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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 30, 1968, 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 Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TO SERVE APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT ON CINDERELLA STREET, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 220 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main to serve an apartment development on Cinderella Street, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,415.00, at the request of Griffin Realty Company, with all cost of the construction to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Negotiated settlement with Mrs. Mary R. Graham (widow), for 8.95 acres of property on Wilmont Road, in Berryhill Township at \$17,900 for the Airport Clear Zone.
- (b) Negotiated settlement with J. B. Dixon and wife, Lillie, for 7.56 acres at the corner of Wilmont Road and Horseshoe Lane, in Berryhill Township, at \$13,260.00, for Airport Clear Zone.
- (c) Negotiated settlement with Edward Campbell and wife, Dorothy P., for 4 acres of property on Wilmont Road, in Berryhill Township, at \$5,800.00, for Airport Clear Zone.

ORDINANCE NO. 125-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND AND ALLOCATING TO EACH DEPARTMENT THE COSTS OF THE PAY PLAN REVISION.

Councilman Smith moved adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$576,689 of the General Fund, Account No. 5522 - Sales Taxes - to the appropriations made in the 1968-69 Budget for Salaries of each department to be used for the expense of the recent pay plan revision. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 80.

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CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER MAINS FROM VEST STATION TO BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, in the amount of \$187,205.00, on a unit price basis for the construction of 36 inch, 30 inch and 24 inch water mains.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Brothers Co.,	\$187,205.00
Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	190,777.75
A. P. White & Assoc.	219,195.00
Sanders Brothers	262,620.00

CONTRACT AWARDED EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY FOR MICROFILM READER-PRINTER.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Eastman Kodak Company, in the amount of \$1,400.50 on a unit price basis, for one microfilm reader-printer.

The following bids were received:

Eastman Kodak Company	\$ 1,400.50
Remington Rand Corp.	1,431.40

CONTRACT AWARDED THOMAS STRUCTURE COMPANY FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION TO SERVE QUEEN CITY SPEEDWAY.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to the low bidder, Thomas Structure Company, in the amount of \$9,429.50, on a unit price basis, for sanitary sewer construction to serve Queen City Speedway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Stegall, Alexander, Jordan, and Smith.

NAYS: Councilmen Short and Whittington.

The following bids were received:

Thomas Structure Co.	\$ 9,429.50
A. P. White & Assoc.	10,400.75
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	13,465.00
Crowder Construction Co.	14,873.00
Dickerson, Inc.	16,859.50

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UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE SALES TAX REVENUE, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that Council follow the recommendations of the City Manager in the use of the sales tax revenue by spending the \$147,000 plus \$15,000 from unappropriated funds, as follows:

- (1) a. Ordinance No. 126-X Amending Ordinance No. 939-X, the 1968-69 Budget Ordinance, appropriating \$102,000 of the unappropriated General Fund Revenues for the Capital Improvement Project - Landscaping Account to be used as the local share in the 1968-69 Urban Beautification.
b. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract for grant for 1968-69 Urban Beautification and Improvement Program.
- (2) Ordinance No. 127-X Amending Ordinance No. 939-X, the 1968-69 Budget Ordinance Appropriating \$45,000 of the unappropriated General Fund Revenues for the Police Department - Radio Equipment - Law Enforcement Center to be used for the purchase of mobile radio equipment associated with the Law Enforcement Community Center.
- (3) Ordinance No. 128-X Amending Ordinance No. 939-X, the 1968-69 Budget Ordinance, appropriating \$15,000 of Unappropriated General Fund Balance for Capital Improvement Project - Archdale Bridge, to be used for project design and acquisition of rights-of-way of land in connection with the bridge to be constructed on Archdale Drive.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Smith stated he is more in favor of the Belmont Neighborhood Improvement Program which is \$100,000 over the urban beautification program. That he understands the \$92,000 from the federal government motivates the urban beautification; however, he feels the Belmont Improvement Program is one that should take high priority on the list; and he hopes the City will be able to go forward with this soon.

Councilman Alexander stated he is very concerned that we do not have enough money allocated to take care of the northwest fire station which has been a need for sometime, and was taken out of the capital improvement program in 1965. He stated this is a distinct need and he hopes in the immediate future the necessary arrangements can be made to include the establishment of a fire station in the northwest section of Charlotte on Beatties Ford Road.

Councilman Short stated he would like to endorse the remarks of Councilman Smith; that the Belmont Program has a large federal multiplier in it and is an older program and is indeed one that should have top priority.

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Councilman Tuttle suggested that Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, prior to the next budget time for the next Council - to ask Chief Black to come forward with some comments on priorities with reference to this particular fire station that Mr. Alexander is interested in.

Councilman Short stated in connection with the Archdale Drive bridge, the information Council has is that this is all it could have done in this budget year.

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

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning on Page 81.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 243.

ORDINANCE NO. 129-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO THE GENERAL FUND.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously, adopting the subject ordinance, authorizing the transfer of \$25,537 of the Capital Improvement Program Budget to the General Fund Central Services Account No. 505-210 to be used to make alterations to space on the second floor of the City Hall Annex for the Engineering Department and to provide central air conditioning to all three floors of the Annex.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 85.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SET UP CONFERENCE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF BOND ISSUE TO BE HELD IN THE SPRING.

Councilman Whittington stated Council has talked about bond needs and bond requirements for a bond issue to be held sometime in the spring; that it seems if Council is going to get into this subject matter, conferences should be held with the City Manager in the very near future.

Councilman Smith stated Council can give some thought on building the fire stations under a bond issue as their useful value is probably 60 years and there is no real reason for pay-as-you-go on this.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN SHORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLOTTE AREA FUND ACCEPTED AND JAMES PRESTON APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY.

Councilman Short stated some months ago Council agreed informally to serve themselves as members of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund; that he ended up being on the Board of Directors and on the Executive Committee; that it is difficult for him to give the time necessary along with other assignments in connection with the government. He asked Council's approval to resign from the Board.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, Councilman Short's resignation was accepted.

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Councilman Short nominated Mr. James Preston, Attorney, to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund.

After discussion, Councilman Short moved the appointment of Mr. James Preston to the Board of Directors, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER ON DAY CARE ORDINANCE.

Councilman Alexander stated when the Day Care Ordinance was passed, he registered several objections as to why he felt such an ordinance would render a hardship on certain types of individuals. There is a lady living in an apartment, keeping over six children and now has to stop keeping any as she has been told by the Building Inspection Department there is no way the apartment can be made to meet the regulations. That this disturbs him as this leaves the parents of the children in a difficult position. He stated he is calling attention to this to justify his contentions that the Bill is not all it should be.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REQUESTED TO HAVE LEAVES PICKED UP ON BALDWIN AVENUE AND GENERAL VICINITY; AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT COMMENDED FOR EFFORTS AND GOOD JOB.

Councilman Alexander requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to have the leaves picked up on Baldwin Avenue and in that section. That the people say they have not had any leaves picked up this season, and all their attempts to get them picked up get no response.

Councilman Smith stated the Sanitation Department comes in for a lot of criticism; that he would like to go on record and say that on Saturday during all the wind, with trash being blown all over the street, that the Motor Transport people came along on Saturday afternoon and picked up the trash; that they have really made an effort to get this Christmas trash up. He requested Mr. Bobo to tell Mr. Buck Davis that Council appreciates his efforts; that he has done a good job.

POLICY OF FIRE DEPARTMENT IN LOCATING AND MAINTAINING FIRE HYDRANTS REQUESTED.

Councilman Stegall stated on TV news several nights ago, there was a residence fire and the roof was burned off. Several days later, he received a letter from someone complaining that the Fire Department hooked up a hose about 500 feet away, where there was a fire hydrant only 200 feet away. He stated this is not critical of the fire department as he realizes when they go into a new residential area that perhaps they do not know where all the fire hydrants are located.

He asked what the policy of the Fire Department is in this matter; if they are notified of all the fire hydrant locations as they are installed; how they determine where the hydrants are when they respond to a call - if it is just by seeing the hydrant or are they notified in advance; if this is a part of their training program?

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Councilman Stegall stated we have a fine fire department and they do an excellent job; but if they do not have such a program where they are notified of the location of the fire hydrants in the new subdivisions, it is something that should be coordinated.

Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, advised the Fire Department has a master map with every fire hydrant in the city plotted. That the Water Department installs all fire hydrants and notifies the Fire Department of every hydrant installed; every hydrant is located on a master map; for every block the City fire department serves, there is a plan whereby they can go into the street, and as they go by a hydrant they start throwing off their hose; they do try to run in more hose than from just one fire hydrant. That the City has one crew that checks the fire hydrants over the years to be sure they are in proper working order.

COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MR. BRUCE WRIGHT TO BE NOTIFIED WHEN MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO VIEW BARCLAY DOWNS DRIVE PROJECT.

Councilman Whittington requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to notify Council Members and Mr. Bruce Wright when the meeting is scheduled for Council Members to view the Barclay Downs Drive Project. That it was decided at a previous meeting that Council would make a site review of the project in a body this week.

Councilman Tuttle requested that at the time this/scheduled that Mr. Bobo also schedule for Council to look at the Park Road Zoning.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE CONCERNING EXTENSION OF WATER AND SEWER FACILITIES INTO COUNTY.

Mayor Brookshire stated he received a letter this morning from a county resident who is also a developer in the community with most of his development in the county; that he was considerably and visibly disturbed by what he thought might be a delay in extending water and sewer into the county under the county's bond money voted a few months ago. Not only by inference, but by accusation, he was accusing the Mayor and City Council of having some part in any possible delays. That added to that fact both Mr. Lowe and he have been criticized for naming the Committee. That he did not know about the County Board of Commissioner's action when they voted to hold in abeyance the county's water policy until a committee could be named and recommendations might be had from the committee. That he did not know about this until the afternoon of the same day when Mr. Lowe asked if he would join him in naming a committee which he did. That it was not his understanding then, nor now, that the committee will do anything except review the county's policy which the majority of the county board of commissioners wanted reviewed; that he does not think the city has in any shape, form or fashion indicated that it would not go along with the County's present policy adopted by the last Board.

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Mayor Brookshire stated he has prepared the following statement and will welcome any reaction any member of Council has to it:

"My public statements in the past have been consistent with my interest in promoting City-County cooperation in the extension of water and sewer facilities into the developing areas of the County.

My position has sometimes been misunderstood or misinterpreted, perhaps largely because I have insisted that the City not give its water sewer system to the County. The reasons for this position are several.

First looms the legal and moral question of whether City Council has the right to give away assets paid for by its citizens.

Second, our bond attorneys tell us that our bond holders could and probably would restrain us from such action.

Third, our water and sewer department is an integral and interlocking City operation, so much so that it would be exceedingly difficult to separate it from other departments.

Fourth, City Council has elected responsibilities under State Statutes to supply these urban services to the citizens of Charlotte.

Consequently, I have consistently opposed all proposals for a County take-over of the City's water and sewer system.

While the City has no legal responsibility for rendering services beyond the City Limits, it does have a deep concern and interest in the orderly development of the urbanizing areas beyond its corporate limits. It will give every possible assistance to either the County Government or to private developers in any plan that is equitable and fair to its own citizens and to its present water and sewer users.

Continuing insistence on the part of the County that it either take over the City's water and sewer system, or build one of its own, or that it dictate the terms of a cooperative agreement, has resulted in unnecessary delays in meeting needs in the County, which is unfortunate.

At the insistence of the County and to meet the needs of water for Westinghouse, the City negotiated an agreement with the County that put the County into the water business. We supported the County water-sewer bond referendum.

How far the County should go in building its own water and sewer treatment facilities, in addition to running lines - as against full cooperation in extending the city's system - has to be a judgement of the County Board of Commissioners, it is not ours.

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It seems to me that the new members of this County Board are exercising due prudence in office to examine an existing policy and to seek what should be an unbiased opinion from this committee, named at their suggestion.

As I view the present matter, this committee is to review the water and sewer policy adopted by the prior Board of County Commissioners and to make recommendations to the present Board.

Beyond making my own position clear, which I believe rather accurately interprets the City's position, and expressing a willingness to cooperate fully, I have nothing more to add -- except to express the hope that the County can get on, under the wisest possible action, with the job of using the recently voted water and sewer bond money for the purposes intended."

Councilman Smith stated in the spirit of consolidation it seems this is an area where the city now has most of the water and sewer that it requires and we have an adequate water department; we have adequate planning. Therefore, as a transition, he thinks the County could take over the facilities under consolidated government, which we are moving towards very rapidly, and could do an adequate job. He stated he is opposed to two separate systems; that it is a waste of effort, engineering, time and money. He stated the biggest block the Mayor's statement points out is the Bond Attorneys may not approve the take over by the County, but he believes this could be overcome with the county's financial backing; they have more bond money and more percentage that they can issue than the city does. That somewhere along the line this is going to have to be subsidized. This is not the city's philosophy. The city's philosophy is to make it pay as you go. In going into the rural area, you are going to have to give some subsidy to this, and he thinks the County is in a better position to do this with their taxing powers than the city.

Councilman Smith stated if the City would take over the policing of the whole county, which is not a swap but one area of consolidation, that the city could very well let the county have the water and continue with our present engineers to follow it through.

Councilman Alexander stated he hopes after the statements that have been made today, discussing the water matters will come to an end until this Committee makes its report. That he hopes we do not get all confused in the situation on this new attempt to solve the water problems; that he would like to see Council refrain from any further discussion of water matters until this Committee has had an opportunity to make its report to us.

Mayor Brookshire stated the Committee will make its report to the County as the County asked for its recommendation.

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CONTRACT WITH PEAT, MARWICK, LIVINGSTON AND COMPANY FOR DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF COST ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR AIRPORT DEPARTMENT AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS.

Councilman Smith moved the approval of the subject contract at a maximum cost of \$8,000 and the adoption of an ordinance amending the 1968-69 Budget Ordinance transferring the \$8,000 from the unappropriated surplus Airport Fund to professional services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Mr. Ross Knight, Airport Manager, stated they do not have a good enough accounting of where everything is coming in in the way of revenue and where everything is going out in the way of expenditures to exercise good financial management of all aspects of the airport management. The Airport is rapidly expanding; they have forthcoming rate negotiations with the airlines which require a more advanced form of cost accounting than is now available. With a good cost accounting system, they can identify the various areas - the landing areas, the terminal building, hanger, and maintenance and be able to pinpoint where they are doing well and where they are inefficient.

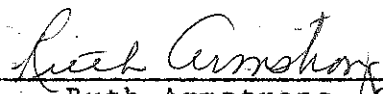
The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 86.

Councilman Smith stated that Mr. Knight is doing a terrific job in the management of the Airport. Mayor Brookshire stated he would agree and thanked Mr. Knight for the services he is rendering the city in such a fine manner. Councilman Smith stated that Mr. Knight goes into the communities and schools and when there is any opposition he goes in and explains the problems.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk