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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Studios of W. T. V. I., Channel 42, on Monday, May 27, 1968, at 8:00 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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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS BY MAYOR STAN R. BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire stated the WTVI Studio Facilities of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board have been made available to City Council courtesy of the School Board.

Mr. William Poe, Chairman of the School Board, stated although the facilities of WTVI belong to the Board of Education, they are also the property of all the taxpayers in the County. The School Board is very proud of the facilities because of the fact they are dedicated to education and the fact they can be used on such an occasion as this to bring public information to all the people at one time throughout the city and county. Speaking for the Board of Education and the School Administration he welcomed the Mayor and Members of Council to use these facilities for this most important meeting.

Mayor Brookshire stated in this Bicentennial year Council is trying to bring city government closer to the voters and the taxpayers.

He thanked the WTVI Staff as well as the School Board for the studio facilities made available.

HIGHLIGHTS OF FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1968.

Mayor Brookshire stated the Charlotte City Council has the responsibility of meeting the needs of urban life for some 260,000 citizens, the cost of which runs to some \$27 million dollars a year, exclusive of such general services as education and welfare, which are the responsibilities of the county government.

He stated there are constant demands on the city government for both increase services both in quantity and quality; at the same time there is a certain amount of pressure on Council at all times to hold the tax rate.

The rapid growth of the City of Charlotte requires long range planning and advanced capital investment to meet those anticipated needs. In addition, the City is actively engaged in a program of catching up with some years of neglect. We are clearing slums today that should have been cleared 25 years ago; widening and otherwise improving streets that might have been in schedule 15 years ago. In sincere efforts to match material progress with human progress, opportunities have been stepped up for all citizens through improved housing, training and

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job opportunities, drawing heavily upon resources of federal assistance programs in urban renewal, comprehensive code enforcement, public housing and the Model Cities Program. These programs require local share financing.

Mayor Brookshire stated some of the Highlights of the first six months of 1968 are as follows:

The City has intensified its constructive efforts to maintain peaceful community relations in which further progress can be made.

It has been awarded the Model Cities Program with a grant of \$172,000 for the five year program. The program is confined to a neighborhood of some 1500 acres and some 25,000 Charlotte citizens. It has implemented federal programs designed to improve the environment and lives of those citizens in that particular area and will pour literally millions of dollars into the economy of the city.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development in March announced a \$500,000 grant to Charlotte to help finance water distribution facilities in the Northeast and university area of the city.

The City received approval from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for 100 units of instant public housing. Later, City Council approved an application for an additional 1,000 units of public housing - altogether it has approved 2,000 units and hopes to make a start on at least 1,000 units this year.

The City approved a \$175,000 Urban Beautification Program and made application for \$76,000 in Department of Housing and Urban Development grant funds.

The City recently received notification that the Department of Housing and Urban Development approved two major grants for community improvement programs within the Model Neighborhood - one, \$6.2 million for the Greenville Urban Renewal Project, and two, \$1.4 million for the Belmont-Villa Heights Neighborhood Improvement Program. The approval of these two grants brought to a total of \$8.1 million the federal grant assistance received by the City since the first of the year.

A public hearing has been held on the proposed boulevard to replace the "A" street railroad tracks and the city is moving ahead with plans and the design of the new downtown boulevard. Construction has been completed on the Third Street Connector, Fifth Street, and a part of Sixth Street, and work is well underway on the West Fourth Street Extension in the Central City Street Improvement Program.

A committee of outstanding business leaders have been appointed to determine the location and extent of facilities and the method of financing the Civic Center; the Committee is now at work and the Southern Railroad Company has indicated an interest in and a willingness to cooperate in providing a new Civic Center as early as possible for Charlotte.

The City and County Governments have received and acted to implement the Single Government Report of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce Study Committee. A Consolidation Study Committee has been appointed and is actively at work.

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The City has received and adopted a report on the reorganization and establishment of a full Public Works Department which will pull together in a more efficient fashion the Engineering, Water, Sewer and Street activities of the City.

Council has authorized a study of the Fire Department to determine methods of improving the organization.

Council has scheduled six Neighborhood City Council Meetings in addition to the televised meeting to night in order to bring local government and the people it serves closer together.

The City has completed an expansion of the parking facilities at the Airport to accommodate traffic and to generate much needed additional revenue for expansion. A new four-lane boulevard will lead into the parking facilities with a lighted and beautifully landscaped median.

The one cent local sales tax approved by voters last November will provide some of the much needed revenue to rescue local government from the financial squeeze it has endured for the past few years. There is a contingency in the matter and until the State Supreme Court gives a ruling, we are not sure the income from that revenue can be used in next year's budget.

Council, in April, appropriated \$50,000 for the creation of ten new mini parks and ten new supervised play areas in the City for summer recreation purposes in conjunction with the Special Summer Youth Activities Program.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on May 13, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION CLOSING PORTION OF EAST FIFTH STREET, IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA.

A public hearing was held on the petition of the Trustees of Central Piedmont Community College for the withdrawal from dedication of a portion of East Fifth Street, from North Kings Drive through the college campus to Independence Boulevard.

Councilman Smith moved adoption of a Resolution entitled: Resolution Closing Portion of East Fifth Street in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Mr. Tom Creasy, Attorney for the Trustees of Central Piedmont Community College, stated the request has been reviewed by all the departments and has been approved. Central Piedmont College owns the property adjacent to the street to be closed, and this will not deprive anyone of ingress and egress to the street. The street runs through the campus from Kings Drive to Independence Boulevard, and it is in the best interest of the College to close the street.

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No opposition was expressed to the requested closing of the street.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 134.

REPORT ON CHARLOTTE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM BY MR. REITZEL SNIDER, SUMMER YOUTH COORDINATOR.

Mr. Reitzel Snider, Summer Youth Coordinator, stated their effort has been directed primarily at youths 16 to 21 years who are in the lower economic brackets. The program is designed to provide them with 10 weeks of summer employment and give them insight into the business and work world.

He stated most of the young people working through the program would not have the contact or know how to get jobs on their own. All need money and the money they earn this summer will be the difference for many of them in going back to school this fall or being forced to drop out. All need constructive activities. Many have never had a formal or official job experience before.

Mr. Snider stated initially they met with about 1/2 dozen top business men in this community to see if they would give the program their full support. They promised their business firms would hire any of these young people as they were called upon; and also said they would make available a number of their business executives to develop a comprehensive program.

That several weeks ago at City Hall a group of ten or 12 businessmen met together and conceived a two phase program.

The first phase was approaching the 165 firms in Charlotte who employ 100 or more people. A letter was written by the Mayor in which the business was asked to give a specific number of jobs for summer employment. As the program was not started until March of this year, it was necessary to ask the businessmen to temporarily abandon many established business procedures; a number of the businesses had a definite policy of no summer employment; some have a policy of hiring only sons and daughters of full-time employees.

He stated a Special Delivery letter went out to the businesses signed by the Mayor, a telegram was sent urging them to cooperate. They asked the 165 top firms to provide 700 jobs; they have not yet received a definite answer from all of them but they have 500 jobs already promised. Some of the jobs are manual labor jobs, secretarial, clerical and telephone operators, dietitian assistants, copy machine operators, inventory clerks, assistants to mechanics, blue print machine operators, laboratory technicians, mail clerks and other things.

He stated the second phase is to approach the 750 firms who employ 99 to 25 people, and they are in the process of that approach at present.

Mr. Snider stated after sending out the special letter, the Mayor telephone each of the men personally asking for their cooperation.

He stated that 500 jobs out of the 700 request is a good batting average and they are looking forward to approaching the second phase.

He stated equally important is the securing of candidates for these jobs and their primary aid is through the Employment Security Commission and the Charlotte Bureau of Employment Training and Placement, and to these two agencies they have delegated the responsibility of procuring the candidates, and the two agencies are responsible for matching the job and the individual.

Mr. Snider stated in this program they have introduced the role of a counselor. He stated they have enlisted the cooperation of 150 young businessmen and women to serve as counselors, and they have assigned one counselor for every three youngsters. Last week they had training sessions for 110 of their counselors, and they have another training session scheduled for this Wednesday night.

He stated the Council Members have been given a booklet entitled "Counselors Hand Book" which gives the background of the program and all the information they wish the Counselors to communicate to the young people. Also, there is a candidates note booklet. Their hope is to minimize any unfavorable aspects of the program both from the standpoint of the employment community and the young people. Sometime this week the 100 young people will be going out on the referral interview, hopefully the vast majority will be placed. They hope some few will be rejected and will come back to the agencies concerned for further evaluation. Those who are placed will meet later with their counselors for employment orientation.

At the end of the summer they will ask everyone affected by the program to give their own evaluation - the young people, the employers, and the agencies and everyone involved.

Mayor Brookshire stated the response to this summer program has been most gratifying.

SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, approving the following contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains:

- (a) Contract with W. G. Holland for the construction of 190 feet of sanitary sewer main in Driftwood Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,505.00. 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) Contract with E & J Development Company for the construction of 610 feet of sanitary sewer main in Eastcrest Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,065.00. 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.

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CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contracts for the installation of water mains were authorized, as follows:

- (a) Contract with Stratco, Incorporated for the installation of 989 feet of water main and one fire hydrant, to serve a proposed K-Mart on North Tryon Street, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$11,400.00. 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.
- (b) Supplementary contract to contract dated April 3, 1967, with John Crosland Company for the installation of 6,180 feet of water main and five fire hydrants, to serve Huntingtowne Farms Subdivision, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$25,000.00. The applicant will pay for the entire cost of mains and fire hydrants and will own same until such time as the area is incorporated into the City Limits at which time the mains will become the property of the city without further agreement in connection therewith.

RIGHTS OF WAY AGREEMENTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following rights of way agreements for the installation of water mains:

- (a) Right of Way Agreement between the City, John Crosland Company and the State Highway Commission for the installation of an eight inch water main in the west side of Park Road at Seth Thomas Road to serve Huntingtowne Farms Subdivision, Section 6.
- (b) Right of Way Agreement between the City and the State Highway Commission for the installation of a 12" water main across U. S. 29 North (North Tryon Street) at a point between Craighead Road and Sugar Creek Road.

FILMED REVIEW OF PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION ON CITY'S EXPRESSWAYS AND MAJOR STREET SYSTEM.

Mr. L. C. Cheek, City Engineer, stated at a recent Council Meeting he reviewed the construction projects which are underway or planned for the Charlotte Metropolitan area for the future. In counting all the City, State Highway Commission, and joint programs between the City and State, there are more than 30 separate contracts in force at the moment.

That several days ago they had the opportunity to shoot some film strips of these projects from a helicopter, and the film provides some interesting perspectives on some of the construction work underway or contemplated for the near future. In making the film strips they attempted to show the main routes with some continuity.

Mr. Cheek then presented the film, calling Council's attention to the different projects.

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He ended up with films on the 30th Street via-duct and stated he recommends approval of a contract with Ralph Whitehead and Associates to perform all the construction, engineering and inspection on the project at a cost fee not to exceed \$79,000.00. He stated the State Highway Commission retains Mr. Whitehead's firm to design this project; the design has been completed and they are typing proposal forms today and expect to advertise for bids within the next few weeks. The State has also approved the retention of Mr. Whitehead's firm to do the construction engineering and inspection.

Councilman Whittington asked when the next phase of the Northwest Expressway will be let for bid?

Mr. Cheek replied at the moment it is scheduled to be advertised for bids in June of this year and will connect the present terminus at 11th and 12th Streets with Independence Boulevard at Oaklawn, and the next phase of the Northwest Expressway will be from Graham Street west across the railroad complex to Kendrick Street near an interchange with the North-South Expressway. That in view of the state of funding it is not known when this phase will be scheduled; originally it was scheduled for the same time as the section from Tenth Street up to Oaklawn.

Mayor Brookshire stated someone in the viewing audience has asked if the Council has any plans to repair North Poplar Street, between 11th and 12th Street? Mr. Cheek stated he will look into this, but it may be that it has been deferred because it is a part of the expressway construction.

Councilman Jordan commended Mr. Cheek for the excellent report, and stated it gave an overall picture to Council.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR PURCHASE OF VOGUE PROPERTY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Smith moved that the Right of Way Department be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of the Vogue property now and lease the property back to Vogue after its purchase with the entire purchase price being paid at the time of the closing rather than delaying it until 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH RALPH WHITEHEAD AND ASSOCIATES FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON THE EAST THIRTIETH STREET VIA-DUCT.

Councilman Tuttle moved the approval of a contract with Ralph Whitehead and Associates for engineering services on the East Thirtieth Street via-duct at a fee not to exceed \$79,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN OF MAYOR'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARLOTTE CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS AND EDUCATION.

Dr. Warner Hall, Chairman of Mayor's Community Relations Committee, stated tonight he comes to ask for additional legislation. That he believes laws should be clear, enforceable, and few. They should not be too idealistic less they forfeit public support; that he

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believes in leaving citizens freedom of choice whenever possible. Therefore, he has the conviction that laws should not intervene unless the public interest is seriously affected, and not always then. Yet as a matter of conviction and in the name of the Mayor's Committee and by their direction, he comes to ask for the enactment of a local ordinance believing without it the community will be imperiled. They have found that a number of establishments offering goods and services to the public do not offer them to all who seek to buy these goods and services. Most businesses are desegregated, but a substantial number are not. They believe that all should be served alike; they believe in both law and order and a community without law is antiquity, but law without justice is tyranny. Order is not something you enact, order is an outgrowth of something you achieve of a society that is seeking justice for all its members. Whenever a citizen is gratuitously humiliated, a remedy must be found. Whenever in the normal course of the business affairs, a citizen is barred solely on his ancestry, that citizen is a victim of injustice, and a remedy must be found.

Dr. Hall stated they believe the well being and peace of our city requires that our remaining discrimination be outlawed. That he does not speak these words lightly, that he has reason and sufficient reason for saying what he is now saying. They do know these areas of discrimination exist; they also know wherever they exist, the possibility of violence and large scale destruction also exists, and given the present mood and temper, discrimination will not be suffered gladly.

He stated if we do not have legal resources to deal with inflammatory situations, we are in a vulnerable position. It is their contention that to remain in this position is to remain unnecessarily vulnerable. That an ordinance such as proposed will not guarantee to us "domestic tranquility", but without some such ordinance as proposed, our prospects for continued peace are bleak.

He stated the ordinance they bring tonight has been given to the City Attorney and to each Council Member. They are seeking to present a specific ordinance to avoid generalities and in an attempt to deal concretely with situations. The ordinance was prepared at the request of a member of their committee by competent attorneys. It was presented to the Committee and adopted in principle and he was directed to seek the opportunity to present it to Council with the request that "you consider, perfect and enact it". Originally it had four sections; the section on open housing has been deleted in light of the legislation adopted recently by the Congress of the United States. Members of their committee are now engaged in studying our own local needs in the light of this legislation.

In the matter of public accommodations, it is their opinion that the City may properly move to end discrimination in this area, not only because it is needed but because it is widely supported. Since coming to the Studio tonight he was handed a list of some 200 names secured without their suggestion or solicitation to be presented to Council indicating the support of the signers for the matter being put before it.

They make no claim that their suggested ordinance is the ultimate one for Charlotte; they have suggested that it be perfected; but they do ask Council to enact legislation that will be as thorough in its concern for the rights of minorities as the one they are presenting.

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Dr. Hall stated they petition the Mayor and Council to take vigorous and effective steps for the elimination of discrimination for the sake of liberty and justice for all; for the sake of the peace and prosperity of Charlotte.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Dr. Hall for his presentation and stated this is a subject being widely discussed throughout the community at this time. He stated he has received letters and phone calls today on this matter and he read two letters - one from the League of Women Voters, signed by Mrs. Jean Cook, and the other from the National Conference of Christians and Jews, signed by James K. Polk, Walter J. Cline, and John Harmon Vickers, in support of a non-discrimination ordinance.

Also speaking for the adoption of an ordinance were Mr. Sherman Burleson, of the Charlotte Friends Meeting, Mr. James Ross, Vice-Chairman of the Westside Council on Civic Affairs, Reverend Paul Leonard, Charlotte Fair Housing Association, and Mr. Fredrick Douglas Foard, a native Charlottean.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council thank Dr. Hall and his Committee for bringing the request and take it under advisement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, special officer permits were authorized for a period of one year, as follows:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Mr. Frank W. Haas for use on the premises of the City's Cemeteries - Elmwood, Evergreen, Pinewood, Fifth Street and Oaklawn.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Mr. Donald Reese Barrett for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Mr. John H. Gaston for use on the premises of Morris Speizman Company, Inc., 508 West Fifth Street.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MONDAY, JUNE 17 ON PETITIONS FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the subject resolution setting date of hearings on Monday, June 17th, on Petitions No. 68-43, 68-45 and 68-46 for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 136.

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APPRAISAL CONTRACT AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, and seconded by Councilman Jordan, approving contract with T. R. Lawing for the appraisal of one parcel of land for the West Third and Fourth Street Connector.

Councilman Smith requested that Council be given a report listing the appraisers who have made appraisals during the past year.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, property transactions were authorized, as follows:

- (a) Acquisition of easement 2,991.6 square feet off Woodhaven Road, from C. E. Beeson and wife, Ruth R., at \$299.16 for sanitary sewer to serve C. E. Beeson property.
- (b) Acquisition of easement 799.2 square feet in Abbey Place, from Graham Homeplace Company, a partnership, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Graham Office Park.
- (c) Acquisition of 2,633.7 square feet in Willhaven Drive, from William H. Ross (single), at \$1.00, for the Willhaven Drive sanitary sewer trunk.
- (d) Acquisition of 1,352 square feet at 815 Wesley Avenue, from W. A. Spencer, Jr., and wife, Margaret B., at \$850.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 15,000 square feet of property at 629 Wesley Avenue, from Helen Beatrice Austin and Margaret Elizabeth Austin, at \$10,500.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project.
- (f) Acquisition of 7,340 square feet of property at 414 North McDowell Street, from Charles S. Moore (unmarried), at \$17,500.00 for the North McDowell Street Project.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Councilman Whittington moved the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots, as follows, which motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Deed with Dan F. Johnson for Lot No. 409, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00;
- (b) Deed with Charles L. Wickham, Jr. and wife, Ida Robinson Wickham, for Lot No. 360, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$472.50;
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Lucille Frederick Ashley for Lot No. 419, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00;
- (d) Deed with Dr. Milo J. Hoffman and wife, Mrs. Elaine M. Hoffman, for Lot No. 407, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$360.00;

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- (e) Deed with Mrs. Lula M. Kalasountas for Graves No. 11 and 12, in Lot No. 17, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00;
- (f) Deed with Mrs. Melinda W. McVickers for Grave No. 5, in Lot No. 173, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED GRINNEL COMPANY, INC. FOR GATE VALVES.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Grinnel Company, Inc., in the amount of \$9,621.79, on a unit price basis for 183 gate valves of various sizes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Grinnell Company, Inc.	\$ 9,621.79
Kennedy Valve Mfg. Co.	9,771.33
U.M.S. Div. Pump & Lighting Co.	10,199.00
Darling Valve & Mfg. Co.	11,837.42
U. S. Pipe & Foundry	13,105.60

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO KENWOOD AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$11,680.75 on a unit price basis for improvements to Kenwood Avenue, from Randall Street to Kensington Drive.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Company	\$11,680.75
T. A. Sherrill Const. Co.	12,762.00
Crowder Construction Co.	12,995.50
Blythe Bros. Company	14,102.50

REPORT ON BELMONT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.

Mr. Vernon Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, stated the Belmont Neighborhood Project is the first in the Carolinas - first concentrated code enforcement project. Unlike other renewal projects, this program goes into immediate execution because the survey and planning phase was completed when the application for the federal funds was submitted.

It will be coordinated with the Model Neighborhood planning in which this project is located. This program differs because it depends completely on rehabilitation and enforcement of the existing housing code of the city. There is no buying and selling of land; there is no mass removal of houses for redevelopment.

The boundaries of the project are almost entirely within the Model Neighborhood Area located in the northeast section of Charlotte - Catawba Avenue on the north, Plaza and Hawthorne Lane on the east,

Seaboard Railroad on the south, and Norfolk Southern Railroad on the west. There are approximately 317 acres in this project and 97 city blocks with 1,200 structures - 95 percent of which are residential and five percent non-residential, and 1,442 dwelling units and only 30% have code violations. The application was submitted in March, 1967, and the approval was announced on May 10, 1968.

The gross cost of the project is \$1,968,900, of this amount 1/3 will be financed by the city - which amount is \$656,300, and the other 2/3 will be by the federal department of Housing and Development at a cost of \$1,312,600. In addition, there is \$114,330 which is 100% federal money for any relocation that will take place, but mainly for the purpose of rehabilitation grants. This brings the total project cost to \$2,083,230.00.

Councilman Smith asked if the city's portion will not be contributed through streets, sewers and utilities? Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct as there is no cash payment as such from the city.

Mr. Sawyer stated a goal of three years has been established to accomplish this improvement. That this neighborhood is not considered to be a slum or blighted area - 70 percent of the structures were sound when they were surveyed, so the purpose is to bring up to standard a neighborhood that has shown signs of decline.

It is a two part, three year program. One part is to be accomplished by the City and the other part by the private property owners. The city will bring up to standard its public facilities such as streets, sewer, lights, sidewalks and curb and gutter. The property owner is to rebuild his property where necessary.

In order to assist the residents the following aids will be available from a neighborhood office:

- (1) Construction advice, architectural and financial advice;
- (2) Three percent long-term rehabilitation loans;
- (3) Rehabilitation grants up to \$1,500.

The Redevelopment Commission intends to establish and staff the office immediately to begin to inform the residents of the Belmont Area of all the important details of the new project.

Councilman Alexander asked if with the approval of this grant, the 30% involved in dwellings that require some repairs means there will be no loosening of the Building Inspection requirements, and in this sector wherever the buildings need repairs, it will be required that the owners have them repaired under the guidelines? Mr. Sawyer replied the minimum standards achieved will be the minimum standards of the housing code and they hope to raise the standards even higher.

Councilman Alexander asked what assistance is offered to a property owner who does not feel he can meet the requirements? Mr. Sawyer replied if he qualifies for one of the \$1,500 grants, he will be given that directly and in order to qualify, his annual income must be \$3,000 or less. The 3% loans are in addition to this and are for property owners who do not qualify for the \$1,500 grants. Also, there will be assistance from their staff in advice and counseling concerning the repairs to be made, legal advice as necessary and architectural advice as needed. Councilman Alexander asked if this

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means that a property owner whose income is above \$3,000 will not be eligible for this type of assistance? Mr. Sawyer replied it means that those above \$3,000 will be eligible for all of it with the exception of the \$1,500 grant.

Mr. Sawyer stated they do not expect there will be many cases where a family will be relocated as it is not the type of program that destroys houses on a mass basis. Where a family does have to be relocated, the federal government, though HUD, offers financial assistance.

Councilman Short asked how the legal advice will be provided? Mr. Sawyer replied the details have not been worked out, but the Redevelopment Commission retains an attorney for its services and then the City Attorney may be called upon in certain cases; it will depend upon the nature of the legal advice that is given. Or an entirely new firm could be put under contract.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF A CONCENTRATED CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (BELMONT).

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 137.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH RELOCATION PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AND APPROVING CERTAIN POLICIES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM IN PROJECT N. C. E-2 (BELMONT).

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 138.

RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS TO WEST CHARLOTTE SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM FOR THE JUNE 3, 1968 COUNCIL MEETING.

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 140.

APPOINTMENT OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF BOND FUNDS FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

Mayor Brookshire stated several months ago Councilman Short suggested that the Mayor name a Citizens Committee to consider the possibility of a bond issue to provide concrete sidewalks in lieu of gravel sidewalks, along the streets leading to schools, and Councilman Whittington added the suggestions of elevated pedestrian crossings when the safety of the school children would be made better, be included in the Study.

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The following persons were appointed by the Mayor:

Mr. Charles H. Smith, Chairman
Mr. Josh Birmingham
Mr. Fred Bryant
Mr. Ben Horack
Mr. John Moss
Mr. David Webb
Mr. Carroll York

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

Mayor Brookshire stated there have been some twenty or more questions called in concerning the adoption of the anti-discrimination ordinance, and he then presented some of the questions called in for answers.

- (1) Is there some reason why Council cannot vote tonight on the discrimination ordinance? Why does it have to be shelved?

Mayor Brookshire replied City Council always adopts resolutions and ordinances prepared by the City's legal department. Also, there is a very serious legal question as to whether Council can adopt an ordinance relating to education or employment.

Councilman Smith stated he does not think the word "shelved" is a correct connotation. It is not shelved, it is being given a great deal of study. Councilman Short stated that Dr. Hall asked that it be considered and perfected.

- (2) When is the construction on I-77 going past William Junior High School scheduled to begin?

The City Manager replied he does not believe the answer is known at this time. There has been some activity by the State in staking some of the area, but he does not believe it has started to acquire the right of way.

- (3) Do you think the County Commissioners' proposal to get into the water business will further complicate consolidation?

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he does not see any reason why it should complicate the consolidation. Activity in this particular area should have no effect to complicate consolidation whatever.

- (4) Why does the Shamrock Area not have city bus service?

Mr. Veeder stated the individual calling in this question may wish to contact the City Coach Company, and after talking with the Coach Company, if they will contact the city further and the city can be of service in any way, we will be glad to work with them.

- (5) Why do you pursue the course of the Convention Boulevard after it was turned down by the people?

Mayor Brookshire replied it was not voted down by the people; there may be some confusion on the Boulevard and Civic Center which was turned down.

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- (6) On bids for the road, was there only one bidder or was there more than one?

Mr. Veeder replied he is making a guess that someone watching is referring to Mr. Cheek's report, which was closed with the suggestion to employ Ralph Whitehead and Associates on a road related job - the 30th Street via-duct. This is for engineering service which generally is on a proposal basis, and it will go out to competitive bids for the construction. The City never acts on a single bid on road projects.

Councilman Tuttle stated perhaps they are referring to the Kenwood Avenue Improvements awarded earlier in the meeting which was awarded to the low bidder, one of four bidders.

- (7) Are there jobs for Negroes or whites in the garbage or street departments?

Mr. Veeder replied any vacancies that exists in either department, the City is interested in filling with qualified persons, whether Negro or white.

- (8) What can be done about the dangerous intersection at Randolph and McAlway Roads?

Councilman Jordan replied the Traffic Engineering Department has been doing a great deal of work out there already. He assumes they are asking for a stop light, and he requested the City Manager to take this up with Mr. Hoose, the Traffic Engineer.

- (9) When will the McCann report be completed or made public?

Mr. Veeder replied this is a management study undertaken of the Fire Department and should be completed within a very few days, and he feels the Council will want to make the report public when it is completed.

- (10) Has Councilman Jordan's idea of a public relations and community bureau been approved? Is it included in the new budget?

Councilman Jordan replied it has been presented to Council and at the time Council agreed it would be a fine asset to the City and to the citizens, and he hopes the budget will permit the start of this service this year.

- (11) Can a person build a new home with the three percent loan under the Code Enforcement Program?

Mayor Brookshire replied no.

Mr. Clement Baynes asked what percent of the residents who live in the Belmont-Villa Heights area rent property?

Mr. Vernon Sawyer replied he does not have the information with him tonight, but if Mr. Baynes will give him his name and telephone number, he will call him in the morning.

Mr. Baynes asked if absentee landlords receive the benefit of the 3 percent loan?

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Mr. Sawyer replied Section 312 of the Housing Act of 1964 provides that an owner of property in an urban renewal project or code enforcement area that evidences adequate capacity to repay the loan. So that any owner of property, whether absentee or living in, would be eligible, but must use it for the purpose of bringing his property in the project area up to standard.

Mr. Baynes stated then this says that housing can be repaired by absentee landlords at a three percent interest and there are no provisions built in to the Housing Code for rent control, therefore, the recipient of the house might be the one to carry the burden for the complete cost of the repairs?

Mr. Sawyer replied there are no provisions for rent control in this program. That generally speaking, it is understood that where repairs are made, the owner does increase his rent to cover the cost over a period of time. That this is a matter of national legislation and is not peculiar to Charlotte.

Mr. Baynes asked if the Code Enforcement Program is supposed to be in conjunction with the Model Cities Program and has the part which includes citizen participation?

Mr. Sawyer replied yes. There has been no direct citizen involvement to date. This program was conceived before the Model Neighborhood application was put in. It will be coordinated completely with the Model Neighborhood planning which requires citizen participation and also the urban renewal program requires citizen participation.

Mr. Baynes stated not one thing has been produced in terms of a proposal that has been taken to the people who will be the recipients?

Mayor Brookshire stated they are being very much involved with the procedures of the program and carrying the program out.

(12) What percentage of homes in Belmont are owned by residents and what percentage are rented?

Mr. Sawyer replied this is a statistic estimated at the time of the application and there have been changes since then; that he will be glad to do some additional survey to try to bring it up to date.

Councilman Smith asked if the grant up to \$1,500 is included in the \$2 million projection? Mr. Sawyer replied it is included in the \$114,000 addition that is 100 percent federal funds.

Councilman Whittington stated from the questions presented he thinks this would be an excellent opportunity for the Redevelopment Commission and Mr. Jamison of the Building Inspection Department to have several neighborhood meetings in this Belmont-Parkwood Area, because this is a first, and a real opportunity for us to assist the people in the rehabilitation of their homes.

Mr. Sawyer replied they intend to do that. That they have held one meeting already in the Earle Village Community Center which is the first in a series.

Councilman Alexander stated the question of rent control which Mr. Baynes raised grew out of a community meeting at Earle Village. It was an

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important question and a concern of the citizens who live in this area. That he is aware there is no legislation we can follow to bring a direct answer, but he feels since Charlotte is a Model City and through the efforts of the Redevelopment Commission, all of these improvements are taking place, that perhaps now is the time for us to direct the Redevelopment Commission to take note of this question that is of much concern to the people in this area. Whether or not there is a system where there can be some control over the percentage of increase or the amount of increase a landlord will be able to benefit. That this is the key to much of the problems in the areas that we will be working in. Councilman Alexander stated he thinks Council would be in order to suggest to the Redevelopment Commission that they explore any possibilities they can to find out if any solution can be worked out, and give Council a report when it is feasible.

Mayor Brookshire stated in drawing up the individual contracts with the people who will take advantage of this program, could the agreement include the amount of rent that would be asked for that particular house? Mr. Sawyer replied he can explore this. There is no provision of rent control in the national act. That he thinks in the final analysis it would be a legislative matter that would be up to the Council. That they will explore this and perhaps a contractual agreement could be worked into it.

Councilman Alexander stated here is a owner of a particular piece of property; he will get all the benefits the federal funds afford to rehabilitate his property for which in turn he will make a profit. Should he have the opportunity to benefit off the funds that he is going to get for federal assistance over what would be a reasonable range of profit under the circumstances?

Mayor Brookshire stated in this, as in many other circumstances, there are two faces on the coin, and in this the property owner is entitled to adjust his rent in such a manner that he can recover for rehabilitating his property. Mr. Sawyer stated the three percent loan is a new feature; the loans have been available for years and very few have been rehabilitated under the previous incentive; this is an added incentive. That they understand the problem and appreciate the concern and they will investigate it and see what can be done.

Councilman Short stated a few minutes ago Mr. Sawyer in speaking of rent control stated this would have to be a legislative problem and so it is up to the Council; that he hopes the people will not conclude that the Council actually has instantaneous authority or even any kind of authority to impose rent control; that he agrees this is a valid problem for Council to consider; but the Council does not have the authority to impose rent controls.

Mr. Charles Black stated he is concerned about the discrimination ordinance, and would like to know how long they will have to wait for a definite answer. He stated it has been too long; it is time now to stop some of the waiting and put a little more action in the game with them. They feel it is time the City should join hands with the citizens as a whole, and let the rest of the country see that Charlotte is tired of playing games putting urgent matters under the table.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR IMPROVEMENTS CONSISTING OF INSTALLING HOT SPRAY PLASTIC SKIP-WHITE LINES ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

The City Manager advised in connection with the resurfacing of Independence Boulevard, the Traffic Engineering Department has been working with the State Traffic Engineering Department on an experiment trying some new type pavement marking. That Mr. Hoose has worked out an agreement with the State towards experimenting with a new hot spray plastic material that dries almost instantly. That this is an experiment and it has been suggested that the City share the cost of the experiment on a 50/50 basis, with the total cost estimated at \$4,400.00.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution authorizing the agreement with the State Highway Commission was adopted, and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 141.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED.

Mayor Brookshire called a recess at 10:15 o'clock p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 10:20 o'clock p.m.

PETITION NO. 68-28 BY EVERETTE D. MILLIKIN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF ONE LOT ON MAPLE STREET AND TWO LOTS ON PEACH STREET IMMEDIATELY TO THE REAR OF THE LOTS FRONTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF DERITA ROAD, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject petition to change the zoning from R-12 to B-1 was denied as recommended by the Planning Commission.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 68-29 BY DR. THOMAS L. DULIN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND SOUTH OF ORR ROAD, ACROSS FROM WICA COMPANY PROPERTY, APPROXIMATELY 1100 FEET SOUTH OF ORR ROAD, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Stegall made a substitute motion to continue decision for one week to give Dr. Dulin an opportunity to discuss it further. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 856-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE EAST END OF ROCKWELL BOULEVARD.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-12 to R-6 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 277.

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DECISION ON PETITION NO. 68-33 BY ASHCRAFT INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 To R-6MFH OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BETWEEN HILLSIDE AVENUE, AND ASHCRAFT LAND EXTENDING WESTWARD TO ASHCRAFT LANE NEAR HOUGH LANE, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council delay decision on the subject petition and ask the Planning Commission to set a public hearing on the area from Hillside Avenue, bounded on one side by Haven Drive and Park Road and on the other side by Reece Road for multi-family use, and make the decision on the subject petition after the hearing is held. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

After further discussion, Councilman Smith moved that decision on the subject petition be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 68-34 BY ASHCRAFT INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO O-6 OF A TRACT OF LAND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF PARK ROAD AND ASHCRAFT LANE, FRONTING ON PARK ROAD AND ASHCRAFT LANE.

Councilman Tuttle moved decision on subject petition be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 857-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF COLONY ROAD, BEGINNING EAST OF SELWYN AVENUE, FRONTING ON COLONY ROAD.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to O-6 rather than B-1 as requested, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

After discussion, the vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilman Smith.

ORDINANCE NO. 858-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF FOUR LOTS ON THE WEST SIDE OF DERITA AVENUE, BETWEEN MAPLE STREET AND PEACH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-12 to O-6 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 279.

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ORDINANCE NO. 859-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND 400 FEET NORTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND 870 FEET SOUTHEAST OF FARMINGDALE DRIVE.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 280.

PETITION NO. 68-40 BY ROUSSEAU-PETTY COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING ON THE WEST SIDE OF RAMA ROAD BEGINNING SOUTH OF SEABOARD RAILROAD, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle and seconded by Councilman Whittington to deny the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-15 to R-12MF and O-6, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 860-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD BEGINNING EAST OF LAMAR AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from B-1 to I-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 281.

ORDINANCE NO. 861-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-39 TO GRANT CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR OFF STREET PARKING ON A LOT LOCATED AT 1212 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Alexander, Whittington, Jordan, Short, Smith and Tuttle.
NAYS: None.

Councilman Stegall abstained from voting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 68-47 BY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FOR ZONING CHANGE SET FOR MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1968.

Councilman Whittington moved that public hearing be held on Petition No. 68-47 by Charlotte City Council for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of all property in the block bounded by Park Road, Hillside Avenue, Haven Drive and the rear of lots having frontage on Reece Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

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COUNCIL INVITED TO HOLD ONE MEETING EACH MONTH AT WTVI STUDIOS.

Miss Donna Davenport, WTVI Station Manager, requested the Mayor and Council to consider holding one meeting each month at WTVI to be telecasted live as the Board of Education does. She stated she would like this couched in terms of starting in the fall. They do offer these facilities for a monthly, live televised meeting at Council's convenience.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Miss Davenport and the staff of WTVI were thanked for allowing Council to use their facilities and Mayor Brookshire assured Miss Davenport that Council would give serious consideration to her invitation to come again.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONTACT CITY COACH COMPANY ABOUT OVERCROWDING OF SCHOOL BUSES.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to contact the City Coach Company during the summer months about overcrowding of school buses, to see if they can come up with some solutions for next school term.

SUGGESTION THAT MEN ELIGIBLE FOR DRAFT BE DRAFTED INTO AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE TO FIGHT WAR ON CRIME.

Councilman Smith stated under the draft laws boys from 20 to about 25 years of age are being drafted; they go into the army, navy or air force. That we have a war on here at home with crime and have a hard time getting policemen and firemen. That it seems the Federal Government would allow volunteers, subject to draft, to become auxiliary policemen for a period of two to three years and the federal government could pay them the same thing they pay a soldier, plus rent and food. This would build up the police force, and you would have training sponsored by the federal government. This would be a way to train young men for the police force and fire department who may make it a career after serving the two to three years.

INVESTIGATION OF OVERCROWDING OF POLICE DEPARTMENT SWITCHBOARD REQUESTED.

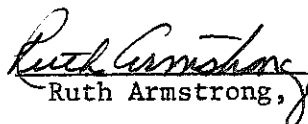
Councilman Stegall stated over the past few months the Police Department seems to have gotten so overcrowded with calls that often people call and the number is busy. That perhaps some individual lines could be installed on out-go so that various departments could use these lines, and this might alleviate some of the problems.

REQUEST FOR MINI-PARK AT PECAN AVENUE AND RAILROAD.

Councilman Stegall asked if there is any way to provide a mini-park on Pecan Avenue at the railroad. The children use it to play ball and there are usually 20 to 25 there every afternoon. That the closest park is across Independence Boulevard at Independence Park.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk