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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Auditorium of Bethune School, on Monday, May 6, 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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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Fred D. Alexander.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on Monday, April 29th were approved as submitted.

STATEMENT OF WELCOME.

Mayor Brookshire welcomed all visitors to this night meeting of City Council and thanked Mr. Kibler, Principal of the School, for the arrangements and the hospitality afforded by Bethune School.

He stated this is the first time in its 200 years' history that Charlotte City Council has even taken a Council Meeting to a neighborhood. The meetings at City Hall are always opened to the public and the public is always welcome. Not too many people avail themselves of the opportunity to observe City Council except in instances where they have some reason to come to City Council to make some request.

Mayor Brookshire stated this is a first for the City Council and a first for this particular neighborhood. This is an experiment; Council decided sometime last year that during this, our Bicentennial year, it would be a good idea to carry Council Meetings to at least a half dozen of Charlotte's neighborhoods to give more people an opportunity to observe how its city government functions.

CURRENT AND PROPOSED PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OF MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION BY PAUL R. JONES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Paul Jones, Executive Director of the Model Neighborhood Commission, stated the Model Cities Program is in its planning stage, with its Task Forces analyzing problems, establishing the causes and developing new and innovative programs to overcome the problems over a five year period of execution.

The program operates from the basis that problems are inter-related, and that concerted effort of all governmental departments, private agencies and Model Neighborhood residents is required. Each Task Force consists of professional people from agencies involved in the particular

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work, laymen and residents of the target area. The aim of this structure is to provide the best possible framework for development of new ideas and approaches, to build a concerted attack and to draw into active participation in planning and execution of those programs the people who are most affected by the problems.

Mr. Jones stated they are now in the planning year which will yield the five year program of action, complete with a plan for getting started in the first year and with a breakdown on what other agencies are expected to accomplish. Each existing agency is expected to develop improved and expanded programs of its own. Some supplemental funds to be applied locally will become available from the federal level as the work program is instituted. The Model Cities Agency is a coordinating and planning body seeking to pull together the different activities into a total attack program. The work programs will seek to cure the causes so that a permanent solution is found. Participation by existing agencies throughout the city and county is building rapidly with some Model Cities staff being provided by loan. Resident involvement in planning and execution of the entire program is not only a key requirement of the Department of HUD, but an element of the approach to which the Model Neighborhood Commission is committed. The Commission which sets policy and guides the program consists of 15 members - six of whom are residents of the Model Neighborhood, elected by their neighbors.

The Model Cities Residents' Council, which recently organized, will consist of an officer or representatives of every existing club, group or organization in the Neighborhood - that includes churches, civic clubs, community improvement groups, fraternal organizations, school clubs and any others. It will meet regularly to study on-going plans and to provide a broad base of opinion and reaction and ideas from residents on what is being done, and what should be done.

Mr. Jones stated the heart of the Model Cities Program is people, not a massive relocation, clearance and rebuilding process with emphasis on bricks and mortar.

He stated Charlotte's applications for urban renewal funding in the Greenville section and for a code enforcement program in the Belmont area are now under consideration in Washington to be funded under a special \$100 million budget for such work in Model Cities area. Local government has been informed that plans for renewal must be linked with the Model Neighborhood Commission's planning. The Redevelopment Commission Staff has met with some residents of the Model Neighborhood to review plans, and assurance was given that the Model Cities Citizen Participation structure will be involved at every step.

Mr. Jones stated in the first meetings with residents, an agreement was reached on renewal in the Greenville section, emphasizing minimum relocation outside that area except by choice. Renewal will seek to plan so that work will be staged in a "checkerboard" fashion using vacant and/or removing undesirable non-residential operations first, using that property for housing, moving families from nearby into it, and proceeding with other renewal in this same fashion. Housing in the neighborhood, particularly owner-occupied, that can be saved will be; in cases where it is feasible, it will be moved to new appropriate locations.

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He stated the success of the Model Cities demonstration in Charlotte rests ultimately with the community. While there will be supplemental funds coming from the federal level, the real chances for success come from the ability of people and agencies in Charlotte to look analytically at what they are doing and seek to improve services. What is done now will determine whether blight is removed and how quickly.

Mr. Jones stated the following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Model Cities Residents' Council in meeting on last Friday and he was instructed to pass it on to the Mayor and City Council for their immediate consideration:

"WHEREAS, Substandard, renter-occupied housing characterizes the Charlotte Model Neighborhood, with 4,809 of the 8,017 dwelling units in the 1,560 acre Charlotte Model Neighborhood officially classified as either substandard or dilapidated, placing 59 per cent of the approximately 26,000 residents of the Charlotte Model Neighborhood in inadequate and unsafe, undesirable housing, and;

WHEREAS, The Housing Code of the City of Charlotte is related to the adequacy of living conditions rather than to the structural condition of housing units, placing due emphasis on the need for adequate plumbing, electrical wiring, screening of doors and windows, enclosed toilet and bathing facilities and soundness of roofs to protect the inhabitants from the elements, and;

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the Building Inspection Department of the City of Charlotte to not enforce Minimum Housing Codes in sections of the city proposed for renewal under U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Urban Renewal procedures; operating under the proposition that owners of the rental properties would have the obligation of paying to raise those dwelling units which will eventually be involved in renewal action to the minimum housing standards, and;

WHEREAS, Application for Survey and Planning Funds in the two proposed Urban Renewal areas of Greenville and First Ward within the Charlotte Model Neighborhood, and an Intensive Code Enforcement Project in the Belmont section of the Charlotte Model Neighborhood have been on file with the Department of Housing and Urban Development for up to two years, and after approval, initial planning and surveying will take as much as 12 months, followed by renewal programs requiring three to five years for completion, and;

WHEREAS, During those years, while official action is pending, and is sometimes uncertain, further deterioration of dwelling units throughout the proposed renewal sections within the Model Neighborhood is taking place at a rapid pace, placing thousands of Charlotte residents in unsatisfactory, unhealthy and dangerous circumstances with no available relief in the three to five-year period awaiting action, and;

WHEREAS, In many cases, a relatively small investment by the owners of renter-occupied dwellings would raise the level of such units to a minimum safe and sanitary level until such time as renewal

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takes place, and the repairs are not only required by law under the City's Minimum Housing Code but constitute an obligation on the part of the owners who use pending urban renewal projects as a reason for not making repairs over a period of years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Charlotte Model Cities Residents' Council, composed of official representatives of the various civic, service, fraternal, religious and educational organizations within the Charlotte Model Neighborhood, duly assembled and convened, does unanimously request of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, and does hereby urge, that the Building Inspection Department of the City of Charlotte be advised and instructed to begin immediately the vigorous and impartial enforcement of the City's Minimum Housing Codes throughout the Charlotte Model Neighborhood without regard for future programs which may or may not be instituted, and when instituted will not appreciably affect the living standards, health and safety of the dilapidated and substandard dwelling units within the Charlotte Model Neighborhood for as much as five years in many cases.

Done, this Third Day of May, 1968."

Councilman Alexander stated he does not think he can justify any action that would necessitate his voting for any portion of an inspection program that would call for the demolition of houses that would force residents into the street, with no place to go.

Councilman Alexander moved that the resolution be submitted to the City Manager, Building Inspection Department and Urban Renewal Commission for an immediate conference with Mr. Jones for their study leading towards recommendations that would resolve problems that this resolution set forth. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Mayor Brookshire stated while, at first glance, it might appear that absentee landlords might be penalized and required to make certain repairs to bring the housing up to minimum living standards, and in view of the fact that property in the proposed urban renewal area would require purchase by the urban renewal commission within two to five years, when the urban renewal commission begins acquiring property in the area, the purchase is based on appraisals of property at that time. So whatever improvements are made in the meantime might tide over some of these people as they would be compensated at the time of purchase by the urban renewal commission.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short stated the "Whereas" in the resolution states that it is the policy of the Building Inspection Department not to enforce minimum housing code in renewal areas, and he does not take that to be the exact case as we do have some enforcement.

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REPORT ON DOWNTOWN STREET PROJECTS BY L. C. CHEEK, CITY ENGINEER.

Mr. Cheek, City Engineer, stated his main purpose tonight is to bring Council up to date on the Downtown Street Projects through a pictorial presentation. That the City is involved in 4.5 miles of work, and 2.8 miles has already been committed.

He then presented slides showing the progress on each of the downtown streets, calling attention to the various stages of the work.

Mr. Cheek advised the West Third Street Connector is not yet under contract, we are now acquiring the right of way. That the completion date of the West Fourth Street project is January 8, 1969.

Councilman Whittington asked if he is going to make a recommendation to Council as to what it should do about Fifth Street? Mr. Cheek replied he has given three alternatives; that he does not consider the first one as acceptable, but he thinks a choice can be made between the second two.

The three alternatives are -

1. Abandon entirely this portion of the Fifth Street Project between College and Tryon, or delay further consideration of it until after January 31, 1972.
2. Seek an option at this time with Robert L. and Elizabeth Cole to acquire the needed right of way in 1972 at a price to be negotiated at that time.
3. To accept a counter offer in which an attempt is being made to take advantage of the tax savings which would be available under capital gains rates as opposed to ordinary income tax rates. This proposition offers the City immediate acquisition of the land area needed for right-of-way, plus the entire building now existing on the entire property, plus the total leasehold interest of Lucille's Vogue for the remaining life of this agreement. The price proposed is \$426,000 of which an estimated \$200,000 in rental income would accrue to the City during the next four years.

Councilman Smith stated for the purpose of discussion, he moved that Council pursue Alternate 3 to go ahead and buy this property and lease it to the present occupant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

Mr. Veeder stated in order to proceed with this it would mean there would not be enough money to go ahead with the Poplar Street Project. That of the three alternatives he would recommend that the suggestion made by Mr. Smith on the third alternative appears to have the best dollar advantage for the City, assuming the ability to negotiate it satisfactorily.

Mr. Cheek stated the third alternative presumes a satisfactory negotiation with the owner, the money goes back into escrow for the Poplar Street Project at a later date.

Councilman Tuttle made a substitute motion that the matter be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

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Councilman Short stated this does not mean that he favors alternate two but he noticed that Mr. Cheek is offering the possibility that the City spend something like \$10,000 making some sort of contract with the Coles that they would not make another lease that would begin when the present one ends. Mr. Cheek replied this type option would protect the City from a future leaseholder offering a re-negotiation; this would not protect the city against the price at the time of the purchase.

Councilman Short requested Mr. Underhill, Assistant City Attorney, to see if there is a possibility of covering such a situation as this under the Map Street Act.

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

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS REPORT BY W. H. JAMISON,
SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Jamison, Superintendent of Building Inspection Department, stated the work done under the Minimum Housing Code and Community Improvement Programs is scattered all over the city and it is difficult to see the magnitude of it. Over the past five years there have been over 3800 unfit dwellings demolished - this is more than has been eliminated by Urban Renewal, expressways and public housing. In addition, over 600 sheds, garages and barns have been demolished; more than 1100 abandoned automobiles have been scrapped; cleared were more than 500 vacant lots and fields of weeds and underbrush during the last two years. He stated they have ordered the removal of thousands of tons of rubbish and junk from more than 900 locations during the past two years.

Mr. Jamison stated the Housing Inspectors have required that over 13,000 units be repaired or rehabilitated. Much has been accomplished; much needs to be done. He stated they have tried to temper the housing code program to cope with the many problems involved. Lack of available housing for displaced persons, lack of skilled labor and lack of funds by the individual home owners are a few of the problems involved.

Mr. Jamison stated in going through many homes today he finds the big problem today is not structural but house keeping. A program to promote home and community pride is needed, especially among the low-income families.

He stated he can sympathize with people living in urban renewal areas as it is difficult to have pride in the community while in the process of being forced out, especially if you are next door to a dilapidated or abandoned building. These buildings are situated all through the renewal areas and are a menace to the city and harbor vagrants; they are fire hazards and attract nuisances for the children in the neighborhood. He stated in occupied houses in the urban renewal areas, the owner is required by policy to keep the house reasonably safe and sanitary. Sometimes the owners can be persuaded to do more; they are seeking ways and means to step up their activities in the Model Neighborhood.

Mr. Jamison stated in this particular area - within the Expressway Loop - since the first of the year 62 unfit houses have been demolished and 52 rehabilitated, and much of this has been done in the Fourth Ward Area.

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Councilman Whittington asked how many Housing Inspectors are employed? Mr. Jamison replied they now have six; they have thoughts of asking for perhaps a couple more. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated about two weeks ago, in response to their request as to what his activity might do to beef up operations in the Model Cities Area, Mr. Jamison came up with some very fine suggestions involving the need to do more to remove old cars and the problem of abandoned buildings; that the motion acted on by Council earlier in response to the Model Neighborhood resolution is completely in keeping with what Mr. Jamison has suggested. That Mr. Jamison is moving in the same direction as the resolution offered by Mr. Jones.

Councilman Alexander asked what problems they are having in getting vacant structures demolished? Mr. Jamison replied in the urban renewal areas, it will cost an average of \$300 to \$500 to tear a building down and the owners lose this amount, plus the \$1,000 or more the urban renewal would pay for the building.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Jamison if he has considered asking Council to ask the legislature to give a stricter method of enforcing the minimum housing code, and Mr. Jamison replied they have the very best tool of any state in the union now. Councilman Whittington asked if what we have now is adequate and Mr. Jamison replied he feels it is.

SPECIAL SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM REPORT.

Mr. Daniel R. Martin, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, stated they are going to operate 104 special recreational activities on 90-odd location; this includes the 20 Council provided money for about a month ago. He stated they are hiring young people by the dozens, and the Commission is thankful for the cooperation they have had in the past and asked for the same cooperation in the future from the Council.

Mr. Marion Diehl, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, stated this will be a summer of fun for everyone; 104 facilities will be in operation throughout the city and the Commission hopes they will be used often. He stated they are especially thankful to the members of Council for the \$50,000 which they gave the Commission several weeks ago.

Mr. Diehl stated of the 104 facilities located throughout the city, seventeen are located in this particular area. That each week they have certain things to be brought out; the first week will be "get acquainted week", second week will be "pet week", third week "volley ball week" and so on throughout the summer.

He stated in the Central City-Model Neighborhood community are nine new facilities at the following locations: Hawthorne Jr. High School, Irwin Avenue School, Optimist Park, North Long Street, Oaklawn Cemetery, Fairview Homes, Eleventh Street and North Davidson, Earl Village and Biddleville. The existing facilities include Double Oaks Park & Swimming Pool, Oaklawn Park and Recreation Center, Biddleville Park, Wesley Heights Park, Bethune Playground, Third Ward Park & Recreation Center, Myers Street Park, Earle Village Playground & Recreation Center, Pearl Street Park, Independence Park, Alexander Park and Cordelia Park, Recreation Center and Swimming Pool.

Mr. Diehl stated all the equipment is in and they are working seven days a week to get it put up. That the parks will be open from 9:00 to 5:30 Monday through Friday, and they will operate Saturday wading pools from 10:00 to 12:00 and 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP
OPEN-SPACE LAND.

Mr. R. V. Connerat, Local-Federal Program Coordinator, stated the Open-Space Land Program began in 1961 with the Housing Act and has been broadened to include small parks and urban parks. The proposed acquisition involves some property at the corner of Sixth and Tryon Streets. The Open Space Grant will compliment the widening of Sixth Street and will make the Library what it was intended to be. The Model Neighborhood Commission has requested that this action be considered by the Council, and passed a resolution this past week requesting that consideration be given to the acquisition. The Commission is also currently studying the possibilities of other small urban park sites within the Neighborhood. He stated the Planning Commission has also reviewed this and has indicated its approval.

Mr. Connerat stated the total cost at this time is estimated at approximately \$157,000 and the federal grant would be for 1/2 this amount - about \$78,000.

Mr. Crutcher Ross, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee, stated he and Mr. Sherman Pardue would like to present a production that will explain what they are trying to do and how they will go about doing it.

Mr. Pardue, Sub-Chairman of the Library Park Committee, presented a film entitled: "The Secret Garden".

Mayor Brookshire stated this is a project that has been studied and discussed, started and stopped over a period of ten or twelve years. With the opening of Sixth Street and renewed interest it may become a reality.

Mr. Don Denton, President of the Chamber of Commerce, stated they have had this as a project for some time and he read a paper dated April 14, 1961, in which "President Stanford R. Brookshire indicated the project would receive the support of the Chamber of Commerce but would have to be presented to the Executive Committee for their approval. He stated he felt that such a program would be successful and that the enthusiasm indicated at the meeting was sufficient for the Committee to proceed on the plans for getting this project underway."

Mr. Denton stated the Chamber is very interested in preserving the beautiful corner which would put greenery in the center city, and it is a project the Chamber still supports after some seven years from the time of its beginning. That Crutcher Ross and his Committee, and Sherman Pardue are willing to undertake the coordination of assisting in providing matching funds that will be used to put this entire package together.

Mr. Denton stated they recommend the approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application for an urban park area to the United/^{States} Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: Resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, Authorizing Filing of Application for Grant to Acquire and Develop Open-Space Land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 117.

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SUGGESTION THAT CHAPEL AND SMALL PARK ON THOMPSON ORPHANAGE PROPERTY BE RETAINED FOR REST AND MEDITATION CENTER.

Councilman Alexander stated several years ago he suggested that Council consider retaining the Chapel and small park located on the Thompson Orphanage property to be used for rest and meditation, and he brings this up again as a reminder.

CONTRACT WITH GENERAL TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY AND SHAKEY'S, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNK.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was authorized for the construction of 858 feet of sanitary sewer trunk in Independence Boulevard, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$7,290.00, with all cost of 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.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR WATER MAIN CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a supplementary contract to contract dated April 3, 1967 with John Crosland Company for the construction of 5,470 feet of water main and three fire hydrants to serve Hampshire Hills Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$21,000, with the City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RELOCATION OF WATER MAINS.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving a contract-agreement between the City and North Carolina State Highway Commission in connection with the relocation of two 20-inch water mains in service at the intersection of Irwin Creek and the proposed Highway No. 77.

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

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of a right of way agreement between the City and the State Highway Commission for the installation and relocation of certain water mains in conflict with the Highway's construction of the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

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ACTION OF COUNCIL ON APRIL 22ND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY LOAN FOR 1,000 LOW-RENT HOUSING UNITS RESCINDED, AND A NEW RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FOR 1,000 LOW RENT HOUSING UNITS ADOPTED.

Councilman Jordan moved that Council action of April 22nd, adopting a resolution approving the application for preliminary loan in the amount of \$92,500 for 1,000 low-rent public housing units be rescinded and a new resolution approving the application for preliminary loan in the amount of \$400,000 for 1,000 low-rent housing units be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 119.

ORDINANCE NO. 848-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LOCATED AT 418 WEST FIFTH STREET PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF CHARLOTTE AND CHAPTER 160-200(43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the removal of an abandoned motor vehicle at 418 West Fifth Street.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 267.

ORDINANCE NO. 849-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF AIRPORT FUNDS ACCOUNT.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$7,000 of Airport Unappropriated Surplus Account to Airport Capital Improvement to be used to install street lighting on the new terminal building access road, and public and employee parking lots at Airport.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 268.

ORDINANCE NO. 850-X AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF AN OPEN DRAINAGE DITCH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY AND TO CHARGE THE COSTS THEREOF TO THE PROPERTY OWNER.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the Engineering Department to enter the property of the Howard Nance Company on Addison Drive to correct the drainage problem on Addison Drive and Robinhood Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Assistant City Engineer, advised that Mr. Nance was notified that Council would discuss this at the meeting tonight. The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 269.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO MR. ERSKINE C. BENNETT.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. Erskine C. Bennett, for a period of one year, to be used on the premises of Fredrickson Motor Express Corporation at 3400 North Graham Street.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel of land for the West Third Street Connector;
- (b) Contracts with B. Brevard Brookshire for appraisal of two parcels of land for the West Third and Fourth Street Connector and one parcel for the West Third Street Connector.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, approving the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of 116 square feet of property at 2908 Clemson Avenue, from B. J. Whitaker and wife, Flora Bell, at \$200.00, for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (b) Acquisition of 984.94 square feet of property at the northeast corner of Ideal Way and South Boulevard, from the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company and lessee, Sun Oil Company, at \$3,000.00, for the South Boulevard Intersections.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF PEPSI-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF CHARLOTTE, INC., LOCATED AT 2820 SOUTH BOULEVARD FOR THE SOUTH BOULEVARD INTERSECTIONS PROJECT.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated at last Monday's Council Meeting, Mr. Woolard appeared before Council and suggested that it might be well if the subject parcel was negotiated further with Mr. Hunter Jones and his office towards the acquisition of this property. Contact was made with Mr. Jones on Tuesday, and the offer made by Pepsi-Cola Company was more than the highest appraisal. That Council has received copy of a letter from Mr. Jones representing the view of his client at the moment on this subject.

Mr. Hunter Jones, Attorney for the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company, stated in his efforts to find out what was going on, he finally got to the Traffic Department who submitted the proposal for this route of this project to connect Marsh Road with New Bern Street. That he questioned them as to whether or not they had considered any different route so as not to take so much of the Pepsi-Cola Company's property, and he was informed that you cannot project New Bern Street without running into

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the building of Krispy Creme Do-nut Company. That he did not think that was correct and went back to confirm his recollection; that he is not a surveyor, but he asked if Council is not familiar with this before they act on this, he would like for at least one to go out and look at it. That the project will seriously damage the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company who bought 200 additional feet about two and half years ago in order to have more property for future expansion. They do not feel they have had proper consideration, and he asked that further investigation be made.

Mr. Veeder stated there has been a complete investigation of the other alternative and this can be explored in any way Council would like this evening; Mr. Poley, Chief Right of Way Agent for the City, is present and also Mr. Birmingham of the City Engineering Department is present and both can comment on it. That the alternative has been explored and if it had merit, and it was a desirable alternative, Council can be assured that it would be the one explored rather than this one. The advantages of the one they have proceeded on are substantial in the view of those who have worked on this project for a considerable time.

Councilman Tuttle stated in view of the recommendation of the Right of Way Office, the Engineering Department, Traffic Engineering Department and the City Manager, he moved the adoption of the resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for acquisition of property of Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Charlotte, Inc., located at 2820 South Boulevard for the South Boulevard Intersection Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 120.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT WITH GRUBB TIRE AND AUTO, INC. GIVING ACCESS FROM HARLEE AVENUE ACROSS CITY PROPERTY TO GRANTEE'S PROPERTY.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a right of way easement, giving Grubb Tire and Auto, Inc., access from Harlee Avenue across approximately 350 feet of city property to the Grantee's property; in exchange for which Grubb Tire and Auto, Inc. will give the City a flight easement over their property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED A. P. WHITE & ASSOCIATES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN CANTERBURY WOODS APARTMENTS & HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATES.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, A. P. White & Associates in the amount of \$47,620.00, on a unit price basis, for construction of sanitary sewer facilities in Canterbury Woods Apartments and Hidden Valley Estates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

A.P. White & Associates	\$47,620.00
C. D. Spangler Construction	50,018.00
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	52,744.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CRANE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR PIPE FITTINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to award contract to the low bidder, Crane Supply Company, in the amount of \$3,573.71, on a unit price basis, for 13,933 pieces of malleable and wrought iron pipe fittings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Crane Supply Company	\$ 3,573.71
Grinnell Co., Inc.	3,761.24
Horne Wilson, Inc.	3,934.98
Hajoca Corporation	4,018.92

BIDS REJECTED ON TAXIWAY CONSTRUCTION AND APRON EXPANSION PROJECT AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Whittington moved that all bids received for taxiway construction and apron expansion project at Airport be rejected and readvertised on a combined basis and under revised specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED COLTER & CHAPPEL FOR LIGHTING AT AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Colter and Chappel, in the amount of \$37,823.25, on a unit price basis, for lighting requirements at the Airport.

The following bids were received:

Colter & Chappel	\$37,823.25
Walker & Whiteside	40,674.60
National Elect. Company	41,912.82
Arrow, Inc.	45,980.67

CONTRACT AWARDED SANDERS BROTHERS, INC. FOR SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES IN HAMPSHIRE HILLS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Sanders Brothers, Inc., in the amount of \$12,428.00 for sanitary sewer facilities in Hampshire Hills Subdivision.

The following bids were received:

Sanders Brothers, Inc.	\$12,428.00
Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	13,696.00
A. P. White & Associates, Inc.	14,030.50

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APPOINTMENT OF CHARLES E. HICKS AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF CITY RECORDER'S COURT.

Councilman Tuttle moved the appointment of Mr. Charles E. Hicks as Assistant Clerk of City Recorder's Court. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO PROPOSE METHOD OF PROVIDING WATER TO CARMEL ROAD.

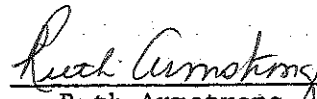
Councilman Smith requested the City Manager to propose some method for providing water to the Touchberry property on Carmel Road at the next meeting.

ILLUMINATED SIGN REQUESTED AT ENTRANCE TO AIRPORT ON WEST BOULEVARD.

Councilman Stegall asked if the City proposed any type of electric sign at the entrance to the Airport on West Boulevard; that he thinks something should be done in the way of a nice illuminated sign. The City Manager stated this point is well taken and he will come back to Council with some suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk