with which these boys were attacking a pretty hard job. Boy Scouts from every section and every part of the city were working together should-to-shoulder.

Councilman Jordan suggested that Kays Gary also be thanked for his part in publicizing the program.

Councilman Alexander asked if there is any way to get permission from the Judge to allow the city to get rid of the dilapidated structures that are still down there on Independence Boulevard? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he would check to see what can be done.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk