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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, April 14, 1969, 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.

ABSENT: None.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission sat with the City Council and, as a separate body, held its public hearings on Petitions for changes in zoning classifications concurrently with the City Council, with the following members present: Commissioners Albea, Sibley, Stone, Tate and Turner.

ABSENT: Chairman Toy, and Commissioners Ashcraft, Gamble, Godley and Wilmer.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Earl N. Porter, Minister of Whiting Avenue Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last Council Meeting, on April 8, 1969, were approved as submitted.

PETITION NO. 69-43 BY THOR CORPORATION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EASTWAY DRIVE AND HILLIARD DRIVE, WITHDRAWN.

Mr. Ray Bradley, Attorney for Thor Corporation, by written notice received April 11, 1969, advised City Council that the petitioner wished to withdraw the subject petition.

Mr. Bradley was present at the City Council Meeting and advised the petitioner made an application on March 11 for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-6, and on Thursday of last week; after getting more adequate surveys and finding the exact square footage of their property, found they could construct on their property a day nursery facility designed to accommodate 120 children, and that is what they wanted, and they are asking that Council permit them to withdraw the petition without prejudicing their further rights.

Councilman Whittington moved that the petition be withdrawn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-36 BY E. T. HANEY, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-1 OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF SHARON AMITY ROAD, BEGINNING NEAR THE CORNER PROPERTY AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF THESE TWO STREETS.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject petition consists of property having frontage of approximately 420 feet on Sharon Amity Road, and 116 feet of frontage on Albemarle Road; it is an irregular-shaped tract with about four times as much frontage on Sharon Amity as on Albemarle Road;

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there is approximately two or three acres. Mr. Bryant stated there are single family residences on the front of the property on Sharon Amity; the portion on Albemarle Road is vacant. At the intersection of Sharon Amity Road and Albemarle are two service stations; at Driftwood and Albemarle is the third service station; along Albemarle Road is a veterinarian clinic, a dentist office, and two churches; there are several single family residences which is the beginning of a residential subdivision on the southeast side of Albemarle Road; along Sharon Amity is a scattering of single family uses and some vacant property; north of the tract is an existing multi-family apartment development; other than that the entire area is vacant.

Mr. Bryant stated there is business zoning along Albemarle Road, from Independence Boulevard up to and including all four corners of the intersection; there is R-9MF zoning along Driftwood Drive and along the west side of Sharon Amity directly north of the business property; the subject property as well as property directly across on Sharon Amity is zoned for single family usage; other than that the area is predominately zoned R-9MF.

Mr. John Shaw, Attorney for the petitioners, stated there is a stagnation of growth here caused from either traffic or zoning, or both; that there has not been a new house built in over 14 years. He stated the owner of the property between Humble Oil Station and the subject property does not object to this rezoning; that he sold the land to Esso.

Replying to a question, Mr. Bryant advised that Sharon Amity Road presently has a 60-foot right of way; several sections have already been widened and the plans call for this segment to be widened to four lanes; that in these other sections the 60 foot right of way has been acceptable with the exception of near the intersections where there is a need for additional turning lanes, and additional right-of-ways have had to be purchased.

Mr. Shaw advised the petitioners do not have any plans for the development of the property; they only want to sell and move out.

No objections were expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council decision was deferred.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-37 BY J. E. JOHNSON, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 AND R-9MF TO B-1 OF PROPERTY FRONTING 900 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF EASTWAY DRIVE BEGINNING NORTH OF SHAMROCK DRIVE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised the subject property is located on the southwest side of Eastway Drive fronting approximately 900 feet on Eastway and is adjacent to the existing built-up business area around the intersection of Eastway and Shamrock; immediately adjacent to the subject property is the Burger Chief Restaurant; there is a variety of retail usages around the intersection. He stated there is a single family on the subject property in two locations and with that exception the property is vacant; across Eastway Drive are a number of single family residences and some scattered vacant lots; to the north of the subject property, on the opposite side is a site for a church; there is multi-family apartment uses throughout the area along Audrey Street and several other streets in the area; along Shamrock to the rear is single family residential development.

He stated there is some B-1 and some B-2 zoning in the vicinity of the intersection of Eastway and Shamrock; that area is bordered by O-6 to buffer the business area, and the remaining zoning is R-9MF; there is R-9 zoning along Shamrock Drive immediately to the rear of the property.

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Mr. L. E. Johnson, one of the petitioners, presented photographs of the area showing the uses and stated if the zoning is permitted a major grocer will erect a store on the property to serve the apartments.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-38 BY J. ARTHUR REID, SR. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12MF TO O-15 OF THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY SHARON AMITY ROAD, CLOVER ROAD, OAKDALE ROAD AND CROSBY ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director, stated the property is bounded by Sharon Amity Road, Crosby Road, an unopened portion of the street to the rear and Clover Road; it is a complete block of land. There is one residence on the subject property; other than that the block is vacant; it is adjoined on the Providence Road side by a variety of combination of office and business uses; adjacent to that is the telephone exchange and the shopping center; property across Sharon Amity is entirely vacant; there are single family residences scattered to the rear along Crosby, and the area along Westbury is almost solidly developed with single family residences; to the northeast are single family residences along Sharon Road.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property is zoned R-12MF as is both sides on Sharon Amity Road, between Crosby and the beginning of the Cotswold Shopping Center area; the shopping center is zoned for business and there is O-15 zoning immediately across Sharon Amity from the shopping center; the intervening area between Crosby and that area is zoned R-12MF on both sides; this continues on the northwestern side down to Providence Road; at Crosby on the southeast side is a combination of business, office, more business and office zoning at the intersection of Providence and Sharon Amity; the property immediately to the rear of the shopping center area is multi-family and to the rear of the subject property the zoning is for single family R-15.

Mr. Francis Clarkson, Jr., Attorney, stated he is representing Mr. Reid and Minneapolis Honeywell, Inc., who has the contract to purchase the property if it is rezoned. He stated under the present zoning approximately 27 units of apartment could be built; that Minneapolis Honeywell wishes the zoning changed to office so the company can build a single story office for the regional area; it will not be rented and will be used only by Minneapolis Honeywell. Mr. Clarkson stated this will be strictly a service type office building; that it will be located as close as possible to Crosby Road, the shopping center side, and the other side of the property will be landscaped; approximately 40 percent of the property will be used for the construction of the approximately 10,500 square foot building.

Mr. Clarkson stated the service men will be on call to go out and see what is wrong with the equipment; there will be two or three econo-type vans to be used in the service calls; that this is a very small area of the building; most will be taken up with the sales personnel.

Councilman Smith asked how much repair work can be done under the O-15 classification? Mr. Bryant replied very little that this would be bordering on whether or not this would be permitted under the office classification; normally the repair of an item is limited to the district in which it is sold; that he thinks this needs an interpretation. Mr. Clarkson stated the repairs will not be made on the premises; the servicemen will go out to the customers.

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Mr. W. E. Grouse, Area Business Manager for Honeywell, stated most of the repairs would be done on the customer's premises; the service department would keep tools they use in this repair work; primarily this is a sales office. If the equipment has to be taken out for repairs, it is usually replaced on the premises and the old equipment is sent to the manufacturer.

Mr. Bryant suggested that before they go too far with their planning that they contact his office and be sure they are not planning something that will not be possible.

Mr. Clarkson stated as Oakdale Road has never been opened, and if the contiguous property owners desire, Minneapolis Honeywell has authorized him to agree to divide that road down the middle, withdraw it and use the additional property as a buffer. He stated this will involve an investment of approximately \$500,000; the building will be used by 35-50 people; approximately 10-12 cars will be parked from time to time, and they will only operate five days a week and not in the evenings; they plan to have the traffic flow run from Sharon Amity around the building and back out on Crosby Road, or whichever the traffic engineer would prefer.

Speaking against the petition were Mrs. Fred Meekins, Westbury Road, Mr. W. L. Barker, 3101 Providence Road, and Mr. Fred Cochrane, Clover Road.

Speaking for the petition were Mr. Charles Ramsey of Clover Road and his wife, Mrs. Jane Ramsey.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

PETITION NO. 69-39 BY CHARLOTTE COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY AND FREEDOM DRIVE INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-2 AND R-6MF TO I-1 OF A 36.669 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 BETWEEN STEWART CREEK AND THE FORMER MECKLENBURG COLLEGE PROPERTY.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised the property lies between and extends all the way from I-85 over to Hoskins Road; it is vacant; it is adjoined on the south side of I-85 by single family development; to the west is a narrow strip of vacant land on the west side of Stewart Creek; and west of that is the Johnson Motor Lines facility; farther west is the Sear's Repair and Serving Center; there are several industrial usages on the south side of I-85 in the area; to the east of the property is a tract of land formerly occupied and owned by the Mecklenburg College Facility; there is vacant property along Hoskins Road; immediately to the north is single family development; to the west it is vacant but as you continue along Hoskins Road there is the entrance to another single family subdivision.

Mr. Bryant stated the I-85 frontage is zoned for B-2 and extends all the way to Beatties Ford Road; immediately behind is R-6MF which extends to Hoskins Road; to the east the zoning is O-15 and extends out to Beatties Ford Road; to the west the zoning is I-2 and north of Hoskins Road is single and multi-family residential use.

Mr. Ray Bradley, Attorney, stated he is representing Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Freedom Drive Investment Company; the subject property is less than a quarter of a mile from the intersection of I-85 and the proposed I-77 where there will be a tremendous clover-leaf; that the Highway Department officials estimate when the intersection opens on the first day 80,000 cars will pass through the first 24 hours, and from then on it will continue to increase in volume. This tract of land contains about 37 acres.

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Mr. Bradley stated across the former Mecklenburg College property will be an access road for the entire intersection of I-85 and I-77; it will sweep almost through the middle of that property, and terminate almost at the easterly line of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company property.

He stated Coca-Cola Bottling Company is going to build the type of facility that will be attractive and will keep the welfare of the community in mind; they estimate the facility will cost about four million dollars; and it will be a real addition to this area.

Mr. Jimmy Johnson, Executive Vice-President of the Charlotte Coca-Cola Bottling Company, spoke to the petition, stating their business is changing like others and they operate in eight of the primary towns which constitute Metrolina; the economics of their business dictate going to larger, more modern production facilities; the proximity of this property to the interstate complex makes it very attractive as they do not like the idea of the tractor trailers hauling out loads of their products and further congesting the city streets. He stated also they need the very best water available and they feel Charlotte has very fine water.

Councilman Alexander stated on the back side of this property facing the property across Hoskins Road, he would like to suggest that Coca-Cola Company consider a buffer on that side and not alter the zoning on the back end of that property; that this faces one of the best residential sections with homes in the twenty-thousand-dollar-upward-class. Mr. Bradley stated the plant facility will be close to I-85 and the only way that the rear property will be used will be for the flow of traffic unless they can get out through the access road. Councilman Alexander stated this would help provided no development is made on the back side of the property facing Hoskins Road. Mr. Johnson stated they are leaving 13 acres of property on the back zoned for multi-family; that they are only talking about the little portion that will be used for a traffic outlet onto Hoskins Road. Councilman Alexander stated this is the point he is concerned with; that the whole width of it, about 100 feet back, should be left as a buffer. Mr. Johnson replied they would have no objections to this. Mr. Bob Nichols stated he lives about a block from this property and he would like to know if any part of the back will be used as an entrance? That he would object to this.

Councilman Alexander stated the point he is raising is the use of the back portion on Hoskins Road; that he is suggesting that portion not be changed and it remain as at present because it faces the residential area; that there is an access road on I-85. He asked Mr. Johnson if he would talk to the people in the area to see if something can be worked out. Mr. Johnson replied he would be happy to meet with anyone at anytime.

Mr. Bradley stated if the property was used under the present zoning - multi-family - an apartment would add more traffic to Hoskins Road than what is contemplated by Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-40 BY EARL B. VAUGHN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-15 TO R-12MF OF A TRACT OF LAND 250' x 2,172' ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, BEGINNING 1,010 FEET EAST OF DOOLEY DRIVE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed and is sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

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The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject property is an elongated strip of land with one single family structure located on the front portion; it is adjoined to the east by vacant property and further east is a grocery store and service station and other than that the area has a scattering of single family and vacant land.

Mr. Bryant advised that everything in the immediate area is zoned for single family.

Mr. Ray Bradley, Attorney, stated he is representing the petitioners, Mr. and Mrs. Earl B. Vaughn. He stated since the protest petition was filed invoking the 3/4 Rule he has a letter from Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cruse, who signed the petition opposing the change in zoning stating they wish to withdraw their opposition and they are in favor of the petition.

Mr. Watts, Assistant City Attorney, advised there were two property owners on the end, and they would invoke the 20% Rule without Mr. and Mrs. Cruse's signatures. Mr. Bradley stated he also has a letter from the property owners - Mack Pritchard and C. R. Mullis - on the east and south side of the property favoring the requested change in zoning. He stated this means he has the owner of all the property on two sides favoring the change, and the people across the street have not objected, and his interpretation is this does not meet the 20% requirements. Mr. Watts replied the 20% goes to any one side.

Mr. Bradley stated Mr. Vaughn is a home builder and has built many homes in this area; that his own home is located on the subject piece of property. That because of the narrow width of this tract of land it is impossible to develop with single families; that he has a plan for a low density use; there is a creek across the rear which makes the drainage problem one that almost eliminates the use for this purpose without a tremendous expenditure; that Mr. Vaughn plans about a \$300,000 development.

Mr. Joe DuMontier stated he is a resident along with 275 petitioners who are asking that the request be denied; that they are in the perimeter and some seven years ago they came before Council and asked for this higher zoning classification. That Mr. Vaughn has told him personally whether this petition is approved or not he is going to build duplexes and he is right in saying it as it is allowed in a residential area on corner lots. That they would like not to have to contend with this in building their community association and improving what they have out there.

Speaking for the petition was Mr. W. L. Cruse.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-41 BY PAL LOR COMPANY, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO B-2 OF A LOT 100' x 235' ON THE NORTHWESTERLY SIDE OF NORLAND ROAD, BEGINNING 369 FEET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised the subject property is located on the west side of Norland Road, south of Central Avenue; it is vacant property and is adjoined on the south by a single family residence with single family residences to the rear along Sheridan Drive and has about half of a single family occupied lot facing it on the east side; there is vacant property adjacent to the house and several vacant lots down Norland Drive; other than that the area along Norland is developed for single family purposes until you get down to the school. Between the subject property and Central Avenue are a number of non-residential uses immediately adjoining the property.

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Mr. Bryant stated there is B-1 zoning around the intersection of Norland, Central and Kilborne; there are a couple of O-6 lots including the subject lot on the west side of Norland adjacent to the business and one office zoned lot on the east side of Norland across from the subject property; from that point the area around the subject tract is zoned R-9 including the lot down Norland and the lot to the rear on Sheridan Drive.

Mr. Ray Bradley, Attorney for the petitioner, stated Pal Lor Company is a distributor of heating and air-conditioning equipment; that diagonally across the street is their present office building and warehouse; they purchased the subject lot to put their office here and continue using the rented area as a warehouse; but their business has grown and they need to expand and they want to combine the warehouse with the office; they use motor carrier service and do not use their own vehicles.

Mr. Bradley stated there are three houses on the same side of the street, and two houses on the other side of the street, and all the owners of those residences, with the exception of the owner of the last one on each side of the street who could not be contacted, have signed a letter indicating they approve the plans for this property; the other two - one is an absentee owner and he, by telephone, assured him that he did not object, and the owner next to the school said he did not object to the rezoning.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-42 BY THAYER REALTY COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6 TO R-6MF OF A TRACT OF LAND WEST OF BEATTIES FORD ROAD LOCATED SOUTH OF CAPPS HILL MINE ROAD, AND NORTH OF MCDANIEL JACKSON PROPERTY.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject property is vacant with the exception of one house; he pointed out the new YMCA at the corner of Capps Hill Mine Road and Beatties Ford Road; adjoining the subject property along Beatties Ford Road is a scattering of single family residential structures; on the east side of Beatties Ford Road, near the subject property, are several existing business structures; to the south along Griers Grove Road is the new AME Zion Church and then a larger single family subdivision; there is an apartment area along Beatties Ford Road.

Mr. Bryant stated as you come out Beatties Ford Road, there is multi-family zoning through the area continuing north of Griers Grove Road and then an area of business zoning to accommodate the business uses along Beatties Ford Road and a small area of office zoning buffering the business; other than that the area, including the subject property, is zoned for single family purposes.

Mr. Robert Perry, Attorney for the Petitioner, Thayer Realty Company, stated Howard T. Nance is the principal in the Company. He stated Mr. Nance developed the single family development in the area and also developed the Apartment area known as Royal Orleans. He stated this will be medium density and will yield more residential units than a single family will; he passed around photographs of the Royal Orleans complex and stated this is the type apartments the petitioner plans to construct. Mr. Perry stated R-6MF, O-6 and B-1 and R-9 is contiguous to this property, and in addition, there is I-2 and I-1 zoning in the very near neighborhood; he stated there is no way for Mr. Nance to build any apartments very near Capps Hills Road because of the physical layout of the property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-44 BY GARY H. WATTS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO B-2 OF A LOT 110' x 120' AT 701 LOUISE AVENUE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this involves a lot at the corner of Sunnyside Avenue and Louise Avenue. It has on it an office facility; it is adjoined on Central Avenue side by several different business uses including a T. V. Sales and Repair; across Louise are several business uses in the area; directly across on Louise is an apartment building and office building; from that point down Louise are single family residences with an apartment building at Sunnyside; to the rear is a combination of residential uses, including single family, one multi-family and several duplexes.

Mr. Bryant stated along Central Avenue the zoning is all B-2; adjacent to that including the subject property is O-6 over to and including all the frontage on Sunnyside; beyond the area is zoned R-6MF on Sunnyside between Louise and Hawthorne, then it goes into business in the vicinity of Independence Boulevard.

Mr. Frank L. Schrimsher, Attorney for the petitioner, stated this is the only property on the west side of Louise Avenue towards the Boulevard that is not already zoned for B-2; immediately contiguous is B-2 zoning; on the east side of Louise Avenue at the intersection of Central Avenue is the Tandy Leather Company. He stated they feel this is a normal extension of the zoning which is contiguous to their property; at present Mr. Watts has his realty company located on the subject property and a portion is leased to an insurance agency; parking is afforded on both the Louise Avenue side as well as the Sunnyside Avenue.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-45 BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION TO CHANGE ZONING OF PROPERTY IN THE WEST BOULEVARD AREA.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition to change zoning of property in the West Boulevard Areas as follows:

- (a) Change from I-1 to R-6MF several tracts on West Boulevard, Wilmont Road, and Old Steele Creek Road, between the Southern Railroad and Reid Park.
- (b) Change from R-6MFH and B-2 to R-6MF property on the north side of West Boulevard east of Southern Railroad.
- (c) Change from B-2 and B-1 property on both sides of Kenhill Drive at West Boulevard.

Council was advised that a protest petition has been filed sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

The Assistant Planning Director advised this has three parts, and consists of zoning in the vicinity of the intersection lying between Old Steele Creek Road and the Southern Railroad crossline.

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Mr. Bryant stated the first section consists of three tracts of land zoned for I-1 and it is suggested they be changed to R-6MF; the larger tract consists of the land lying between Old Steele Creek Road and the Southern Crossline Railroad on the south side of West Boulevard; it is predominately vacant but does have a number of single family structures fronting on West Boulevard and a few fronting on Old Steele Creek Road. He stated since the original study was made, a service station has been constructed at the intersection of Old Steele Creek Road and West Boulevard. He stated the industrial development existing in the area for a number of years has not^{been} utilized and there has been no indication that the owners were ready to utilize it for that purpose. An apartment project has been built across West Boulevard and industry would not be conducive to that area; the property does not have a particularly good relationship to the railroad as the railroad is under West Boulevard and much of the subject property is higher than the railroad. Mr. Bryant stated at the intersection of Mayfair and Old Steele Creek Road the property zoned for industrial has on it a single family structure. The final area is located south of Wilmont adjacent to and very close to being a part of the Reid Park Area.

Mr. Bryant stated the second part is merely to recognize the uses that have been placed on land now zoned for combination of R-6MFH and B-2; there has been a multi-family development constructed between Kenhill and the Southern Crossline railroad; immediately to the rear of the apartment project is an area that has been developed for duplex purposes and is zoned R-6MFH which is high rise, high density type of development and the land has not been developed to density and the recommendation is to bring it down to R-6MF in keeping with the density that has been effective on the property.

Mr. Bryant stated the third part is the changing of property at the intersection of and on both sides of Kenhill Drive at West Boulevard; the property is vacant; it is zoned for B-2 and it is recommended for B-1. The residential area is immediately adjacent and the B-1 would be more compatible with the adjoining residential character.

Mr. Charles Alexander, 1310 South Independence Boulevard, stated he is being relocated from that address by Urban Renewal; that he lives at this location and runs the Alexander Barber Shops and has been there for 20 years. He stated he owns property on Sherrill Street and Walter Street where he would like to relocate, and the proposed R-6MF would not permit him to construct his barber shop and he is opposed to the change in zoning.

Councilman Alexander stated he is not related to Mr. Charles Alexander; that Mr. Alexander has a barber shop on Independence Boulevard and lives at the same site and is being relocated; he is a WW II veteran and the only type of work he can do is barber work; his wife is incapacitated with a heart ailment and he has five children in school. The only property he has is situated in the subject area - two lots on Sherrill Street where he plans to build his barber shop, and three lots in the same section on Walter Street where he plans to build his home.

Mr. Alexander stated his shop will cost \$11,960 and his home will cost \$19,500.00.

Mr. Bryant stated the property on Sherrill Street is presently zoned for industrial, and he can build a barber shop in the area; that Walter Street is zoned for residential and he will be allowed to construct his home on these lots.

Mr. Charles Henderson, Attorney, quoted the section from the study giving the reasons for the proposed changes in zoning, and stated he is speaking to the proposal to change the larger portion of the subject tracts from Industrial-1 to R-6MF. He stated this property is only incidentally related to West Boulevard and by reason of its topography it is directly related

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to the railroad; there is 29 feet of difference between West Boulevard and the heart of the property; the property is surrounded by anything but that which makes residential of any kind; there are four or five major service stations at the intersection, and there is nothing that resembles residential. The development of the property would be obscured by the bridge that crosses the railroad; directly across the side road is the Bowman-Dunn large industrial establishment that has been in the location for a long time.

Mr. Henderson stated Mr. Ed Alexander is present and lives in one of the houses on the Old Steele Creek Road directly across the street; also present is Mr. B. O. Hood who owns the bulk of the property; that the two have worked out an arrangement whereby the property where Mr. Alexander lives makes an ideal entrance directly across the street from the Bowman-Dunn factory; this comes through Mr. Alexander's present property and goes in a general downgrade where the property converges with the railroad property; there is 1,000 feet frontage on the railroad, and is one of the few properties that has this kind of intersection with major traffic facilities available. Mr. Henderson stated they do not have an industrial use now; several have talked with Mr. Alexander about the property but the particular use did not suit this land but there are prospects at present; railroad frontage close into Charlotte near a great deal of labor is a rare thing. He stated on behalf of more than 135 people who have signed a petition he says they prefer the present zoning; people of both races and both high and low economic standing have signed the petition; that almost 100 percent of the neighborhood signed the petition protesting the change in zoning.

Mr. Henderson stated a number of people from the neighborhood are present today and he asked them to stand.

Mr. Sam Williams, Attorney, stated he represents the owner of the B-2 tract lying to the right of Kenhill; that the property owner has received a permit for a service station on the corner which is permitted in the B-1 zone; he stated his client has a compatibility with the existing industrial area as well.

Council decision was deferred pending the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

PETITION NO. 69-46 BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION TO CHANGE ZONING OF PROPERTY IN THE AIRPORT DRIVE AREA, DENIED.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition to change zoning of property in the Airport Drive area, as follows:

- (a) Change from R-9 to R-9MF property on the east side of Airport Drive south of Morris Field Drive.
- (b) Change from B-1 to R-9MF property on the east side of Airport Drive south of Ashley Circle.

Council was advised that a protest petition has been filed sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, explained the properties as to location, usages and zoning. He stated they have had some second thoughts on the larger tract; that since the study was made, the overall airport enlargement program has begun and the Planning Staff is now involved in a very detailed study of an area completely surrounding the airport in all directions. Mr. Bryant stated he will recommend to the Planning Commission this afternoon that this portion of the petition be deleted pending the final outcome of the total project.

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After further discussion, Mr. Bryant stated it would be agreeable to delete both sections of the petition.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Councilman Tuttle moved that items (a) and (b) under Petition No. 69-46 be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER AND ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR REQUESTED TO GIVE THOUGHT TO TIME TABLE ON ZONING HEARINGS.

Mayor Brookshire asked Mr. Veeder, City Manager, and Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, to give thought to a reasonable time table on zoning hearings that will not be too restrictive and yet be considerate of the time required for the hearings.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED.

Mayor Brookshire called a recess at 4:55 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET POLICY FOR UN-IMPROVED NON-ASSESSMENT STREETS RE-INSTATED.

Mrs. C. L. Ballard stated she and her neighbors are present today to ask that a one-block street, off Hoskins Avenue, be paved. She stated this is Thompson Street and is one block beyond Belhaven Boulevard; that when the weather is bad the street is impassable; that the mailman gets stuck trying to deliver her mail; during dry weather it is very dusty.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Acting City Engineer, stated this street extends off Hoskins Avenue one block east of Belhaven Boulevard and extends south for 450 feet to an unopened street; that Mrs. Ballard actually lives on this unopened street, and has no frontage on Thompson Street; this street was annexed in 1960 and was not under any state maintenance at the time. That in 1960 the City Engineering Department prepared a list of the streets for City Council and recommended they be approved by petition assessment with a limited per front foot cost of \$2.50; that a good many of the streets were improved under this petition assessment. He stated Thompson Street has been rough-graded at one time and it has storm drainage problems and it would cost approximately \$2,500 to add a 24-foot width and the necessary minimum storm drainage. He suggested that the property owners consider the petition assessment offered to the people in 1960.

Mrs. Ballard stated they are all retired people and they do well to keep their property up; that they pay taxes and feel they deserve having the street paved.

After further discussion, Councilman Smith moved that the special assessment street policy for unimproved streets which expired in 1965 be re-instated, and the City Manager advise Council what cost would be involved based on today's prices. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO WORK WITH PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION ON REQUEST FOR FENCING FOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION.

Mr. Carl Flowe stated he is present on behalf of the Amateur Softball Association in Charlotte; that in cities smaller than Charlotte and larger too, this is normally handled by the Park and Recreation Commission; this has not been the case in Charlotte; it is handled by someone in their spare time. He stated there are 56 teams of adults in the association they play two games a night at every field in Freedom Park, five nights a week; and there are in excess of 1,000 people participating in this.

Mr. Flowe stated he has appealed to the Park and Recreation Commission on two occasions at their monthly meeting requesting fencing for their outfield and outlying areas; that as of January 12, the Commission refused this request. He stated they are requesting this fencing for the safety of their players and for the spectators.

Mr. Flowe stated he is asking and appealing to Council for any help and consideration it might be able to give.

Councilman Short suggested that both sides be brought together at a Council Conference Session, and he suggested that Mr. Veeder arrange for Doc Martin, Mr. Marion Diehl and Mr. Flowe/^{to} be brought to a Conference Session to discuss this.

Councilman Smith suggested that the Mayor appoint a Committee from the Council to meet with the Park and Recreation Commission.

Mayor Brookshire appointed Messrs. Smith, Stegall and Whittington to the Committee.

Councilman Stegall stated a young man who works for him is involved in this and his prime concern is that the sport has grown to such a point that they are concerned about injuring spectators.

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PETITION NO. 69-13 BY LINCOLN COMPANY, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 AND R-6MF TO B-2 AND O-6 OF PROPERTIES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CENTRAL AVENUE, BEGINNING AT CAROLYN DRIVE AND EXTENDING EASTWARD 847.49 FEET, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, to defer the subject petition.

PETITION NO. 69-10 BY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-12MF OF PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DELTA ROAD, BEGINNING 2,000 FEET NORTH OF ALBEMARLE ROAD AND EXTENDING NORTHWARD APPROXIMATELY 2,985 FEET, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES INVOLVING THREE TAXPAYERS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$586.63 WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes involving three taxpayers in the total amount of \$586.63 which were levied and collected through clerical error. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 290.

CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the installation of water mains were approved:

- (a) Contract with Cummins Sales Corporation for the installation of 1,500 feet of water main and one fire hydrant to serve the company's facility located on I-85, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$12,300.00. 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) Contract with SWS Incorporated for the installation of 450 feet of water main to serve a proposed doctor's clinic located on Hedgemore Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,732.00. 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.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, APPROVED.

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

- (a) Contract with Phillips Petroleum Company for the construction of 290 feet of 8-inch main to serve a service station on Beatties Ford Road at Hoskins Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,700.00, 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.

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- (b) Contract with Service Distributing Company for the construction of 587 feet of 8-inch main and 450 feet of 8-inch trunk to serve Helms Motor Lines, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$9,065.00, 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.
- (c) Contract with Gulf Oil Corporation for construction of 310 feet of 8-inch main to serve 100 East Woodlawn Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,730.00, 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.

APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION BY RICHARD W. SCOTT FOR PRIVILEGE LICENSE FOR PRIVATE DETECTIVE.

Councilman Short moved approval of an application by Richard W. Scott for Privilege License for Private Detective. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

REQUEST OF AIRPORT MANAGER TO UPGRADE THE AIRPORT SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$60,500.00 AUTHORIZED AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED UNOBLIGATED BALANCE OF AIRPORT FUND TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THIS PURPOSE ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the upgrading of the airport sanitary sewer system at an estimated cost of \$60,500.00, and adopting the ordinance authorizing the transfer of the \$60,500.00 from the Unappropriated Unobligated Balance of Airport Funds for this purpose.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 134.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for continuous maintenance by the city:

- (a) Atmore Street, from Sugar Creek Road to 120 feet west of Sugar Creek Road.
- (b) Highlake Drive, from 215 feet north of Malibur Drive to 490 feet north of Lakecrest Drive.
- (c) Lakecrest Drive, from Highlake Drive to 475 feet west of Highlake Drive.
- (d) Pressley Road, from 337 feet south of the centerline of Barringer Drive to 234 feet north of the centerline of Rose-Thorn Place.
- (e) Rose-Vine Place from Barringer Drive 940 feet north of Rose-Vine Place, 360 feet west of Pressley Road.
- (f) Rose-Thorn Place, from Barringer Drive 1,105 feet north to Rose-Thorn Place, 330 feet east of Pressley Road.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTION AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, approval was made of the acquisition of 15,277 square feet of property on Jackson Drive at Eaton Circle, from A. T. Withrow and wife, Clara Lee L. Withrow, at \$500.00, for sanitary sewer easement to serve Jackson Homes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF BENJAMIN DONALD HARRY AND WIFE, HANSEL GUEST HARRY, LOCATED AT 4116 NORTH TRYON STREET FOR SUGAR CREEK ROAD-NORTH TRYON STREET INTERSECTION PROJECT.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 291.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, to approve the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with B. Brevard Brookshire for appraisal of one parcel at a fee of \$125.00 for the Northwest Expressway.
- (b) Contract with John W. Huffaker for appraisal of one parcel at a fee of \$125.00 for Northwest Sanitary Sewer at Vest Water Station.
- (c) Contract with Charles E. Owens for appraisal of one parcel at a fee of \$125.00 for the Northwest Sanitary Sewer at Vest Water Station.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Councilman Whittington moved the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Sam Johnson for Grave No. 4, in Lot No. 18, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Norma Foote Guy for Graves 3 and 4, in Lot No. 15, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF STERN REALTY, INC. TO WITHDRAW FROM DEDICATION THAT PORTION OF YADKIN AVENUE CONTIGUOUS TO THEIR PROPERTY LYING BETWEEN EAST TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET AND EAST TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved that public hearing be set for Monday, May 12, 1969, on the subject petition of Stern Realty Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED T. A. SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON DRUID CIRCLE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Stegall, to award contract to the low bidder, T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, Inc in the amount of \$41,086.00, on a unit price basis, for the materials, equipment and labor required for storm drainage, paving and curb and gutter on Druid Circle. A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

T. A. Sherrill Const. Co., Inc.	\$41,086.00
Crowder Construction Co.	41,987.75
Carolina Paving Co., Inc.	45,186.25
Rea Construction Co.	47,510.90

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS ON NORTH TRYON STREET AND SUGAR CREEK ROAD.

Councilman Whittington moved contract to be awarded the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$246,407.75, on a unit price basis, for intersection improvements on North Tryon Street and Sugar Creek Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Co.	\$246,407.75
T. A. Sherrill Const. Co., Inc.	265,218.75
Carolina Paving Co., Inc.	265,469.50
Blythe Brothers Company	267,988.50
Rea Construction Company	308,327.90

CONTRACT AWARDED JOHN MILLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR DESKS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, John Miller & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$27,571.50, on a unit price basis, for desks for the Law Enforcement Center.

The following bids were received:

John Miller & Assoc., Inc.	\$27,571.50
General Fireproofing Co.	27,605.38
Columbia Office Supply Co.	27,780.57
Modern Office Supply Co.	27,878.19

CONTRACT AWARDED GENERAL FIREPROOFING COMPANY FOR SECRETARIAL CHAIRS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, to award contract to the low bidder, General Fireproofing Company, in the amount of \$8,579.90, on a unit price basis, for secretarial chairs for law enforcement center.

The following bids were received:

General Fireproofing Co.	\$ 8,579.90
John Miller & Assoc., Inc.	10,410.50
Columbia Office Supply Co.	10,448.33

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CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR FILING EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Whittington moved to award contract to Columbia Office Supply Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$26,443.80, for filing equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$26,443.80
General Fireproofing Co.	30,087.86
John Miller & Assoc., Inc.	34,344.09
Modern Office Supply Co.	33,099.69

CONTRACT AWARDED THE GENERAL FIREPROOFING COMPANY FOR CLASSROOM CHAIRS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder meeting specifications, The General Fireproofing Company, in the amount of \$2,093.23, on a unit price basis, for classroom chairs.

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Columbia Office Supply Company	\$ 1,124.33
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CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR FINGERPRINT FILES.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$1,760.20, on a unit price basis, for fingerprint files.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$ 1,760.20
O. G. Pengar Company	1,819.48

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR SEATING UNITS.

Councilman Stegall moved award of contract to O. G. Penegar Co., the low bidder, in the amount of \$44,708.99, on a unit price basis, for seating units. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$44,708.99
Columbia Office Supply Co.	45,312.25
Ray Lang, Inc.	46,262.93
Miller's Office Equipment Co.	48,141.46

CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA SUPPLY COMPANY FOR DESK AND SEATING.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$2,559.80, on a unit price basis, for desk and seating.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$ 2,559.80
Miller's Office Equip. Co.	2,810.31
O. G. Penegar Company	3,838.89
Ray Lang, Inc.	3,424.74

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CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR TABLES.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$102.77, on a unit price basis, for tables.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$	102.77
Miller's Office Equipment Co.		110.68
O. G. Penegar Company		115.34
Ray Lang, Inc.		126.64

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR BOOK SHELVING.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to O. G. Penegar Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$444.05, on a unit price basis, for book shelving. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$	444.05
Columbia Office Supply Co.		456.70
Ray Lang, Inc.		485.20

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR LAB STOOLS.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, O. G. Penegar Company, in the amount of \$272.33, on a unit price basis, for lab stools.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$	272.33
Miller's Office Equipment Co.		318.06

CONTRACT AWARDED MILLER'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR CARD CATALOGUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Miller's Office Equipment Company, in the amount of \$87.33, on a unit price basis, for card catalogue.

The following bids were received:

Miller's Office Equipment Co.	\$	87.33
O. G. Penegar Company		90.83

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR PLAN FILES.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the only bidder, O. G. Penegar Company, in the amount of \$981.91, on a unit price basis, for plan files. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR SUPPLY SHELVING.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Miller's Office Equipment Co., in the amount of \$2,005.77, on a unit price basis, for supply shelving.

The following bids were received:

Miller Office Equipment Co.	\$ 2,005.77
O. G. Penegar Company	2,267.62

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR DRAFTING TABLES.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, O. G. Penegar Company, in the amount of \$201.60, on a unit price basis, for drafting tables.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$ 201.60
Miller Office Equipment Co.	217.35

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR EXECUTIVE CHAIRS.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to the low bidder, O. G. Penegar Company, in the amount of \$589.67, on a unit price basis, for executive chairs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$ 589.67
John Miller & Assoc., Inc.	608.00
Miller Office Equipment Co.	609.55

CONTRACT AWARDED O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR OPEN SHELF FILES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, O. G. Penegar Company, in the amount of \$1,672.97, on a unit price basis, for open shelf files.

The following bids were received:

O. G. Penegar Company	\$ 1,672.97
Remington Rand	1,938.03

CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF CARPET.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$2,283.50, on a unit price basis, for installation of carpet.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$2,283.50
O. G. Penegar Company	2,392.08
Halls, Inc.	2,504.85
Newton & Newton	3,114.56

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CONTRACT AWARDED TO COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF BLINDS.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$1,284.47, on a unit price basis, for installation of blinds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$1,284.47
Newton & Newton	1,490.29
O. G. Penegar Company	1,849.04

CONTRACT AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF DRAPERIES

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Columbia Office Supply Company, in the amount of \$1,075.15, on a unit price basis, for installation of draperies.

The following bids were received:

Columbia Office Supply Co.	\$1,075.15
O. G. Penegar Company	1,444.62

CONTRACTS AWARDED COLUMBIA OFFICE SUPPLY, MILLER OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO. AND O. G. PENEGAR COMPANY FOR MISCELLANEOUS ACCESSORIES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low individual bids for miscellaneous accessories for the law enforcement center, as follows:

Columbia Office Supply	\$1,175.89
Miller Office Equipment Co.	1,192.03
O. G. Penegar Company	2,249.21

CONTRACT AWARDED MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS, INC. FOR POLICE RADIO SYSTEM EQUIPMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., in the amount of \$282,971.00, on a unit price basis, for police radio system equipment with a firm contract in the amount of \$171,960.00, and the city to exercise it's option under addendum No. 2 to purchase items or percentage of items after August 1, 1969 in the total amount of \$111,011.00.

The following bids were received:

Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc.	\$282,971.00
Carolina Electronics	370,497.00

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ORDINANCE NO. 176-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of the subject ordinance, authorizing the transfer of \$36,700.20 to Capital Improvement Program for Law Enforcement Center to finance a portion of the cost of office furniture and accessories for the Law Enforcement Center Building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 135.

ORDINANCE NO. 177-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 939-X, THE 1968-69 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted transferring \$26,824.00 to Police Department Budget for Radio Equipment for Law Enforcement Center.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 136.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL IN HIDDENBROOK VALLEY TO BE INSTALLED AND WORKING BY THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK.

Councilman Stegall stated there have been some questions by people in Hiddenbrook Valley area about a traffic light approved several months ago.

He reported the traffic light will be installed and functioning by Thursday of this week.

REPORT ON TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT INTERSECTION OF SHARON ROAD AND RUNNYMEDE.

Councilman Smith stated on January 7 he requested, through Mr. Veeder, that Mr. Hoose check the traffic controls at Sharon Road and Runnymede; that he has a communication from Mr. Hoose in which he reports he has contacted the State Highway Department requesting them to furnish the necessary traffic control equipment for this intersection; that upon the receipt of the equipment, usually 30-60 days, the Traffic Engineering Department will install and maintain the equipment at this location.

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF RAILROAD CROSSING AT 36TH STREET AND NORTH TRYON STREET.

Councilman Smith stated he has received a lot of complaints on the trains blocking the crossing at 36th Street and North Tryon about 8:00 o'clock in the morning; he requested the City Manager to have someone check the crossing with a report back to Council.

REPORT THAT TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT PROVIDENCE AND SHARON AMITY NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY.

Councilman Tuttle stated he knows that scientifically Providence Road and Sharon Amity intersection are the last word; but since the signals have been installed the people can now turn left from Sharon Amity into Providence Road but everyone else has to wait three times as long. Mr. Veeder stated the State has committed itself to improving the left turn slot; that this will help but it will not be the complete answer.

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REPORT ON MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES.

Councilman Whittington stated last Wednesday he attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities in Raleigh, and three things came out of this meeting.

- (1) Mrs. Davetta Steed, the second Executive Director, of the League is going to take early retirement effective November 1; the Board voted for her to stay on through January to help with the transition; that Mr. Leigh Wilson was elected to this position, subject to the confirmation of the League Convention this Fall.
- (2) The League is in support of removing the sewer debt from the general obligation bond debt that cities have; that this legislation was to be introduced last week by Representative Johnson of Wake County. The League is also going to ask for an increase in the gasoline tax and the amount of the increase will be up to the Staff.
- (3) The HUD office in Atlanta is to be transferred to Philadelphia; this will be HUD, HEW and others; the office in Charlottesville, Virginia will be removed also, and this would mean that we in North Carolina will have no contact except with the Philadelphia office.

Councilman Whittington stated it seems to him that we, as a municipality, should do all we can to prevent this office from moving.

REPORT ON MAYOR AND MANPOWER SEMINAR IN BALTIMORE.

Councilman Jordan stated he attended the Mayor and Manpower Seminar in Baltimore last week in Mayor Brookshire's place; that it was a very workable meeting; that he learned a lot about the different programs; that the program Mayor Brookshire started here - SPEAR - went over very well with the Mayors and the government people attending from the Labor Department in Washington; that many of the cities are interested in starting this program in their cities.

REQUEST TO USE P.A. SYSTEM FOR HEAD START PROGRAM REGISTRATION APPROVED.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated Mr. Charles Black was present earlier in the meeting to request permission to use a P. A. System to register children for the Head Start Program; that the P. A. System will be used today and tomorrow starting at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon. That because of the time element he is presenting this request to Council for Mr. Black. Councilman Short moved that the request be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW BILL FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING THE FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he has not talked with Mr. Alex Josephs, Chairman of the Firemen's Retirement System, but he has a note from him stating the Board of Trustees would like to see the proposed legislation changed allowing "not less than 6.48 percent of salary" to be contributed by the firemen in the city rather than the present reading which says 6.48 percent; that their reasoning is that the firemen may desire some change in the retirement system prior to legislative approval two years from now. Mr. Veeder suggested that Council give a form of endorsement to this so that the City Attorney's office can prepare the Bill.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the recommendation, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

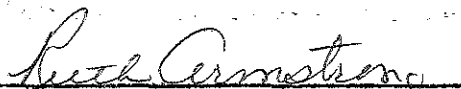
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REPORT THAT DELEGATION OTHER THAN MECKLENBURG WILL INTRODUCE LEGISLATION ON VANDALISM IN MOTEL ROOMS.

Councilman Short stated he understands that some of the resort areas of the state were having problems with vandalism in motel rooms, and upon hearing of Charlotte's effort to have a Bill put in on this, and our Delegation's refusal to do it, some of the other Delegations took it over, and this Bill will be introduced and it may very well pass.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk