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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, November 3, 1969, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, Pastor of AME Zion Weeping Willow Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on October 20th, were approved as submitted.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM ANALYSIS FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. James Tillery, Field Liason for the Governor's Highway Safety Program, stated each Councilman has had a copy of the analysis for the City of Charlotte placed in their hands, and he hopes they have had occasion to look through it.

He stated with the passage of the Highway Safety Act of 1966, Congress made available a sum of money to be used in the different areas of traffic safety throughout the nation on a state level, political subdivision level, or county and city level; this sum of money was to be used from the years 1968-69-70 and 71 in the areas of traffic safety. The sum of \$267 million was appropriated and prorated to the states - North Carolina's share for the fiscal year 1969 was \$1.6 million. Mr. Tillery stated our program was able to obligate this total sum of money and it is in the process of being used in several areas of traffic safety; for the fiscal year 1970 which will end in June the share is \$1.9 million and we expect to get something over \$2.0 million as our appropriated share during the next fiscal year.

Mr. Tillery stated in the first year most of it was obligated and spent on a state level in the areas of driver education and motor vehicle inspection and motor vehicle registration and some of the state related functions. This year and for the next fiscal year they hope to be able to place more of this \$1.9 million in a political subdivision. It was specified by the Act of Congress that the money would have to be used on a 60-40 ratio; no more than 60% of the money can be used on a state level and at least 40%, and if they so desire more than 40%, on a political subdivision scale.

Mr. Tillery stated it was their idea and the Governor's to contract through the Governor's Highway Safety Program with the National Safety Council to have made for the 61 larger towns and cities - 5,000 population or over - this analysis for the local highway safety program as seen by the National Safety Council. In addition to the 61 towns and cities they selected five of the larger more metropolitan counties and Mecklenburg County was included in that along with Gaston, Cumberland, Forsythe and Buncombe Counties. He stated they contracted with the National Safety Council and their personnel came into the State of North Carolina to conduct three work shops throughout the state for the people who were selected by the Mayors and City Manager as the Local Highway Safety Coordinator for the county or particular political subdivision. For the City of Charlotte, the Mayor selected Mr. Floyd Bass, who is the Managing Director of the Citizens Safety Association. Mr. Bass did

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quite a bit during this preliminary work; he attended the workshop and came back with a tremendous large brochure of the forms and the 16 standards of traffic safety that was handed down and promulgated by the National Highway Safety Bureau. He was successful in his efforts working with different members of the City Staff in having the forms completed and they were returned to the Governor's Highway Safety Program and sent to the National Safety Council. Subsequently in the past month or so they had all the analysis returned and they have been distributed to the Council.

Mr. Tillery stated they have tried to determine exactly what the City of Charlotte is doing in these different 16 standard areas of traffic safety; they have tried to show through the analysis where the town and its officials may want to move if further compliance with these standards are desired.

He stated in the Governor's letter to Mayor Belk he says the document was designed as a comprehensive guide to the action needed to help reduce the traffic accident total within our state, and he urged that the entire analysis be reviewed; that it is intended as a tool to establish the needed directions for the development of an over-all highway safety program for the State of North Carolina, and in this case, for the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Tillery stated this analysis reflects the findings of the National Safety Council insofar as compliance is concerned with the 16 standard highway safety functions handed down by the National Highway Safety Bureau.

He stated without going into detail this is one of the better analysis they received; it was possibly the most complete and had the facilities and personnel available to help with it; this is reflected in the analysis. They were very complimentary on the high school driver education program, the adult education program, and the Defensive Driving Courses conducted last year and being conducted this year; they made the suggestion that by contacting the State Department of Public Instruction the same facilities may be made available to the adult portion of the citizenry to gain more knowledge of how to safely operate a motor vehicle and use the same facilities being used through the high schools. Emergency medical standards was very satisfactory, and they feel that the City of Charlotte complies 100% in everyone of the emergency medical services, and it could only advise that as the City sees the need that it expand on these facilities and make them further available as the need arises.

Mr. Tillery stated in the area of public information it was very highly complimentary with the two motor clubs and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Citizens Association being responsible for this. They pointed out a few areas in pedestrian safety in which they may project efforts in the next couple of years. Also in pedestrian safety there is a program that will be funded through the Governor's Highway Safety Program which will be a pedestrian sidewalk study with identifications available to the actual locations as related to pedestrian facilities in which a contract with an outside consultant will be funded on a 60% matching basis through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

He stated on a political subdivision basis they have funded programs to the City of Charlotte to a greater degree than any other - there are three projects in effect at this time. In the area of Police Traffic services there is a Police Traffic Supervision School which is an indepth study of automobile accident investigations; this was funded by the Governor's Highway Safety Program in the amount of some \$28,000; 240 of the police personnel attend one of eight weeks of courses being offered in police traffic supervision. He stated several of the Police Department's men have attended the traffic supervision schools taught and provided through their funds by the Northwestern University Traffic Institute; there have been four other courses which the Charlotte policemen have attended at other locations in the state.

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Mr. Tillery stated they are also in a program with the Police Department to purchase on 100% federal funds 35 speed detection units; these are in the process of being ordered and should be available by the end of the year; this is something like \$33,000 and is 100% financed program by the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

If the Pedestrian Sidewalk Study is successful, this will cost approximately \$22,000 and will be funded substantially through the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

Mr. Tillery stated while they have participated in several projects with the City, they invite the City when it has the needs for advice or funding to continue to get in touch with them and they will be glad to talk about any of the areas of traffic safety.

He stated he has placed in Mr. Floyd Bass's hand a brochure which gives a list of the 16 standard areas of traffic safety and all involve projects or programs which are capable of being funded through their office; that Mr. Herman Hoose, Traffic Engineer, also has a copy. He stated if any of the Councilmen would like a copy he will make them available.

EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT AIMED AT CONTROL OF THE ALCOHOL AND DRIVING PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA.

Mr. Richard Williams of the Research Triangle Institute stated the Department of Transportation is interested in funding a project in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area dealing with excessive drinking and driving and how to solve excessive drinking and driving. The project if funded would be directed toward the identification of the problem driver and the problem drinker and the alcoholic as he drives and into providing means to stop him either from driving or drinking or drinking and driving. The countermeasures fall into three basic areas of (1) prevention; in this area we are talking about education and advertising campaigns to prevent people from excessive driving and drinking; (2) enforcement - with more enforcement personnel, breath analysers; and (3) the follow-through where the problem drinker or alcoholic is assisted. The measures of the countermeasures have to deal with the (1) number of crashes that occur; (2) how many people are identified as problem drinkers; and (3) how many people can be rehabilitated who have been identified.

Mr. Williams stated the cost of the project is very difficult to determine right now but will range from \$500,000 to \$1.0 million and will be funded by the Department of Transportation, National Highway Safety Bureau; and should run from three to five years to give the length of time necessary to look at the effectiveness of the measures.

In Charlotte-Mecklenburg a number of agencies would be involved; a coordination effort is required from all the agencies in order to prepare a proposal; State Agencies would also be involved and their assistance is needed in preparing the proposal to the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Williams stated if we are to move ahead and submit a proposal to the Department of Transportation, action needs to be taken very soon in order that the proposal might be prepared. Research Triangle Institute will add their assistance and do everything necessary to help Charlotte in preparing its proposal. A project manager is needed in Charlotte to direct the project, and to run it; Research Triangle will provide technical assistance in directions where necessary. The main thrust of the project must be controlled from the City-County area by someone who is familiar enough with the various agencies and personnel involved to take the necessary action.

Mr. Williams stated almost immediately a joint meeting of the various agencies and people is needed so their part of the proposal can be merged together with a total proposal and somewhere around November 19 bring everyone together with various needs and submit the proposal to the Department of Transportation by December 1. The Department of Transportation is funding six of these projects and they would like the funding to start somewhere around the beginning of the year. This means we will have to move fast if we are going to submit a proposal.

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Councilman Whittington asked who would start the proposal as far as the local community is concerned? Mr. Williams replied the project manager would have to contact the various agencies and determine what their needs are; if the City wants to appoint someone as project manager Research Triangle Institute will work with him; his salary can be written into the proposal.

Mr. Williams stated the project manager should be appointed by the City and his basic function at this time will be to pull all the agencies together and find out what their needs are so they can finalize a proposal and send it in.

The City Manager asked if the City would be the applicant, and how much it will cost? Mr. Williams replied the City would be the applicant and it will not cost the city anything; the City of Charlotte will be the applicant for the grant from the Department of Transportation, and the Research Triangle Institute will submit a sub-proposal to the City for some technical assistance on the project; the actual project control has to be done at the City level.

Mr. Williams stated the Research Triangle can only submit the technical assistance proposal to the City; they can help in the measures and in the counter-measures. He stated they have started the technical part of the proposal but cannot finish it until they find out the necessary budget items and technical concepts from the Police Department, Welfare Department, the Courts and Probation people. Mr. Williams stated it would ideally be a joint submission; the City can submit, the County can submit or they can submit jointly; it would probably be best to submit jointly.

Mr. Williams stated no one in North Carolina has submitted a plan, and there will be only six areas in the United States who will submit a plan. He stated Mr. Floyd Bass is familiar with the program.

Councilman Tuttle stated the population of the City is roughly 250,000 and the population of the County is 350,000; he asked Mr. Williams if he would recommend that the application be made and the program headed up by the City, County, or jointly? Mr. Williams replied jointly; that the demonstration project itself should have the necessary technical area to work in and in getting enough people and enough action, and you will need the entire county rather than just the city.

Mr. Bass of the Citizens Safety Association stated he will be available to discuss this with the City any time and will not take up their time tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 424-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NW SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD OPPOSITE STARKWOOD DRIVE, FROM R-9 TO R-9MF ON PETITION OF PORTER B. BYRUM.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 403.

ORDINANCE NO. 425-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CENTRAL AVENUE, EAST OF CAROLYN DRIVE, ON PETITION OF FAYE M. SHAHEEN, ET AL.

Motion was made by Councilman Short to adopt the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 404.

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ORDINANCE NO. 426-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY FROM R-6MF TO O-6 ON TWO LOTS AT 620 AND 624 LAMAR AVENUE, ON PETITION OF DALIA H. ROCK AND CHARLES H. HENDLEY.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 405.

ORDINANCE NO. 427-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY WITHIN THE DILWORTH URBAN RENEWAL AREA BOUNDED GENERALLY BY SOUTH BOULEVARD, TEMPLETON AVENUE, A LINE BETWEEN EUCLID AVENUE AND CLEVELAND AVENUE, AND A LINE BETWEEN RENASSELEAR AVENUE AND BLAND STREET, FROM I-1 AND O-6 TO R-6MF, O-6 AND B-1, ON PETITION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from I-1 and O-6 to R-6MF, O-6 and B-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Pages 406-407.

PETITION NO. 69-96 BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF AND B-2 TO I-2 OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77, SOUTH TRYON STREET, SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND THE EXISTING I-2 BOUNDARY LINE ALONG FRANCES STREET, REFERRED BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of an ordinance changing the zoning on the subject property from R-6MF and B-2 to I-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Short stated this is approximately 60 acres at the intersection of the Belt Road and I-77 and South Tryon Street; this would be an ideal location for all sorts of things; it is five minutes from the airport on the new Belt Road; five minutes from Downtown Charlotte on I-77 and five minutes from Arrowood. He stated it would be excellent for an office complex and various things. He stated when the Belt Road hit North Tryon Street, immediately Tryon Mall was built and all kinds of other business development at that intersection and up and down the street. What this is doing is gratuitously placing on this 60 acres at this vital intersection zoning for an automobile grave yard; that he thinks we should wait and see what the people want to do with this land; someone who wants to put a business or office here is going to be scared away if they get the feeling they will be overlooking an automobile graveyard.

Councilman Short made a substitute motion that the petition be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Whittington stated he agrees with what Mr. Short has said, and he would prefer the motion would delay the petition until Council can hear from the Planning Commission.

Councilman Short stated he is not opposing Petition No. 69-80 as the petitioners have in mind something specific they want to do on a small portion of this property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the Planning Commission's interest in considering the larger area was a matter of considering the well being of what they consider to be an area they had to take as a whole; this is a triangular shaped area which contains between 60-75 acres that is bounded on all three sides by some land features the Planning Commission does not

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consider to be the sort of features that would encourage further residential development of the area; there is Interstate 77 on one side; there is a railroad on the second side and there is existing I-2 on the third side. When Petition 69-80 came before the Planning Commission for consideration they felt that before they could properly consider a recommendation on that area that a more uniform and enlarged recommendation should come from them, and this is the purpose of the Commission proposing the larger area. They are not aware of any specific use of the property that might be proposed. He stated the owners of all the property contained within this triangular shaped area were contacted and they received favorable replies from all but two, and those did not reply at all. Mr. Bryant stated one reason they felt inclined to go the industrial route is the fact this area has very limited type of access to the interchange with I-77; the access is gratuitous and is not direct; the only frontage the property actually has on the interchange is by way of ramp frontage rather than any direct relationship to it.

Councilman Whittington stated the I-2 property to the west has been there for some years and contains some hundred acres of land; he asked if this is across the railroad or on the same side as the subject property? Mr. Bryant replied it is on the same side as the subject property and is immediately adjacent; it is in the same general area of Rollingwood and Clanton Park; but it is at least a quarter to half a mile removed.

Councilman Alexander asked how Council can prevent an undesirable activity on the property such as an automobile graveyard? Mr. Bryant replied Council might consider zoning it as I-1 rather than the recommended I-2; you cannot put a junkyard in I-1.

Councilman Jordan made a second substitute motion to defer action on the petition and refer it back to the Planning Commission for further study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Short stated this is at the corner of South Tryon Street and the Belt Road and this is of some significance notwithstanding the fact that in order to get on I-77, you have to go up a ramp? Mr. Bryant replied if there was a substantial amount of frontage on either one of the two, he would agree, but in terms of the amount of access and amount of frontage, he does not feel that industrial zoning is out of order from a planning and zoning standpoint. Councilman Short stated it has some 600-700 feet frontage on South Tryon Street, and the Belt Road cuts through it. He stated in order to get away from housing it seems it would be keeping out offices, business and even some light types of industry which would perhaps not want to look over an automobile graveyard.

Councilman Withrow stated he owns a piece of this property and will abstain from voting.

Councilman Short asked if the property owners who did not oppose this change did not indicate they were just glad to have some zoning change; that they were looking for some way to sell the land; they were not necessarily looking for this I-2? Mr. Bryant replied he would suspect that is true; the questionnaire sent out to them and which was returned to the Planning Office merely asked them the question would they be in favor of their property being considered for industrial zoning, and they checked yes with one exception; one said they did have some tentative plans for the property and industrial zoning would be agreeable for that purpose.

Councilman Jordan stated he would like for Council to go out and look at this property and get a better idea of what is being recommended.

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

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

Councilman Withrow abstained from voting.

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PETITION NO. 69-80 BY CORNELIA K. HAWKINS AND ANDREW M. WILLIAMS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO I-2 OF PROPERTY FRONTING 79 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PRESSLEY ROAD AND 635 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF YORKWOOD ROAD, DEFERRED AND REFERRED BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Short moved adoption of an ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to I-2 on the subject property, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this property is adjacent to the present I-2 in the area and is on the west side of the entire tract of the property under Petition No. 69-96. He stated he feels the two petitions - No. 69-96 and 69-80 should be treated in a like manner.

Councilman Whittington made a substitute motion to defer action on the subject petition and refer it back to the Planning Commission for further study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 428-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP CHANGING THE ZONING OF 14.124 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WEST OF MONICLAIR SOUTH SUBDIVISION AND EAST OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77, FROM I-2 TO R-9MF ON PETITION OF THE ERVIN COMPANY.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 408.

STATEMENT BY TOM SYKES RELATING TO REFERENDUM ON ADDITIONAL ONE CENT SALES TAX.

Mr. Thomas Sykes stated he is known as "Sales Tax Sykes" and there was a little controversy going earlier but it has now been remedied; through the efforts of their small, but vocal group they have been allowed time on Channel 42, Educational TV this evening. He stated he is here to solicit the assistance of the Mayor and the Members of the City Council who desire to see fairness in this instance. That Mr. Short has made a tape to be on Channel 42 at 9:00 o'clock and the opposition was not asked to participate; this being an educational tv function supported by taxpayers, he thought the opposition should be heard. However, they have been allowed time.

Councilman Alexander stated for the record, Mr. Short is not representing the City in this endeavor tonight; he is representing Mr. Milton Short. Councilman Tuttle stated he is indeed representing Mr. Milton Short.

Councilman Short stated this appearance was not his suggestion or his idea; this program is a regular program and various people in the community are invited there for "Face the City"; the program occurs every week; that he does not know that the people at the Educational TV station looked upon this from any of the regular sequence of programs they have; the interrogators carefully did not ask him his view on this matter, and he did not state his view; the effort was made to present factual information and fiscal information.

PETITION NO. 69-91 BY ED GRIFFIN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF MONROE ROAD BEGINNING AT EAST MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY AND EXTENDING TOWARD VISTA DRIVE, DEFERRED.

Mr. Joe Griffin, Attorney for Ed Griffin Development Corporation, stated Council, in meeting on October 20, deferred hearing on the subject petition pending his appearance before the School Board. At a meeting last week the

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Board did re-hear the matter, and referred it to the Sites Committee. Therefore, the School Board will not have a chance to make up its collective minds until after the date set for the hearing on the petition on November 10. Mr. Griffin stated he has filed a letter asking that the hearing again be postponed until the School Board has an opportunity to make up its collective minds.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, advised this is within the discretion of the City Council whether or not it will allow the postponement; if they do, the petition will have to be re-advertised.

Councilman Whittington asked what is wrong with going ahead with the hearing and taking no action until the School Board makes a decision one way or the other? Mr. Griffin replied it could have great implications from their viewpoint as the School Board would have a protest in as they have not withdrawn their protest and this could influence the action of the City Council.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks all the facts should be brought out before Council makes a decision, and for that reason he would agree that we should wait until the School Board makes a decision.

Mr. Underhill stated if the School Board does withdraw its name from the protest it will not affect the 3/4 Rule. Later in the meeting, Mr. Underhill corrected this and advised the School Board is the only protestant and if the protest is withdrawn, it will take a simple majority vote of Council to change the zoning.

Councilman Whittington moved that when the School Board Sites Committee reports back to the School Board and the information is forwarded to Council, Council will then set a new hearing date for Zoning Petition 69-91. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Mr. Hobson, resident of the area, and one of the general protestants, stated the group he and Mr. Burnett have been working with will, in the interest of fair play, abide by the motion.

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

REQUEST FOR CROSSING GUARDS IN HIDDEN VALLEY AREA.

Mr. Palmer Maples, Jr. stated he is representing the Hidden Valley PTA and they have sent a petition along with a letter to the Mayor requesting two crossing guards in their school area; they have 1,105 students in the school and there are two particular corners with which they are concerned - Thornwood and Snow White Lane and Snow White Lane, Edgerton Drive and Echo Glen. He stated they feel they should have crossing guards at these corners because of the number of children and the number of cars that travel the routes.

The City Manager advised he discussed this request with Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, this morning and the Traffic Engineering Department is now running a survey on this, and the results are not available at this time.

Mayor Belk advised Mr. Maples that the City will be back in touch with him. That it will take about two weeks to complete the survey.

STATEMENT BY REVEREND QUICK REGARDING PARK AND RECREATION COMMITMENT FOR USE OF BOND FUNDS.

Reverend C. E. Quick, Minister of East Stonewall A. M. E. Zion Church, stated he is a citizen of the City of Charlotte concerned with the wellbeing of all mankind. He stated they would like to congratulate the Mayor and Council for using their influence with the Park and Recreation Commission in suggesting that they wait before taking final action on their decision; he stated they

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are not against any parks in Charlotte as they feel we will all grow and we must all grow together; they are aware that it takes the rich, the poor, the high and the low, the black and the white to make progress. If there is progress we must all move together and see that we all progress together. If Charlotte is to grow we must grow together for the betterment of all its citizens.

Reverend Quick stated he regrets the Park and Recreation Commission went into secret session to decide to take back something they had decided upon; they feel it would have been better if they had met in open session and allowed all to come and present their cases as they wanted; money will do many things; it will help and if not used right, it will hurt. He stated they come to Council because they would not like to see our parks get into the same condition as we found our schools this past summer; it is true that in the final analysis, we had to close six or seven of our schools this year; it is true it was almost mandatory because we had allowed our schools to get in a condition that was not pleasing to the community. Therefore, the powers to be said we might as well close them and move into other areas which meant in the white community. They come today because they would not like for the parks to get into this same condition; they would like to keep them up to par and would like for them to stay in a condition that either white or black, blue or green, red or white, when they get ready to go to a park will feel free to go from one side of town to the other feeling they are not going to inferior parks. They recognize that mistakes have been made in the past, but they feel we are moving so fast and making so much progress until we do not have any time to waste on careless mistakes. They wish to have peace and harmony, but if people are not treated as human beings, there will not be peace and harmony, there will be trouble; there will be problems.

Reverend Quick stated as he observes the Mayor and Council daily making the many decisions they must make, he finds they have no time to waste and have no money to waste. That we are talking now of building up our city and he hopes we will also concern ourselves with building up lives as well. Recreation is very important in the lives of all the people, and they are tired of seeing black children and white children, just because they are middle class white or lower class white, or because they are black - they are tired of seeing the ambulance coming into their areas and picking up their children and carrying them to the hospitals simply because they were playing on the highway because they did not have any parks to play in; they are concerned about this, and they come for no other reason but to plead to the Mayor and Council to not ask the citizens of Charlotte to vote for a bond issue - they would like to see the city grow but not at the expense of elevating some conditions and letting others go. In a few years or a few months we will hear it said that we might as well let the children go where they can play safely; they would like to keep their communities and they feel that the City wants them to keep them and they have been asked to become involved in city government, concerned about all the people, as they are aware of the fact that the governing body cannot be intelligent on every problem and as close to them as they are.

Reverend Quick stated they come tonight expressing their concern and congratulating the Mayor and Council for asking the Park and Recreation Commission to wait and let decisions be made; this step has been taken and he hopes a further step will be taken to say to them what the money will be used for.

He stated the best way for anything to grow is to be honest, fair and just with all citizens. It took black blood, white blood and took all people to make Charlotte; if Charlotte is to continue its growth we must consider all of God's children.

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CITIZEN REQUESTING USE OF ADVERTISING SIGN IN DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE WHERE PROHIBITED ADVISED HE MUST APPEAL TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Mr. Sidney Croft stated the City Government permitted him to temporarily place a Holy Bible Non-Postage Stamp Sign on the side of a building in the 200 block of West Trade Street, and this is deeply appreciated. He stated the stamps are eye catching and are catching on rapidly everywhere they are made available to the public.

Mr. Croft stated he is present to request that special permission be granted to reveal the name and address of the producer of the stamps on the sign until after Christmas. He stated they were permitted to place the sign on the building but were required to place a black tape over the name and address of the producer of the stamp.

Mr. Croft stated if this is permitted he will pull the sign down right after Christmas; that Discover our Nation is not a non-profit organization; they are the producers and they would like the people to know where they can buy the stamps.

Mr. Underhill stated the Zoning Board of Adjustment has authority to hear and decide appeals from the City's Zoning Inspection Department and the Building Inspector, and the Board has the right to grant variances in certain cases; that Mr. Croft's request seems to be a proper request of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

After further discussion, Councilman Whittington stated the Building Inspection Department has given Mr. Croft permission to put the sign up as long as the name is covered; and because it is in violation of the ordinance, Council cannot allow Mr. Croft to remove the strip and expose the name of the company; that Mr. Croft should take this to the Zoning Board of Adjustment on appeal and if they see fit, they can give permission as requested by Mr. Croft; Council cannot.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF CROCKETT STREET, PLUM STREET, SOUTH LONG STREET, EAST FIRST STREET, BELL ALLEY AND EAST SECOND STREET, IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA SECTION 3-OF PROJECT N. C. R-37.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution setting the date of public hearing on Monday, December 1, 1969.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 447.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 899 feet of property at the southwest corner of LaSalle Street and Lakewood Avenue, from Solomon Edger Messner and wife, Mary B., at \$200.00, for the LaSalle Street Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 25' x 993.71' of easement at West Boulevard and I-77, from Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, at \$995.00, for relocation of sanitary sewer for North-South Expressway.
- (c) Acquisition of 25' x 561.02' of easement at Abbott Park near Spruce Street and Blanton Street - West Boulevard and I-77 area, from Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission, at \$560.00, for the relocation of sanitary sewer for North-South Expressway.

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- (d) Acquisition of 10' x 21.75' of easement at 2250 Cathey's Row, from William Rufus Massey, at \$23.00, for relocation of sanitary sewer for the North-South Expressway.
- (e) Acquisition of 25' x 587.27' of easement at 3020 Hillard Drive, from Corporation of the Presiding Bishop of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a Utah Corporation, at \$587.27, for the upper Briar Creek Outfall.
- (f) Acquisition of easement line within dedicated street from adjacent property owner, Fruehauf Corporation, at 4201 Pebble Street, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Buccaneer Motor Lodge, Inc.
- (g) Acquisition of 1½' x 44' x 4' x 44' of temporary construction easement at 423 N. Davidson Street, from William Robert Lee, Sr. and wife, Carrie Nelson, at \$1.00, for McDowell Street Improvements.
- (h) Acquisition of 1' x 33' x 9' x 22' of temporary construction easement, at 507 North McDowell Street, from Ethel V. Partee (widow), at \$1.00, for McDowell Street Improvements.
- (i) Acquisition of 4' x 10' of temporary construction easement at 515 North Davidson Street, from Corrie C. Mills, at \$1.00, for McDowell Street Improvements.

Councilman Alexander referred to Item (a) and stated some people are of the impression that LaSalle Street will be opened up and become a major thoroughfare; this is not the case; the only thing happening is that the Highway is going to make LaSalle Street at this point a dead-end and the only thing happening will be acquisition of property where the street will be improved. You will be able to turn around and come back.

COUNCILMEN SHORT AND WHITTINGTON LEFT MEETING.

Councilmen Short and Whittington left the meeting at this time and returned later as noted in the minutes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO ALSTON H. ALEXANDER AND WIFE, HELEN W., LOCATED AT 3717 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, FOR THE UPPER BRIAR CREEK OUTFALL.

Councilman Thrower moved 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 452.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY OF SOUTHERN CAR WASH, INC., AT 4341 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, FOR SANITARY SEWER TO SERVE 4329 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower to adopt the subject resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 453.

RESIDUE OF PROPERTY FROM THE I-77 RIGHT OF WAY CONVEYED TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO CONVEY TO THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOL BOARD.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the conveyance of a small parcel of land containing approximately 350 square feet of residue from the I-77 right of

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way to the State Highway Commission in order that the Commission can convey it to the Charlotte Mecklenburg School Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON RETURNS TO MEETING.

Councilman Whittington returned to the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the session.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with D. A. Stout for appraisal of one parcel of land at a fee of \$175.00 for the Kings Drive Widening Project.
- (b) Contract with Zollie A. Collins for appraisal of one parcel of land at a fee of \$125.00 for the Briar Creek Outfall.
- (c) Contract with D. A. Stout for appraisal of one parcel of land at a fee of \$150.00 for Sixth Street Improvements.

INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Supplementary Contract to contract dated August 18, 1969 with H. L. Coble Construction Company for the installation of 1,185 feet of water main and one fire hydrant to serve the Boulevard Homes Subdivisions, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. The applicant will advance the entire cost of the project and the city will place the funds in escrow until such time as the revenue derived equals or exceeds 5% per year pro-rated on a monthly basis for a continuous twelve months period, at which time the applicant will be reimbursed the entire cost of the project as deposited with the City, without interest.
- (b) Supplementary Contract to contract dated June 11, 1963 with Ed Griffin Development Corporation for the installation of 3,070 feet of water main and three fire hydrants to serve Hope Valley Subdivision, Section 2-D, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$15,000.00, with the city to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNKS AND MAINS, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer trunks and mains, which motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The contracts are as follows:

- (a) Contract with Buccaneer Motor Lodge, Inc. for the construction of 374 feet of 8-inch trunk to serve Buccaneer Motor Lodge, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,335.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the entire amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

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- (b) Contract with Drs. F. H. Culbreth and R. H. Poole, Jr. (a joint venture), for the construction of 70 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main, to serve 4304 Park Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$720.00, 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 Jackson Engineering Corporation, for the construction of 4,295 feet of 8-inch and 10-inch sanitary sewer trunk line to serve lands of Morrocroft Farm and Sharon Home Loan Company, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$33,285.00, 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.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO LUKE FREDERICK QUINN AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan approving the renewal of the subject special officer permit for a period of one year for use on the premises of Southern Railway C. D. Yard. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CLAIM FILED BY AMERICAN MUTUAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPANY AS INSURER OF ONE JACK BUCHANAN DENIED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject claim in the amount of \$394.26 be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the amount of \$828.88 levied against Chemical Development and Estimate Corporation through clerical error was adopted, and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 454.

ORDINANCE NO. 429-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLES AT 2801 SHARON AMITY ROAD PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200(43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Councilman Thrower moved adoption of the subject ordinance ordering the removal of two abandoned motor vehicles located at 2801 Sharon Amity Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 409.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinances were adopted as follows:

- (a) Ordinance No. 430-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property adjacent to 2525 Knollwood Drive.
- (b) Ordinance No. 431-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property adjacent to 1654 Arnold Drive.

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- (c) Ordinance No. 432-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property adjacent to 3604 Marvin Road.
- (d) Ordinance No. 433-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property at 301 and 303 West Tremont Avenue.
- (e) Ordinance No. 434-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property at 607 Baldwin Avenue.
- (f) Ordinance No. 435-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property at 3324 North Tryon Street.
- (g) Ordinance No. 436-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass on property at 2801 North Sharon Amity Road.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 410.

ORDINANCE NO. 437-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING A SUM OF \$10,000.00 FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO CAPITAL PROJECTS ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance amending Ordinance No. 255-X, the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance was adopted appropriating a sum of \$10,000.00 from the unappropriated general fund balance to Capital Projects Account No. 553.2 for the purpose of financing the cost of preparing partial drawings and outline specifications for the Greenville and First Ward Neighborhood Centers.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 417.

LEASE WITH A. M. E. ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE AND MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION FOR OFFICE SPACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE AME ZION PUBLISHING HOUSE BUILDING APPROVED.

Councilman Thrower moved the approval of a lease with A.M.E. Zion Publishing House and the Model Neighborhood Commission of the City of Charlotte for 5,000 square feet of office space on the second floor of the AME Zion Publishing House Building at 401 East Second Street at a rent of \$4.00 per square foot, or \$20,000 per year. The lease is renewable for an additional one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Alexander stated sometime ago Model Neighborhood Commission requested from the Board of Education that they be given consideration on some sites - that is the vacant schools - and the only answer the Commission received was when they were telling the Commission who would have what schools; it was suggested that the Model Neighborhood Program use Fairview School and Zeb Vance School; that Zeb Vance School is about to fall down and it would take all the money the Commission has to put it in useable condition. He stated the Board of Education is going to spend practically a million dollars in funds coming through the Model Cities Program, and he as a member of the Model Neighborhood Commission felt that the School Board would have this check for a little over a million dollars and then ignore them completely. The rent the Commission will have to pay for the Publishing House Building could have been used otherwise.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with John C. Schultz for Graves 7 and 8, in Lot No. 21, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with George E. Upchurch, Jr. and wife, Mrs. Juanita G. Upchurch, for Lot No. 50, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$504.00.
- (c) Deed with Herman D. Mills and wife, Mrs. Nancy L. Mills, for Grave No. 1, in Lot No. 193, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Wilyjohn M. Kennan for south half of Lot No. 129, Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. Martin M. Beirman, widow of Everette C. Beirman, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.
- (e) Deed with Myers Park Presbyterian Church for Lot No. 155, Section 7, Oaklawn Cemetery, transferred from Newton James Covington.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO INCLUDE SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT CLASSES AS SUB-CLASSES UNDER POLICE PATROLMAN AND POLICE SERGEANT; ELIMINATE STEPS D AND E OF THE PAY PLAN FOR POLICE SERGEANT; ADD THE CLASSES OF SAFETY ENGINEER AND CRIMINALIST I; AND CHANGE CERTAIN CLASS TITLES.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting subject resolution to include special assignment classes as sub-classes under Police Patrolman and Police Sergeant; eliminate Steps D and E of the Pay Plan for Police Sergeant; add the classes of Safety Engineer and Criminalist I; and change class titles.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to commend Chief Goodman for this innovation; that this gives a man a chance to add more money to his take home pay and it gives him an incentive to do a better job.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 455.

ORDINANCE NO. 438-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$283,150 OF THE UNEXPENDED FUND BALANCE OF THE AIRPORT FUND TO IMPLEMENT THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE AIRPORT.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the subject ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 418.

ORDINANCE NO. 439-X AMENDING THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$50,000 FROM ACCOUNT 562.91 TO ACCOUNT 562.50.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 from Account 562.91 "Expansion of Terminal Apron and Taxiway" to Account 562.50 to increase the appropriation for land acquisition as required by the Master Plan.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 419.

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MAYOR BELK LEFT THE CHAIR AND MAYOR PRO TEM WHITTINGTON PRESIDES.

Mayor Belk left the Chair at this time and Mayor Pro Tem Whittington presides during his absence.

CONTRACT AWARDED JIM COOK FORD, INC. FOR 49 AUTOMOBILES FOR POLICE, FIRE AND AIRPORT DEPARTMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Jim Cook Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$111,718.62, on a unit price basis, for 49 - 8 cylinder automobiles for the Police, Fire and Airport Departments.

The following bids were received:

Jim Cook Ford, Inc. (Formerly Huntley Motor Co.)	\$111,718.62
Young Ford, Inc.	111,910.91
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	112,071.77
LaPointe Chevrolet	113,193.32
Carolina Chrysler-Plymouth	115,955.70
Dodge Country, Inc.	125,599.10

CONTRACT AWARDED JIM COOK FORD, INC. FOR 20 AUTOMOBILES FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Jim Cook Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$39,625.75, on a unit price basis, for 20 - 8 cylinder automobiles for various departments.

The following bids were received:

Jim Cook Ford, Inc.	39,625.75
Young Ford, Inc.	39,700.15
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	39,767.35
LaPointe Chevrolet	42,495.61
Carolina Chrysler-Plymouth	42,828.10
Dodge Country, Inc.	46,998.90

MAYOR BELK RETURNS TO CHAIR.

Mayor Belk returned to the Chair at this time and presided for the remainder of the session.

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG FORD, INC. FOR TWO STATION WAGONS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, Young Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$5,058.02, on a unit price basis, for 2 - 8 cylinder station wagons for the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Young Ford, Inc.	5,058.02
Jim Cook Ford, Inc.	5,059.52
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	5,073.68
Carolina Chrysler-Plymouth	5,274.40
Dodge Country, Inc.	5,698.90
LaPointe Chevrolet	5,740.18

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CONTRACT AWARDED BEN B. PROPST FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION FOR BRIAR CREEK OUTFALL, PHASE II.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Ben B. Propst, in the amount of \$93,288.50, on a unit price basis, for sanitary sewer construction for Briar Creek Outfall, Phase II.

The following bids were received:

Ben B. Propst	\$93,288.50
Thomas Structure Co.	115,365.00
Dickerson, Inc.	118,116.00
C. M. Allen & Co., Inc.	118,187.50
Crowder Construction Co.	128,856.00
Propst Construction Co., Inc.	149,858.00

CONTRACT AWARDED PREISER SCIENTIFIC, INC. FOR THREE MICROSCOPES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Preiser Scientific, Inc., in the amount of \$10,942.52, for three microscopes for the Police Department.

The following bids were received:

Preiser Scientific, Inc.	\$10,942.52
Nikon, Inc., Div. Epoi	11,450.00

NAME OF WALTER TUCKER PLACED IN NOMINATION TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Alexander placed the name of Walter Tucker in nomination for a five year term on the Redevelopment Commission.

COUNCILMAN SHORT RETURNS TO MEETING.

Councilman Short returned to the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the session.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO DRAFT A PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION OF CITY OPERATED EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE, AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL NO LATER THAN ~~DECEMBER 6, 1969~~ AND THE PLAN TO BE DRAFTED WITH THE GOAL OF HAVING THIS SERVICE IN OPERATION BY JULY 1, 1970.

Councilman Thrower stated in view of the fact we have gotten back rather favorable comments from the Highway Safety Program, he moved that the City Manager be directed to draft a plan of implementation of city operated Emergency Ambulance Service, and report back to this Council no later than ~~December 6, 1969~~; this plan is to be drafted with the goal of July 1, 1970 of having this service in operation; this report is to designate number of units and locations; we want a course of training and professional standards to be established for the men who will operate this service. Without depending on these funds, but knowing they exist, we would like to submit applications for both federal and state funds. This report should be a complete plan to implement this service with as much detail as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Withrow asked if the motion could include that some teeth be put in for the collection of the fees by the city in order that the city can collect the fees.

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Councilman Tuttle stated this is going to require a tremendous amount of time on the part of the staff and a tremendous amount of money if ultimately executed, and he made a substitute motion to delay one week and that Council be furnished a copy of what Mr. Thrower has presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Thrower stated we have a report back from Columbia where through the Highway Safety Program they received \$79,560.00 for a total budget of \$171,000 which is 1/3 of the total amount; they charge \$25.00 in their initial operation of service.

Councilman Thrower stated this has been kicked around for so many years that it is pathetic. He stated he would like to commend the Chamber of Commerce for their excellent report to Council; that it is surveys like this that we pay many, many thousands of dollars.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and failed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Whittington and Short.

NAYS: Councilmen Thrower, Alexander, Jordan and Withrow.

Councilman Short asked if the main motion can include that the City Manager may give his comments on the entire field of activity in the area?

Councilman Thrower stated he thinks his motion has adequately covered this.

Councilman Short offered a substitute motion to ask the City Manager and his staff to study this entire area and report back to Council as quickly as possible within the next six weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Thrower stated he thinks this is out of order; that a substitute motion has been made and voted down and he calls for the question on his motion.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, advised there are certain privileged motions one can make - one is to postpone to a certain time; one is to refer; one is to amend and one is to postpone indefinitely; other than that you cannot make a substitute motion, you must vote on the main motion. Mr. Underhill stated a privileged motion can still be made to postpone indefinitely, and this motion can take precedent over the main motion.

Councilman Short moved that Council call a ten minute recess.

Mayor Belk asked the City Attorney to rule on this motion. Mr. Underhill advised a recess motion is privileged only when other business is pending.

Councilman Short stated Council should put off a vote on this; that he has been studying this subject for five years; those who have gotten into this recently have been strongly inclined to the feeling this is something that just the City Fire Department should do; there are many other or several other alternatives, and those who have presented reports on this tend to minimize, if they treat at all, the several alternatives; that we owe it to the public to get the entire picture before we jump into something that would rapidly become one of the largest departments we would have in the City; that he is told it would rapidly be as big an expense to the City as the City Engineering Department. He stated he thinks we owe it to the public to consider the several alternatives that are possible.

Councilman Whittington stated he has discussed this proposition Mr. Thrower has brought forth, and he thinks he can speak with authority on ambulance service as for some 20 years his company ran an ambulance service; that he is not here to say that the morticians rendered better service than is rendered now; that he is not here to say that Mr. Brandes is not rendering

a good service. That their companies were criticized then like Mr. Brandes is being criticized today and some of it may be justified and perhaps some of it may not. But as a member of this Council we had to go into the ambulance business; get a franchise operator as far as the City of Charlotte was concerned and he thinks we made good headway and have rendered a reliable, good ambulance service since the City allowed the franchise to go to Charlotte Ambulance Service. Councilman Whittington stated this subject has been brought up by the Chamber of Commerce and by members of our Council that the city go into the ambulance business and that six ambulances be stationed in various fire stations on the east side, west side and downtown. Only a tentative amount of money has been suggested as to what this would cost in the Chamber of Commerce's report and those of us on Council have been trying to get this information from other cities; we have asked the City Manager to get us some information so that we can make a reliable and a justifiable approach to this subject of ambulance service as far as the City is concerned. He stated he has talked to surgeons in this city and doctors who have said they thought they should be heard before the city decided, if they were in fact going into the ambulance business because some consideration should be given to the extra burden that would be put on the emergency room facilities and out-patient facilities in our hospitals. He stated these are facts that have to be considered.

Councilman Whittington stated he does not want to be in position of voting against the city going into the emergency or ambulatory ambulance service tonight because he is just as concerned about public welfare and health and life as anyone else. To cause us to vote on this tonight without these facts is unfair, and he would request Mr. Thrower to not do this.

Councilman Tuttle stated several weeks ago he asked the staff to make a professional study on the report by the Chamber of Commerce with no reflection on the work done because they had come up with an excellent report, and most of the facts made could not be contradicted. That he does believe in a sense we would be buying a "pig in a poke" when we take a \$300,000 figure given us by a group of laymen and accept those figures without have our staff and our finance department go over the whole thing and come up with an absolute cost. That he agrees we owe more than this to the people; we have been with this service a good while and one more week is not that crucial; he would hope that some member of this Council would change his mind.

Councilman Thrower stated in this motion he has given every consideration possible; this is not an ordinance. If it becomes an ordinance it is subject to the veto. That he has given the manager all the latitude; this has been kicked around and each day we do this we have more responsibility on our hands. He stated he is sick and tired of pussyfooting around with this thing; kicking it around for five years when there are too many people whose lives could have been saved if they could have been reached in time. If there is any blood to be spilled and there is no service in this city that emergency does not fall on the government, and that includes the hospital then he hopes he does not have that blood on his hands.

Councilman Alexander stated this afternoon a young child was struck by a car on Newland Road; that he is told the ambulance was 45 minutes in coming, and the wrecker service, police and everybody had come and the wrecker was in the process of hauling the car away before the ambulance got there; by the time he got there the ambulance had come and was moving on. He stated he does not know why the ambulance was late or who called the ambulance or anything. He is only stating what was told to him when they came to his office about it.

Mayor Belk asked if the new ruling on the Mayor's veto comes into being on this motion? Mr. Underhill replied no unless it is put into ordinance form, and in its present wording it would not be an ordinance, it is only a motion.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Thrower, Alexander, Jordan and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilman Whittington, Tuttle and Short.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is not opposing this motion; he just cannot vote for anything as important as this on 25 minutes notice, so he has to vote no.

Mayor Belk stated to Mr. Thrower that he is a little out of order in bringing this up at this time without more discussion.

MEETING RECESSED.

Mayor Belk called a recess at 9:30 o'clock p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:00 O'CLOCK P.M., WITH PRAYER.

Mayor Belk reconvened the meeting at 10:00 o'clock p.m., and asked everyone to stand for a moment of silent prayer for the leadership of peace with our President, as unity is our strength.

JOEL LAYTON'S PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGE REQUESTED PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Short requested that Petition No. 68-70 for a zoning change be placed on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. ANDREW TAYLOR CONCERNING SIDEWALKS REQUESTED SENT TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has received a letter from Dr. Andrew Taylor relative to sidewalks in Charlotte and the need, and he requested that copies be made and sent to each Council Member.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE HIDDEN VALLEY AREA INVESTIGATED FOR THE NEED FOR FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Councilman Jordan stated he has received a number of complaints from the residents of Hidden Valley saying there are no fire alarm boxes in the neighborhood; he requested the City Manager to have the area checked to find the need for the boxes.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON CONSOLIDATION AND IMPROVING VARIOUS CITY AND COUNTY WATER AND SEWER ACTIVITIES, ENDORSED BY CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated Council was sent a copy of a joint report prepared by County Manager Weatherly and himself dealing with recommendations on consolidating and improving various city and county water and sewer activities. He stated the Board of County Commissioners considered the subject today and did not take action either way as there was some additional information they wanted.

Mr. Veeder stated their recommendations, in brief, are as follows:

- "1. Consolidation of city and county water and sewer engineering activities.

We recommend a single engineering department to deal with the activities now carried out separately by the city and county.

The thrust would be to consolidate engineering, operation, and maintenance activities. We see no need for providing parallel services by both the city and the county. This recommended consolidation should be done in phases and completed no later than July 1, 1970.

2. Revision and consolidation of existing city-county agreements and policies.

Existing agreements and policies should be reviewed and updated to conform to the approved Partnership Plan and subsequent amendments.

3. Engineering consultants.

A single engineering consultant should be selected to review the operations and growth of the system and to point out desirable changes; to update the capital improvement programs from data available in the department; and to recommend steps to be taken to insure facilities of sufficient capacity to serve the ever expanding service area. The selection of such a consultant would be subject to the approval of both the City Council and Board of County Commissioners.

4. Existing engineering contracts.

All existing contracts would continue in effect until their expiration.

5. Use of design consultants.

Design consultants should be employed on a project basis as may be required. The design engineer for each project should be selected by the unit of government having the greater capital investment in the project.

6. Processing of bids.

Processing of bids should be carried out by the joint city-county purchasing department. That department should be responsible for advertising, receiving and tabulating all bids for processing to the appropriate unit for award along with a recommendation from the consolidated engineering department.

7. Sharing of Revenue.

The city and county should share all outside the city water-sewer revenues in accordance with the principles of the Partnership Plan and the city and county finance directors work out the necessary details for formal consideration.

8. Billing and Collecting.

The billing and collections of all accounts should be performed by the city finance department effective January 1, 1970. Details incidental to such arrangements should be worked out by the finance directors.

9. Approved materials.

The Community Facilities Committee should consider and prepare its recommendation on pipe materials to be used throughout the system.

10. Furnishing material to contractors.

The city and county managers should investigate and review the advantages and disadvantages of furnishing all materials (particularly pipe) where utilities are constructed by public contract. If determined to be feasible, the city-county purchasing department should be instructed to buy materials annually as requested by the joint department and as approved by the respective governing bodies.

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Councilman Short stated all these things seem to forward the Partnership Approach, and particularly the single engineering department and the single engineering consultant; it was desired by those formulating this partnership plan to include some of these things originally in that plan, but the situation was rather tense at the moment and these things could not be included. He stated it is a credit to this partnership approach that now this is less tense, we can proceed on the basis of the consolidated utilities operation and the single engineering consultant and this is most fortunate.

Councilman Short moved that Council endorse the recommendations as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POLICE PERSONNEL FOR CRIME INFORMATION CENTER AUTHORIZED.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated the Charlotte Police Department has an opportunity to participate in the National Crime Information Center a year earlier than thought. At the time the budget was prepared the Police Department was under the impression that it would not be possible to have a terminal with access to these files through computers until sometime in the 1970-71 fiscal year. This information has proven to be incorrect and we now have an opportunity to hook on and to get a terminal feed into this National Crime Information Center; this also relates to the State system which we are now hooked into.

Mr. Veeder stated in order to make proper use of this and to get access to it, there is a need to staff up in a fashion that is new; there is a need to operate this terminal on a seven day plan, 24-hour basis, and it will require five additional positions in the department.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the request as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

REPORT ON APPLICATION FOR PEDESTRIAN STUDY COMMITTEE THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S SAFETY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated Mr. Tillery, in talking about the activities involved within the Governor's Safety Committee, mentioned the Pedestrian Safety Study. This study is ready to submit and he hopes to get the application in this week; that he is encouraged that perhaps some of the funds will be forthcoming by the first of the year. That the Sidewalks Committee, appointed sometime ago, is interested in this and has participated in the application. That he hopes we can get these funds and will be able to move on this by January; they plan to send the application in this week.

QUIT CLAIM DEED TO SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR "A" STREET BETWEEN EAST SECOND STREET AND FIRST STREET.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a quit claim deed to Southern Railway Company for "A" Street, between East Second Street and First Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

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MR. CARL RAYMOND COMMENDED FOR JOB WELL DONE IN UNITED APPEAL CAMPAIGN.

Mayor Belk stated the City has reached 100% in its collection for the United Appeal and Mr. Carl Raymond has done an excellent job in promoting the City's interest. He requested that a letter be sent to Mr. Raymond and the others who have worked in the United Appeal Campaign commending them for the work they have done.

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED.

Mayor Belk stated he has made the following appointments:

CHARLOTTE AREA FUND.

1. Mr. Joe D. Withrow.
2. Mr. John H. Thrower.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE.

1. Mr. Jones Mason.

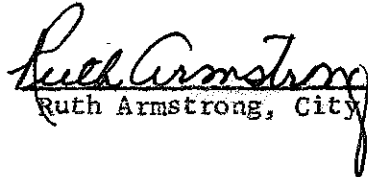
CHARTER COMMISSION, CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

1. Mr. John Hunter to replace Mr. L. M. Wright.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the appointments by Mayor Belk.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk