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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina was held on Monday, November 25, 1968 at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall and Jerry Tuttle present.

ABSENT: Councilman James B. Whittington.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend H. S. Elliott, Minister of Commonwealth Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Stegall and unanimously carried, approving the minutes of the last council meeting on Monday, November 18, 1968 as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Mr. Daniel R. (Doc) Martin, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, stated the weekly wages and salaries paid to the lower income employees of the Parks and Recreation Department have become a problem; that to retain these employees enough money has to be paid as they can go other places and make more money; that it is not fair to ask people who have been in your employ as long as some of these men have worked for the Parks and Recreation to work for the amount they are paid under the present financial setup. He stated Mr. Roy McKnight and Mr. Chat Whelchel comprise the financial committee of the Commission and have prepared a report which has been approved by the Commission.

Mr. McKnight stated this past weekend he had copies of the report mailed to Council and hopes that each had a chance to go over this report. He stated their work crews are running 34 to 35 men short, and they are at the height of their season now. That the Park Commission is responsible for its own garbage pickups; leaf pickups; cleaning up their parks, and cutting their own grass. That normally where they have six crews working their 54 odd parks they have cut down to two or three to try to do the work of all these people.

Mr. McKnight stated they are concerned about their wage earnings; that in October, 1967 they were paying as low as 90 cents an hour for labor and in their 1968-69 budget they got their wages up to the minimum of \$1.40. That they are aware of the recent developments of the wage history in the City and the Parks and Recreation Commission is caught in the middle. He stated out of a needed 115 employees they now have 77 working in their maintenance department - they have one full time employee on the payroll at \$1.25; 16 at \$1.40; four out of the 77 earning up to the minimum now paid by the City of Charlotte. That Competitive businesses throughout the city are paying anywhere from \$1.82 to \$2.10. Mr. McKnight stated if they bring their staff up to the minimum of 115 employees and raise wages to what they consider an average of 60 cents a piece, it will result in an annual cost of some \$161,00; to finish out the last half of the fiscal year it will take approximately \$80,000 to bring these employees up to a minimum wage.

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Mr. McKnight stated in the second category is the salaried employees and they now employ some 53 persons in this category and a survey indicates their salaries are 8 to 10 percent under what other towns are paying. The payroll for the current fiscal year for this group is \$329,000, and they feel these employees are entitled to a comparative rate also. That it follows reason if you raise one group you will have to raise another group.

Mr. McKnight stated the third category consist of 163 part-time summer employees whose total salaries are estimated for the coming year at \$112,000 - this is approximately \$1.35 to \$1.40 an hour.

He stated this is the plight of the Commission now. That out of their total budget of \$1,100,000 they have \$3,000 set aside for contingency. From the 1967-68 budget they had a so-called surplus of approximately \$7,000; whereas in the past it had been running up to \$20,000 and \$25,000, and this is money set aside to put in additional park facilities.

Mr. McKnight stated as of November 1 they have instituted a retirement plan for their employees and this was included in their last year's budget at approximately \$25,000; that the cost this year will run one-half to 2/3 of that amount. He stated the Commission has reached a drastic point and they ask that Council consider their problem and see if there is anything that can be done.

Councilman Alexander asked what type of employees are the 48 in the bracket between \$1.25 and \$1.55 an hour, and Mr. McKnight replied they are laborers, work crews and skilled employees; that about 90% of the 115 employees are laborers. Councilman Alexander asked why the differentials in pay, and Mr. McKnight replied the length of service and possibly skilled laborers as opposed to non-skilled laborers such as carpenters and carpenters helpers would be in a little higher category. Mr. McKnight stated the seven employees in the \$2.05 to \$2.30 bracket are skilled employees such as carpenters, brick masons and skilled painters; they could be earning \$4.00 an hour but one has been with the Commission for 18 years and this is the loyalty they have, and they deserve more pay.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated the most urgent financial need the Commission is faced with is to increase the salaries. That late this summer he discussed with the Commission some of the problems and at that time agreed to provide some help putting in terms the financial needs of the Commission, and this has been done by the Staff and presented to the Commission for its use; that this work concurred completely in what Mr. McKnight is saying in terms of the pressing need to raise employees salaries to a competitive level. Also the report indicated in order to determine what adjustments are necessary it would take a detailed analysis and that the Commission might consider some outside help such as the Institute of Government towards the end of quantifying and developing a salary structure.

Mr. Veeder stated there is no question that the Commission has a need and the only suggestion he raised earlier was the possibility that the Commission could reallocate some of its existing money to take care of this pressing need, recognizing that it was going to have to replace it later; that the problems of the Parks and Recreation Commission are not easy to solve; it is going to take some real consideration of everyone in Charlotte to provide them with revenue. But for the short term the Commission could reallocate some of the existing money to take care of the balance of the fiscal year.

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Mr. McKnight stated the Commission feels the money which they have on hand is needed for park purposes; that the exact amount is not known; but he personally would be reluctant to use these funds without some indication as to how they could be replaced.

Councilman Jordan asked if they would have to have \$121,000 or can they get by with anything less? Mr. McKnight replied they need the \$96,000 now; the summer program actually breaks up their fiscal year and extends from June to August so this additional \$25,000 covers a two year period and is some 6 to 8 months from now; that the \$25,000 is not an urgent need and they may be able to get by without it.

Mr. Veeder asked how much will be necessary to bring the salaries up to a more acceptable level, the report indicates it will take as much as \$96,000 for a period of January 1st through June 30th; that there is a possibility it will take less and still bring the salaries up to a competitive and realistic level? Mr. McKnight stated the report is a little misleading as it indicates they will actually employ 115 people in November but they do not; that during November, December and January they do not need full work crews but they get into other months and they need 120 or 125; that he would think they will need 90 to 95 employees now to maintain the parks.

Councilman Stegall stated he wants to help the Commission and asked the minimum amount of help they can get by with and Mr. McKnight replied they have instructed the head of their Maintenance Division and Mr. Diehl to give raises right now and they have raised five to ten cents an hour; this takes into account even the ones who are making \$1.40 an hour. Councilman Stegall asked the rate of turn over and Mr. McKnight replied they have lost 76 since last March through the maintenance division.

Mr. Veeder asked if the Commission plans to get any outside help to develop a salary structure such as the Institute of Government, and Mr. McKnight replied this was discussed recently and the Commission agreed that a survey on salary structure by someone like the Institute of Government would be welcome; that they do not have the personnel within their department to develop this. Mr. Veeder advised if the City has any resources which will be helpful to the Commission, they should be considered as the Commission's resources and the City will be happy to work with the Commission in any way, but the aid of the Institute of Government would be very helpful.

Councilman Short stated the need has been well stated and it is a critical need; that he has had the opportunity of hearing of this directly from Mr. Diehl, and also Mr. McKnight has presented it very effectively; that he would like for Mr. Veeder to consider this and comment on it when the item on the use of the one cent sales tax is rescheduled. Councilman Tuttle stated Council cannot give this matter the consideration it deserves today and he would like for Mr. McKnight to come back to Council after the Institute of Government has gone over their present pay scale and comes up with a plan. Councilman Smith stated for their immediate needs, he feels Council should take some of the sales tax money and pass it on to the Commission.

Councilman Stegall stated the City is hard-pressed for dollars and has found itself in a dilemma many times this year and he moved that \$50,000 of the sales tax money be appropriated for salary increases and salaries. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

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Councilman Smith stated we depend on these people in the summer time and in the winter we have to help them; that these suggested studies are important and will help systematize the financial position but he feels they need at least \$50,000 now.

Councilman Alexander asked if the \$50,000 will be used to raise wages and Councilman Stegall replied this money is to be used for salaries and salary increases.

Mr. McKnight stated he would be reluctant to accept the \$50,000 if this is the only money they can look to Council for as it would put them back into another situation - what will they do with the \$50,000? Do they use it all right now for the next three months or do they allocate it over the next 6 to 7 months. What are they going to do three months from now when the \$50,000 is gone and they have to cut wages back? Mr. Veeder replied if Council is willing to appropriate this \$50,000 today, this would give the Commission ample time to seek outside help to develop the orderly salary structure that would be desirable and once they do this, they would be in much better position to project what additional needs they have, if any, to the balance of the fiscal year and act accordingly.

Mayor Brookshire stated Council is sympathetic with the needs of the Park and Recreation Commission and will help but the Commission should take into consideration that they do have money they can use until such time as it can be replaced by the voters.

The vote was taken on the motion to appropriate the \$50,000 and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at page 51.

Councilman Short stated in April of 1967 Mr. Don Bryant, Chairman of a Committee on county-wide parks and recreation facilities, reported back with about five recommendations and these recommendations summarize calling for a county-wide operation and a ten cent instead of an eight cent tax rate; that Mr. Campbell was strongly opposed to this and was quite pointed in his remarks and it was obvious this was not going to get anywhere with that particular county commission. That in view of the situation that has been explained and that this obviously is going to be a chronic situation unless something is done, another re-organization of the county commission is occurring this week, and he suggested that the Mayor approach the new chairman and see if we cannot re-think this program that Mr. Bryant's committee suggested which seems a good solution to what is going to be a chronic problem otherwise.

Mayor Brookshire replied he would be glad to do this. Also this is another reason why we should consider as fast as we can consolidation as park and recreational purposes certainly fall within the category as general services to the total community and should be supported by a county-wide tax.

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W. D. HYLAND REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ALLOW GARAGES AT 1000 NORTH DAVIDSON STREET TO REMAIN STANDING UNTIL HE HAS OPPORTUNITY TO USE MATERIALS NOW STORED IN-THEM.

Mr. W. D. Hyland, Sr., 2419 Chesterfield Avenue, stated about July 25, 1968 a fire occurred at 1000 North Davidson Street on a building which he owned; that the Inspection Department condemned it and he went along with the Inspection Department and tore it down. That he has two garages sitting there filled with building material which he plans to use in rebuilding at this address, and the Inspection Department has advised him they are going to ask the Council to permit them to tear the buildings down and charge him with the cost. Mr. Hyland stated he does not want the buildings torn down as it will leave his equipment out exposed to the weather and will be ruined; that the garages are metal inside and the roof and walls are metal; that it will not fall down and he wants the buildings to stay until he can utilize the material.

The City Manager asked how much time he will want and Mr. Hyland replied he will not be able to start construction until spring. Mr. Veeder asked Mr. Hyland to go with Mr. Bill Carstarphen and Mr. Jamison, Building Inspection Department Superintendent, to see if they can work out this problem to their satisfactions.

PETITION NO. 68-81 BY NANCY L. HENRY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF TRACT OF LAND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF GENERAL YOUNTS EXPRESSWAY (US 21), AND CLANTON ROAD, DEFERRED.

Councilman Smith moved that decision on subject petition be deferred pending further study by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MARSH ROAD AND MELBOURNE COURT.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to O-6 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at page 52.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHARON ROAD WEST BEGINNING AT SUGAR CREEK AND EXTENDING WESTWARD 1,238 FEET.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at page 53.

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ORDINANCE NO. 100-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY BEGINNING EAST OF PINEVILLE ROAD AND EXTENDING FROM PROPERTY OWNED BY EDWARD BOECKMANN TO PROPERTY OWNED BY J. M. COLEY

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to adopt the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at page 54.

PETITION NO. 68-86 BY JOHN C. JONES, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY FRONTING ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF WALLACE LANE, BEGINNING SOUTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, DENIED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to B-2 be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

PETITION NO. 68-87 BY IRENE T. BARTLETT FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF HAWTHORNE LANE AND KENNON STREET, DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Stegall and unanimously carried, decision on the subject petition was deferred pending further study by the Planning Commission.

PETITION NO. 68-88 BY LEONARD W. COPPALA AND ELMER D. MILLER FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BEGINNING AT SUGAR CREEK AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD 435 FEET, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to defer action on the subject petition pending further study by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

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PETITION NO. 68-89 BY PRICE WELDING, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF FOUR LOTS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF STATESVILLE ROAD AND NEVINS ROAD, DEFERRED.

Councilman Short moved that the subject petition be deferred one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF RANDOLPH ROAD, FROM DURHAM DRIVE TO VAN NESS STREET, ADOPTED AND REMAINDER OF PETITION FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ON RANDOLPH ROAD, ON BOTH SIDES FROM VAN NESS TO LAUREL AVENUE, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to O-6 on the northeast side of Randolph Road, from Durham Drive to Van Ness Street, and denying the change on Randolph Road on both sides from Van Ness to Laurel Avenue, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Short, Alexander and Jordan.

NAYS: Councilman Stegall and Smith.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 55.

PETITION NO. 68-63 BY DELTA REALTY CORPORATION AND AMERICAN LEGION POST 400 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF DELTA ROAD, BETWEEN ALBEMARLE ROAD AND HICKORY GROVE ROAD, DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, consideration of the subject petition was deferred for one week.

PETITION NO. 68-73 BY JOEL B. LAYTON FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A LOT AT 4114 ATMORE STREET, DEFERRED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that consideration of the subject petition be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF LAND IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-24 BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short to adopt the subject resolution approving the purchase of 13,180.33 square feet of land in Redevelopment Project N. C. R-24 to be used as right of way for the widening of certain boundary streets in this project at a total purchase price of \$15,854.73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 219.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR RELOCATION OF RAILROAD CROSSING SIGNALS TO SERVE THE SEABOARD STREET CONNECTION, IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution were adopted authorizing the execution of agreements.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 220.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO MAKE NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH TRYON STREET AND SUGAR CREEK ROAD.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Pages 221 through 223.

CONTRACT WITH GEORGE G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR AUDIT OF RECORDER'S COURT OPERATIONS, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the subject contract for the audit of operations of Recorder's Court operations for the period of July 1, 1968 to December 2, 1968, at an estimated audit fee of \$9,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Tuttle asked if provisions were made in the budget to provide for this audit? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied provisions should have been made but were not; the need should have been anticipated. Councilman Smith stated the audit for the entire city is around \$18,000; and he asked why it will cost half of that to audit the one department? Mr. Veeder replied this audit requires more time than any other department because of the details of the court operation; that half of what is spent on an audit is for the court audit. Mr. Veeder stated this is based on hourly rates, and Mr. Fennell is hopeful that it can be done for something under this amount.

Councilman Short stated twenty-two thousand dollars is budgeted for the annual city audit; he asked if this amount required for the Recorder's Court audit cannot be taken from the budgeted funds, and if at the end of the year more money is required for the audit then it can be transferred. Mr. Veeder replied Mr. Short's premises are probably right; and all that is necessary is to approve the contract.

After further discussion, Councilman Tuttle changed his motion to approve the subject contract and the plan of payment in the amount not to exceed \$9,500.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 102-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED AIRPORT FUND BALANCE AND THE UNAPPROPRIATED AIRPORT BOND FUND BALANCE.

Councilman Smith moved adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$300,000 of unappropriated airport fund balance and \$450,000 of unappropriated airport bond fund balance to 1968-69 capital improvement program, Project 562.50 to be used for the acquisition of land for airport expansion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Mayor Brookshire asked when the land acquisitions will be made and if it is possible to engage in discussion with the new board of County Commission on the subject of their taking over responsibility for the airport before these acquisitions are made? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied last week Council authorized the acquisition of two large tracts from Charlotte Aircraft. One of the transactions was for \$316,000 and the other for 49 acres time \$3500. That this money is available for that purpose but it is just putting it in the right pocket. The total program of land acquisition for expanded facilities under the master plan calls for something in the neighborhood of three million dollars for acquisitions.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 56.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GRAVEL SIDEWALKS.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the construction of 350 feet of temporary sidewalks on the north side of Denver Avenue, from Alleghany Street to the first school drive to serve Westerly Hills School, was authorized and the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$2,000 was adopted, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 57.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM WITH MRS. EVELYN A. RODDEY AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle authorizing the settlement of claim filed by Mrs. Evelyn A. Roddey for personal injuries in the amount of \$3,000, as recommended by the Acting City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, approving right of way agreements, as follows:

- (a) Right-of-way Agreement with N. C. State Highway Commission for the installation of a 24-inch diameter water distribution main beneath the proposed North-West Expressway in the vicinity of French Street.
- (b) Right-of-way Agreement with the Seaboard Coast Line Railway Company for the installation of a 24-inch diameter water main beneath the tracks of the Seaboard Coast Line Railway in order to link Beatties Ford Road with Patton Avenue in connection with the North-West Expressway.

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APPRAISAL CONTRACTS, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, appraisal contracts, were approved as follows:

- (a) Contract with Lionel D. Bass, Sr. for one parcel of land for the Northwest Freeway.
- (b) Contract with B. Brevard Brookshire for one parcel of land for the Northwest Freeway.
- (c) Contract with Robert H. Percival for one parcel of land for Airport Expansion.
- (d) Contract with Jack Starnes for two parcels of land for Airport Expansion.

CONTRACT WITH BORTUNCO OF AMERICA, INC. FOR RELOCATION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES IN NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY AT ELEVENTH STREET AND SMITH STREET.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of a contract with BorTunCo of America, Inc., in the amount of \$9,430.00, for 148 feet of 18-inch 14-gauge CMP under Southern Railroad tracks at Eleventh Street and 191 feet of 21-inch 12-gauge CMP under Southern Railroad tracks at Smith Street for relocation of sanitary sewer lines in the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR URBAN RENEWAL REDEVELOPMENT SECTION NO. 2.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith approving the subject change order increasing the contract price by \$410.00 to accommodate street grade changes made after 72 feet of curb and gutter was installed which is necessary to provide property drainage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN CONTRACT WITH BOYD & GOFORTH, INC. FOR NORTH-SOUTH EXPRESSWAY SANITARY SEWERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the subject change order was authorized increasing the contract price by \$5,450.00, to provide reinforced concrete rip-rap where the Irwin Creek Outfall crosses Stewart Creek, found to be necessary because of unstable soil conditions.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving the following special officer permits:

- (a) Issuance of permit to Joseph B. Stewart, for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey & Company, at the North Tryon Street Store, and the Charlottetown Mall Store.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Hugh E. Dickey for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (c) Issuance of permit to Dean William Sparks for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (d) Renewal of permits to the following for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch of Richmond:

Jack D. Austin, 1542 Wickham Lane; Donald R. Barrett, P. O. Box 8262; Ralph J. Beatty, 803 N. Main St., Mt. Holly; Earl A. Frady, 329 Glenrock Drive; Eduardo R. Gill, 1322 Kenilworth Avenue; Paul T. Guin, Mt. Holly; Earl P. Gunther, Lancaster, S. C.; Paul E. Haefling, Monroe, N. C.; W. Frank Helderman, Mt. Holly, N. C.; W. Y. Henderson, 6928 Pleasant Circle; Robert H. Horne, 1345 Richland Drive; Wade H. Linker, 422 Lorna Street; John H. Miller, 3809 Avalon Avenue; Johnnie C. Munford, 5624 Wilkinson Boulevard; Donald R. Oshinski, 6436 Carriage House Apts.; J. Wesley Parks, 1614 Northbrook Drive; Oliver W. Parks, Huntersville, N. C.; Milton P. Therrell, 1335 Marble Street; Jackie Lee Thomas, 2500 Kingsbury Drive; W. Paul Watson, 200 Jackson Road; Joe L. Puckett, Jr., Huntersville, N. C.; David S. Harllee, 2900 Dalecrest Drive; George W. Morgan, 222 Plymouth Avenue; James E. Porter, Huntersville, N. C.; James R. Wall, 1453 Grovewood Drive.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM E. GRAHAM TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Smith moved the reappointment of Mr. William E. Graham to succeed himself on the Redevelopment Commission for a five year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

- (a) Deed with J. Herbert Thomason and wife, Thelma S. Thomason, for Lot No. 44, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$640.00.
- (b) Deed with George P. Harris and wife, Bertha B. Harris, for fraction of Lot No. 54, Section D-annex, transferred from Mrs. Freda Dotger Nisbet, at \$3.00, for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED MINNESOTA MINING & MFG. COMPANY FOR SCOTCHLITE REFLECTIVE SIGN MATERIAL.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan awarding contract to the only bidder, Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Company, in the amount of \$11,620.35, on a unit price basis, for **scotchlite** reflective sign material. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED BRIGHTON STEEL COMPANY, INC. FOR STEEL U-POSTS.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Brighton Steel Company, Inc., in the amount of \$2,950.20 on a unit price basis for steel U-posts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Brighton Steel Co., Inc.	\$ 2,950.20
Traffic Engineers Supply Corp.	2,980.00
Southeastern Safety Supplies	3,170.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SPARTAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR PAVING BREAKERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Stegall and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Spartan Equipment Company, in the amount of \$1,234.00 on a unit price basis for three paving breakers.

The following bids were received:

Spartan Equipment Co.	\$ 1,234.00
H. B. Owsley & Son, Inc.	1,283.08
Contractors Rental & Service	1,383.94
Southland Equipment Co.	1,462.30
Arrow Equipment Sales, Inc.	1,548.82
A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	1,872.65
Mitchell Distributing Co.	1,984.51

CONTRACT AWARDED HUB UNIFORM COMPANY FOR WORK CLOTHING.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, The Hub Uniform Company, in the amount of \$41,668.10 on a unit price basis for work clothing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

The Hub Uniform Company	\$ 41,668.10
Belk Bros. Company	43,090.78

CONTRACT AWARDED LYLE SIGNS, INC. FOR STREET MARKER HARDWARE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Stegall and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Lyle Signs, Inc., the low bidder, in the amount of \$2,590.50 on a unit price basis for street marker hardware.

The following bids were received:

Lyle Signs, Inc.	\$ 2,590.50
Southeastern Safety Supplies	2,837.00

CONTRACT AWARDED UNITED STEEL FABRICATORS DIVISION FOR CORRUGATED STEEL BRIDGE DOCKING PLATES.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Stegall and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder meeting specifications, United Steel Fabricators Division, in the amount of \$1,532.88 on a unit price basis for corrugated steel bridge docking plates.

The following bids were received:

United Steel Fabricators Division	\$ 1,532.88
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Bid received not meeting specifications:

Metal Products Div., Armco Steel Corporation	\$ 1,493.31
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ACTION OF PROPOSED STUDY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, DEFERRED.

Mr. R. V. Connerat, Local-Federal Program Coordinator, stated some months ago they began conversation with people in the transportation industry, the Chamber of Commerce, the city's traffic staff and the people in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Nearly a year ago HUD indicated that if the City was interested in making a beginning in the mass transportation field they would entertain an application.

Mr. Connerat stated after these conversations a conclusion was reached that the best bet would be to start on a special intensified study of the transportation problems relating to disadvantaged areas.

An outline of study was developed and submitted to HUD for preliminary review and HUD indicated they thought they could successfully review it and approve it if submitted. The City's problem was funding. The small proposed project will call for a gross expenditure of \$37,000 with approximately \$25,000 from federal funds and \$12,390 local funds.

Councilman Smith stated we have had studies on origin and destination and traffic that should provide a wealth of information along with this. He asked if Mr. Morrow of City Coach Company did not say they made intensive studies on origin destinations and know pretty well what their problems are; that it is a question of solving it economically. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated Mr. Morrow has also been consulted in some depth on this proposed study and he has indicated favorably on it from the point of view of the bus company; that he believes the Bus Company has agreed to cooperate and is endorsing this study. Mr. Connerat stated Mr. Morrow has some reservations of his own about how much this will be worth; but they look at this as the first step and we do need to go ahead with a much more comprehensive mass transportation study. As far as O & D data is concerned we do not have it, and that is the big need.

Councilman Smith stated we have had studies on parking, traffic and a number of studies and there should be a lot of information in those studies that would be pertinent to this. You cannot study parking without finding out how they come to town, how many come to town and what transportation is used.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is interested in a study where they will go out into a neighborhood and go through and ring door bells and ask the people if a bus is run through in the morning, will they participate and use the bus; this is the type study that is needed. Go down to the banks and find out how many tellers are in a car pool bringing a car to town and if they would not like to step out their doors and know a bus will fill up in five blocks and will come non-stop to town. That if this is the type study they are talking about, he is for it.

Mr. Connerat stated it will be an in-depth origin and destination study; the sample that is done will be in certain areas and will not be over the entire city, but they hope to get some valuable clues.

After further discussion, Councilman Tuttle moved that the item be deferred for one week and ask Mr. Veeder to contact the Bus Company and relate the importance of this study to them as well as to us, and ask that they cooperate by picking up 50 percent of the \$12,390. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

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Mr. Miller, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, stated this Committee is on record as favoring a study of this kind; they feel while the study as proposed will not be a complete comprehensive study of the whole city of Charlotte that it will be a start. They feel a transit study has not been made; that in 1960 Wilbur Smith recommended that his study be followed up by a comprehensive transit study.

The vote was taken on the motion to defer action for one week, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE MATTERS AND ALTERNATIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE SALES TAX REVENUE DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman Tuttle moved that discussion on Possible Legislative Matters and Alternatives and Recommendations for Utilization of Available Sales Tax Revenues scheduled for today, be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Brookshire requested that the two items be included on the conference agenda for next week.

MOTION FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY ON ANNEXING AREAS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS ON SOUTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE EAST OF PRESENT CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Tuttle stated about 18 months ago he requested, and Mr. Whittington concurred with him, that City Council should make a feasibility report on the annexation of areas outside the city limits extending along and adjacent to East Independence Boulevard. That Mr. Whittington, in his absence, has asked him to read the following:

"Here we are right now in dire need of additional revenue. If there is any area contiguous to our present city limits that should be annexed, then this area on East Independence Boulevard fits these requirements."

Councilman Tuttle stated on behalf of Mr. Whittington, he moved that the Planning Commission make another preliminary report on the feasibility of annexing that area east of the present city limits from and including that portion of Coventry Woods and Amity Place to Idlewild Road, from Idlewild Road west to Monroe Road and then west on Monroe Road to the present city limits. This area would take in the residential areas as well as the commercial development on the north and south sides of Independence Boulevard east of the present city limits. The target date for this annexation, if the feasibility report suggests that we should annex this area, should coincide with the new fiscal year 1969-70 and at the same time the new tax notices would go out to the citizens and businesses that would be affected. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Tuttle stated there must be ten million dollars sitting out in this area enjoying city services with no taxes. Councilman Smith stated he does not deny that this area should be brought in but there are other areas that enjoy the city services and are not in the city limits; that he does not think you can select one area without discriminating; that you have to make a comprehensive study of the whole perimeter area and then designate actual studies of the one you think should be brought in. Councilman Tuttle stated you have to take them one at the time; how can you turn the Planning Commission loose to study the whole City of Charlotte. Councilman Smith stated he does not think he can go along with this specific study as there are other places just as obviously developed.

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Councilman Stegall stated he thought that some 18 months ago the request was made to study the whole perimeter area; that he agrees with Mr. Tuttle but there are other areas that seem to be just as valuable as far as the real estate dollar is concerned; if we are going to say one is going to be annexed then we should put them all in the same group.

Councilman Short asked if there is not a method of procedure for Council to use to get underway; perhaps Mr. McIntyre can come to a conference session and detail just how he would propose to approach this problem.

Mayor Brookshire stated a good reason why we should study all of the perimeter as soon as we can is if we go into consolidation, we will want to define the urban areas so that both services and taxes will apply to the urban areas.

Councilman Short stated he thinks it is particularly necessary that we keep up-to-date on this subject at this time; but it is also equally important to do it comprehensively - in other words fairly. That he would suggest that the City Manager have Mr. McIntyre to confer with Council at a conference session on some plausible approach for cutting this problem up into digestible segments and handling it.

DISCUSSION OF USE FOR SECTION 4 OF URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Alexander stated during the Conference Session he requested that Council consider using Section 4 of the Urban Renewal for housing and parks.

Councilman Alexander moved that Council give formal endorsement of the consideration of the study of the feasibility of a proposal to convert Section 4 of the Urban Redevelopment Project to a combination housing and park development along with any consideration for further commercial development in light of the facts submitted today in the conference session by the Redevelopment Commission. The motion did not receive a second.

Mayor Brookshire stated it was the understanding in the Conference Session that the reason for postponing this matter was to give it further study and the ideas suggested by both Mr. Alexander and Mr. Tuttle would enter into the study.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated based on the vote in the Conference Session that Council has tabled action on what is to happen to Brooklyn No. 4 Project for a period of a few weeks.

Councilman Tuttle stated he did not second Mr. Alexander's motion but stated in the conference session that he thought it had merit, and he does not think until some things are explored that Mr. Alexander's proposal should have priority. Councilman Alexander stated he is not saying that it should get priority at this moment; the only thing he is doing is to formalize the idea of considering it, and seeing what can be done to bring the facts so that Council could come up with a formal decision.

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NO PARKING SIGNS REQUESTED PLACED ON WEST SIXTH STREET WHERE STREET BEING WIDENED.

Councilman Stegall requested the City Manager to have the Traffic Engineering Department check West Sixth Street where the street has been widened; that four or five cars are parking on the gravel and there should be some "No Parking" signs placed along there.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR HARDING HIGH SCHOOL AT 7:30 P.M. WITH CONFERENCE SESSION TO BEGIN AT 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised that the next Council Meeting is scheduled for December 2nd, at 7:30 P.M., in the Harding High School Auditorium. After discussion, it was the decision of Council to hold a conference session in one of the classrooms beginning at 6:30 P.M.

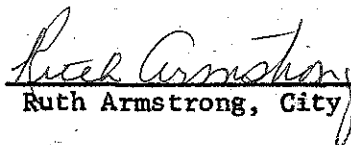
EXTRA HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26.

The City Manager advised in the past it has been the custom of the City Council to allow one additional holiday for Christmas, and he would suggest that this be on Thursday, December 26.

After discussion, Councilman Jordan moved that the City Employees be given Thursday, December 26, as an additional Christmas Holiday. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk