

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina was held on Monday, January 19, 1970 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington, and Joe D. Withrow present.

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: Chairman Toy, and Commissioners Albea, Blanton, Embry, Sibley, Stone and Turner.

ABSENT: Commissioners Brewer, Godley and Tate.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Ernest T. Thompson, Jr., Pastor of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on January 12, 1970, were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-24 BY SO CAR REALTY COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO I-2 OF THREE LOTS AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF PLYMOUTH AVENUE AND BANCROFT STREET.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed and found sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six (6) Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the property is located at the intersection of Plymouth and Bancroft Streets and consists of three lots which at the present time are utilized for a parking lot in conjunction with the United Parcel Service facility located at the intersection of North Graham and Plymouth. The front portion of the property is used for a building purpose and the rear is utilized for parking in conjunction with United Parcel Service's operation.

He stated the area is almost completely developed for business and industrial type activities with the exception of one area which is the central services for the School Board and located in the old school building between Halifax and Eton Street on North Graham Street. Other uses along Graham are primarily industrial uses although there are some business uses. He stated along Plymouth, Sylvania and Keswick Avenues the property is predominately single family with a considerable number of duplex structures scattered throughout the area.

Mr. Eryant stated there is industrial zoning along Graham Street, consisting of the frontage property along Graham, then behind along Bancroft Street there is a band of O-6 zoning which includes the subject property and along Plymouth, Sylvania and Keswick the zoning is R-6MF.

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Mr. Bob Sink, attorney representing So Car Realty Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of United Parcel Service, stated United Parcel Service has just recently entered into a long term lease for the building on the corner of North Graham Street and Plymouth Avenue; they are using the property behind this building for parking for their clerical personnel who work in the office building. He stated United Parcel Service has its terminal facilities at the intersection of I-85 and North Graham and intends to continue to use those facilities for that purpose; the sole purpose for this building and the purpose for the lots which they have just purchased is office uses and attendant parking.

Mr. Sink stated they have just recently paved the lots under consideration and are using them for parking with the exception of a strip of about 10 feet which is paved but includes 18 parking spaces which cannot be used because of the existing set back requirements which prohibit parking or maneuvering in the set back requirement of 20 feet. He stated the application has been made for industrial zoning simply because that is the zoning that is being used in the areas around it; the intention of United Parcel Service and the type of lots the rezoning is being requested for is such that parking is about the only thing it could be used for; there is no intention to use this property for industrial use; the sole intention is to use the property in conjunction with the rest of the property which is owned by United Parcel Service and they are fully cognizant of the other buffer zone area that is provided by the office zoning across the street from it and they are not suggesting any change be made there from its present use.

He stated that Mr. Bryant has informed him that B-2 zoning would also be appropriate for the purpose they have requested and United Parcel Service, the petitioner, would have no objection whatsoever to the zoning being B-2 if that meets with Council approval.

Councilman Short asked if this parcel was already being used for parking and Mr. Sink replied no the area has already been paved for that purpose; that McDevitt and Street applied for a permit to do the entire grading and were informed that they were not able to use the entire 20 feet and they informed United Parcel Service; that United Parcel Service representative had discussions with the Building Inspector and the Planning Commission and said they could go ahead and pave it and put up a barrier so that people could not park there until such time, if ever, that the Council and Commission deems it appropriate to grant a change in the zoning for that purpose.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Bryant if B-1 would allow this parking use and Mr. Bryant replied yes it would.

Councilman Jordan asked if this is a good idea to let them go ahead and pave this area before the zoning is applied for and Mr. Sink replied he got into this late and they do not mean to indicate that Council should be influenced by the fact that they have already done the paving; that his client re-paved these lots at their own risk.

Mr. Sam Williams stated he represents the residents who live on Plymouth Avenue which is now and has long been a rather conveniently located residential area; the homes in that area were formerly \$6 to \$7,000 homes, now there has been a great deal of remodeling, land values have advanced and we are talking about numerous single family homes in the \$10,000 to \$15,000 range.

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He stated his main concern when he read the advertisement in the paper was that there would be generated on Plymouth an industrial traffic flow. That he sent the advertisement to Mr. Jim Stitt who lives near the subject property and he circulated it and determined that his neighbors desired to file a protest. That he is of the opinion that his group would be more than happy to withdraw the protest if the zoning were a B-1 zoning as opposed to an industrial zoning because a B-1 zoning would eliminate their fear of truck traffic going on Plymouth from Graham to Dalton; that this seems to be an adequate solution.

Councilman Short asked as parking is allowed under either zoning why Mr. Williams is satisfied with B-1 but not I-2? Mr. Bryant replied the only thing in question is the use of the 20-foot strip; there would be no changes in the parking that would be permitted under the O-6 zoning there now and the B-1 or B-2; the only difference is that the B-1 zoning would permit them to park right up to the right of way line and O-6 has a 20-foot set back requirement. Mr. Williams stated their concern is that industrial zoning would permit truck parking and storage whereas B-1 would permit parking only for the office building.

Councilman Jordan asked Mr. Williams if he would be satisfied with the B-1 or B-2 zoning, and Mr. Williams replied he would; Mr. Sink stated his client would have no objections to the B-2 zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-20 BY VERNON G. BENSON FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO O-6 OF A LOT 120' x 110' AT 1300 EAST SUGAR CREEK ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director advised this is a request for a change in zoning of two lots located at the intersection of Sugar Creek Road and Anderson Street; a house is located on it and is being used for office purposes and is non-conforming. The Building Inspection Department has informed the owner this is not a permitted use and that is the reason for the requested change in zoning. Mr. Bryant stated on the same side of the street the area is predominately developed for residential use, mostly single family; there are duplexes at the intersection of Anderson Street and Sugar Creek Road directly across from the subject property. Across Sugar Creek from the subject property is the North Carolina State Highway office and maintenance and construction facilities. He pointed out the Westinghouse facility and Garinger High School, and stated at the intersection of Plaza and Sugar Creek Road there is an automobile service station under construction.

Mr. Bryant stated the area is all R-9 along Sugar Creek Road in the vicinity of the subject property including the subject property until you get down to Terrybrook Place where there is R-9MF zoning on Sugar Creek Road. The property across Sugar Creek Road is zoned I-1 to accommodate the Highway Commission facility, and along the Plaza it is predominately multi-family with the exception of the business zoning at the intersection of Sugar Creek.

Mr. Joe Millsaps, Attorney for the petitioner, stated he has not asked members of Council or the Planning Commission to go out and look at the site, but has taken the liberty of bringing the facts to them by showing slides of the property in question and the surrounding property. He stated the front of the property has been cut off leaving 22 and 1/2 feet to the actual street curb; that every time his client looks out his front door he sees State Highway Commission's equipment.

Mr. Millsaps stated if you allow the State of North Carolina to put this kind of operation right in front of this would be residential property which is not fit for residential purposes, then he asked in the name of constitutional zoning to allow Mr. Benson to use his property for an Insurance office. He asked Council in reaching their decision to do the following four things: (1) consider what they have seen in the slides; (2) one of the principles of zoning is that you not divide it in the middle of the street as you want the street to look alike on both sides of the road insofar as you can without actually cutting it off; (3) the building in question is the only single family dwelling that faces and has a residence on Sugar Creek Road anywhere from North Tryon Street to Eastway Drive; (4) consider the fact that Mr. Benson has operated at this location without any complaints from the neighbors and the only complaint he has had comes from the zoning administration department.

Councilman Tuttle stated this is the finest presentation he has seen in the five years he has been on this Council. That every member of the Council attempts to go out and look at all this property but their time is limited. Everyone is familiar with this area and he does not think anyone will have to go out and look at it to make a decision; it was an excellent presentation, and he would hope that we would have more presentations like this with the slides.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-21 BY REALTY SERVICES, INC., AND MECHANICS AND FARMERS BANK FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO O-6 OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT 101 AND 103 BEATTIES FORD ROAD, FRONTING 265 FEET ON THAT STREET AND ABOUT 356 FEET ON WEST TRADE STREET.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated there is a service station located between West Fifth Street and Trade Street; Johnson C. Smith University is located on Beatties Ford Road, and there are various other business uses around the intersection particularly along Rozzells Ferry Road; he pointed out the Plumbing Shop which is located between Rozzells Ferry Road and Trade Street. He stated the subject property is the triangular shaped piece of property located between Beatties Ford Road and Trade Street and is used primarily at present by a bank; that the petition includes a vacant lot which is immediately beside the bank as well as the bank property itself.

He stated along Trade Street and over to Fifth Street the zoning is B-2 with some industrial zoning continuing out Rozzells Ferry Road and Trade Street. Other than that the area is zoned R-6MF including the subject property, and including the Johnson C. Smith University property.

Mr. A. E. Spears, Sr., Senior Vice President of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank, stated they secured the property in 1962 and had no difficulty in getting it as the University was interested in their coming into the community; he stated the bank has grown much faster than they anticipated and they have developed a great need for parking, and the University came to their rescue by selling them the lot next but they cannot use the lot for their purposes unless the zoning is changed. He stated they have a letter from the President of the University endorsing their request and states he hopes the way will be cleared for the change in zoning to be made.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-22 BY FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK OF NORTH CAROLINA TRUSTEE FOR I. G. WALLACE TO CONSIDER CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PARKING FOR LAND NOW ZONED R-9, BEING A TRACT OF LAND 150' x 330' AT THE REAR OF 5201 EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, BEGINNING 600 FEET NORTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director advised this is in the area of the Farmingdale Drive- Independence Boulevard vicinity; he stated the subject property is an irregular shaped tract of land located to the rear of the Bill Beck Pontiac facility; the area between the Pontiac facility and Farmingdale is all the City Chevrolet property; beyond Bill Beck is the Burrough auto facility. He stated the property behind City Chevrolet and fronting on Farmingdale is the area that was recently rezoned for multi-family purposes and now has apartments under construction on it. The other land uses are predominately single family along Amity Place and the other side streets; the property to the east is vacant and across on the opposite side of Independence Boulevard it is almost entirely developed with a variety of business type facilities.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning along both sides of Independence Boulevard is B-2; there is R-9MF zoning on Farmingdale Drive and then the remainder of the area is R-9. He stated the purpose of this petition is not to change the zoning of the property as such but to permit conditional parking on a strip of land that extends 150 feet to the rear of the Bill Beck plant and facility. If it is approved it will be limited to customer and employee type parking.

Councilman Whittington asked how far it is from this property line to the rear property line of the house on Amity? Mr. Bryant replied in the neighborhood of 150-175 feet.

Councilman Tuttle asked if there are any preliminary plans for streets to go through the residential area that is left? Mr. Bryant replied nothing other than what is shown on the map; the map does reflect subdivision approvals that have been granted on a preliminary basis and they have not as yet appeared on the ground; the area is still vacant although a street pattern has been approved for it.

Mr. Charles Knox, Attorney for the petitioners, the First Union National Bank Trust Department and Bill Beck Pontiac, stated they are asking for the conditional use. He stated they own the property back of the 150 feet directly behind their present operation so if they are granted the additional 150 feet for conditional use they will own the property on all sides with the exception of the multi-family rezoning which was granted recently. He stated there would be several hundred feet more to the rear of this and the Bank owns the property on the Burrough side. He stated they have the land and need a place for their employees and customers to park their cars; the space now being used is not sufficient for their 80 employees and the customers coming in for their service work; the cars will be parked there in the day time; there will be no reason for any parking at night because the ordinance will limit the parking to customer and employee parking.

Mr. Knox stated Mr. Rick Rickenbaker has prepared a plan which they have submitted to the Planning Commission showing the exact spaces and showing they will build a fence along each edge of it and along their own property and the plan calls for a five foot bumper guard which would mean a car could not park closer than the bumper guard to the fence. Under the ordinance certain plantings are required in conjunction with the fencing and they feel it would not be objectionable for the apartment development and there is no one else who would be affected.

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Mr. Bill Michael, Attorney representing the Ervin Company, stated he comes not in opposition but to ask some questions for clarification. He stated he has discussed this with the planning people and with Mr. Dale Long insofar as elevated lighting would be concerned. He pointed out the apartment complex which is under construction and stated there are two buildings under construction that abut right on the property line in such a fashion if there was elevated lighting it could be a nuisance. He stated there is a ready solution to the problem insofar as they are concerned which would be in keeping with Bill Beck's plans and with the idea of having a buffer between the uses. The property is heavily forested with pine - 12 to 20 feet in height, and they would like to see a 20 foot strip along the line left in its natural state which would eliminate two parking spaces at the rear of the property. If left in that the fashion the trees would engender more and grow to a height that would not concern the people living in their apartments. Alternatively they proposed a deed limitation of some type against elevated lights or some way to cover this potential nuisance. That Bill Beck's representatives state they have no intention of putting in such lighting but if it were put in it would not be a violation of the ordinance and Ervin would have no way of preventing a subsequent owner of the property from lighting the lot.

Mr. Knox stated he would like to assure Mr. Michael and assure Council that it is true the area is wooded and will continue to be wooded back of the parking. He stated the parking itself as submitted in the plan has a five foot bumper and the closest parking lot with the exception of one in the corner would be 30-40 feet away and all the trees will be left there. He stated they want the buffer between them and the Ervin people just as much as they want it; they do not plan to cut down any trees that are not where they are building a parking space and they do not have any occasion to put up any lights as the parking will be limited to customer and employee parking - that employees go home at night and there is no occasion to light it. If they did light it up they could shield the lights in such a way that they would not shine in that direction, but they have no use for lights.

Councilman Whittington asked if the subject lot is lower or higher than the property of Ervin? Mr. Knox and Mr. Michael replied it is on grade. Councilman Whittington asked if the lot would be used to store new cars? Mr. Knox replied under the ordinance it cannot be used for that purpose, and it will not be.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

#### STUDENTS FROM RANDOLPH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNIZED BY MAYOR.

Mayor Belk stated the students in the audience today are the students of Mrs. Clinfield from Randolph Junior High School. He stated Mrs. Clinfield has worked to get the students interested in the government of the city, and one of her classes has elected a Mayor and the Mayor is Mayor Kammie Veeder.

#### REPORT REQUESTED ON FEASIBILITY OF ANNEXATION OF AREA ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Earlier in the meeting Councilman Tuttle stated he and Mr. Whittington have asked time and time again about a study on the feasibility of annexation in the Independence Boulevard and Farmingdale area. He asked how this report is coming along? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied that Mr. Paul Bobo and Mr. Michael of Ervin Company are working on this report, and it should be available soon.

Councilman Tuttle stated he and Mr. Whittington want to see this study and they want to see it soon.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-23 BY FADEL'S INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO O-6 OF A LOT 175' x 130' AT 1409 MOCKINGBIRD LANE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this is in the Park Road and Mockingbird Lane area. He stated the subject property is occupied by a single family resident and is adjoined on the west along Mockingbird Lane by single family residential uses; on the opposite side of Mockingbird is an apartment structure and two duplexes and then single family uses to the west. On the Park Road side are two non-conforming service stations at the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and Park Road. To the north of the subject property extending up to Abbey Place is a new five story office building which has recently been completed and is partially occupied by Southern Bell Telephone Company; there is another office building on the north side of Abbey Place under construction; there are apartments located along Abbey Place and on the east side of Park Road is the new ten story Park-Seneca Building; the Allstate Office Building and two or three smaller office buildings are located in this area.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning is predominately office zoning. All the property along Park Road on both sides is zoned office - on the east it is O-15 and O-6 on the west; subject property is adjoined on three sides by existing office zoning to the north, Park Road side and across the street; to west along Mockingbird Lane and the other streets in the area the zoning is R-9; there is some R-9MF zoning along Abbey Place to accomodate the Abbey Place apartments.

Mr. John Ray, Attorney for the petitioner, stated Fadel's Inc., has three stockholders who are brothers - Charles, Ted and Sam Fadel. He stated they do not use this property in connection with their business; it is owned by their business to add financial assistance; they purchased the property in 1958 in their individual names. That parking is a problem in the area, and the petitioners have been approached by the people who own the office building adjacent to them and those who own the office building across the street to lease the property for the parking of the people in those buildings. He stated the property on three sides is zoned O-6; the property to the west is owned by Fadel's Inc., and is occupied by one of the brothers. Mr. Ray stated the property has an old house on it and it would not be to the highest and best use to refurbish it. To provide parking would be a simple matter and it would be a better use of the property.

Councilman Whittington asked if they have considered conditional parking, and Mr. Ray replied he has talked with Mr. Bryant about it and was advised that it would not be suitable to lease it to the people across the street. Mr. Bryant replied for conditional parking it must be within 400 feet of the building it serves.

Councilman Short asked if Mr. Fadel lives in the adjoining house, and Mr. Ray replied Mr. Ted Fadel lives in that house.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-25 BY MARY H. VOORHEES, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO O-6 OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF EAST EIGHTH STREET EXTENDING FROM THE REAR OF LOTS ON HAWTHORNE LANE TO CLEMENT AVENUE.

The scheduled public hearing was held on the subject petition, and Council was advised that a general protest has been filed and contains 18 signatures.

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Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this request consists of the better part of two blocks of property located along East Eighth Street, that extends from Clement Avenue down to the rear of lots which front on Hawthorne Lane. He stated the subject property is utilized for the most part for residential purposes with the exception of the house on the corner of Clement and East Eighth Street which is occupied in part by several office uses and has been for some time - these are non-conforming uses under the existing ordinance. He stated along East Eighth Street, along Clement Avenue, and along Lamar the area is entirely used for residential purposes with some multi-family structures. Along East Seventh Street are a variety of uses being a combination of business, office and residential; immediately to the rear of the subject property between Clement and Lamar is an antique shop, a facility which sells and services hearing aids, a church on the corner of Lamar and the block between Lamar and Hawthorne is predominately occupied by multi-family uses with the exception of an auto paint facility on the corner and an office. The property fronting on Hawthorne Lane is utilized by a new building that has been erected by Nance Construction Company for an office building, and then a multi-family structure on the corner.

Mr. Bryant stated there is B-1 zoning along both sides of Seventh Street, from Hawthorne Lane past Pecan; there is office zoning on Hawthorne Lane between the business zoning near Seventh Street and Eighth Street and with that exception the area is zoned R-6MF including all the subject property.

Mr. Robert Perry stated he represents Mrs. Voorhees and others who own the subject property; that he does not represent Mr. Philemon because he is on the protest petition.

He stated the property which initiates the petition is a home that Mrs. Voorhees bought at the corner; she also has a duplex on another lot. He stated they are surrounded by streets and O-6 classification on Hawthorne and B-1 to the rear of the subject property; they do not adjoin anything that has a higher or equal classification with the subject property. He stated an O-6 zoning would not be harmful to anyone and it would be to the highest and best use of the property.

Mr. Perry stated he has checked the protest petition and it seems to him that 13 names on the 18 name petition are tenants of property owners in the area; they do not appear to own the property which they are trying to protect through the opposition petition. He stated he feels the opposition has basically arisen from an altercation that Mr. Philemon who lives within this property had with Howard Nance Company when Mr. Nance built his building; that he thinks Mr. Philemon just does not want any more water flowing on him. That Mr. and Mrs. Pierce and Mr. and Mrs. Millersham live across the street from this property; but four of the other petitioners do not live across the street from the property; two live on the corner of Hawthorne and Eighth Street which is directly across the street from O-6 zoning and is on Hawthorne Lane.

Mr. Perry stated O-6 classification would give the property owners in the area an opportunity. He stated his client has no intention of building any new buildings; this was initiated out of her inability to get a permit to do some minor renovations. He stated if the O-6 classification is approved they feel that it would not hurt the property values in the neighborhood but would tend to undergird and make the property values greater than they presently are. He stated Mrs. Voorhees bought her property for \$12,500 and she has since invested \$26,500 in it and she now has the League of Women Voters as tenants and they have asked for more space.



Councilman Short asked if Mrs. Voorhees owns all this property? Mr. Perry replied they did not have to have all the owners on their petition; they had them all with the exception of Mr. Philemon. Councilman Short asked if Mr. Philemon's property is petitioned for a change and his name appears on the protest petition? Mr. Perry replied yes.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Bryant why the Planning Commission decided to change the zoning in 1962 from Business to R-6MF? Mr. Bryant replied the only reason the Planning Commission could see for business zoning in the area was primarily related to the major artery of East Seventh Street; at that time under the old zoning plan, the entire block between Seventh and Eighth Streets was zoned for business purposes; so in effect all the frontage property on East Eighth Street was zoned and could have been utilized for business purposes. He stated if you ride down the street you can see that it is not suited for business zoning as such and at that time the zoning was cut back to make business zoning available only along the major artery.

Mr. Perry stated he agrees that this is not a B-1 type property, but he would submit it as an office type.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-26 BY HOWARD O. GRAHAM, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 AND R-9MF TO O-6 OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MONROE ROAD EXTENDING FROM EATON ROAD TO MANDARIN BOULEVARD.

The schedule public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this request consists of a two block area that extends from Mandarin Boulevard back into Eaton Road. He stated the property is devoted to residential usage, predominately single family; there is a duplex at the corner of Mandarin and there are some apartments at Eaton Road in what seems to be a single family residence. Across Eaton Road from the subject property is the Oakhurst Baptist Church; across on the south side of Monroe Road it is predominately single family usage; there is one new office structure and a renovation in process on the corner lot at Rossmore and Monroe Road. Along Lanier Avenue, Eaton Road and the other streets leading away from Monroe Road it is solidly developed for residential purposes. Around the intersection of Sharon Amity and Monroe Road the use is principally retail business including service stations on three of the corners.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property as well as property along the north side of Monroe Road is zoned R-9MF; the petition involves two lots, one of which faces on Eaton and the other on Lanier that is zoned R-9; across on the south side of Monroe Road the zoning is O-6 which extends between Rossmore Avenue and Summey Avenue; there is B-1 zoning for one full block beginning at Summey and Mandarin Boulevard extending to Sharon Amity Road; to the rear of the subject property it is zoned R-9 along Eaton Road, Lanier Avenue and multi-family along Mandarin Boulevard.

Mr. Ed Rock stated he is speaking for himself and seven neighbors. He stated the petition includes all the property fronting on the entire two block area; they are a block away from Sharon Amity Road; they think their petition is a logical one. He stated the entire area across Monroe Road was rezoned over two years ago to office use; he stated they see rapid change to office use across from their property; that business zoning adjoins them running down to Sharon Amity Road. That nearly all of the petitioners have lived in the neighborhood for a long time - 20 to 25 years; that he has only been in Charlotte seven years. He stated there is more multi-family use than may meet the eye with one house that appears to be a single family residence actually having seven apartments. He stated the entire area is zoned multi-family and they have added two vacant lots to the petition which adjoin and belong to the owners of the frontage lots on Monroe Road and it seems logical to include them in the petition.

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Mr. Rock stated his property is under contract to sell subject to the rezoning being successful, and various of the neighbors have listed their property for sale.

Councilman Short asked if this request includes any property for rezoning owned by a person whose name does not appear on the petition? Mr. Rock replied there are eight petitioners who own all the frontage of the entire two blocks and everyone has joined in the request.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED.

Mayor Belk called a recess at 3:25 o'clock p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 3:35 o'clock p.m.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SET UP CONFERENCE MEETINGS WITH THE CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE AND WITH THE DIFFERENT OPERATING DEPARTMENTS OF CHARLOTTE SO THAT COUNCIL CAN BE BETTER INFORMED ON WHAT THE CITIZENS WOULD LIKE AND THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENTS.

Mayor Belk stated the bond package has been passed and he thinks it is one of the best unified selling jobs that has been done for City Hall in quite a while. That the secret of its success was not only the people back of it working but they went out and contacted the people. As a result he does not think we are following through as well as we should on other matters such as housing, ambulance service, fire department, police department and Model Cities.

He recommended to Council that it request Mr. Veeder, City Manager, to set up Council's conference meetings in these various areas where we can mingle with the people. That this should be a solution for Council to have contact or link with our citizens. He stated under Model Cities there are two centers to be constructed and Council has not gone into the neighborhood and listened to the people on what they want in these centers. He suggested a series of meetings with the people in the areas at night or in the afternoons.

He stated this is also true of the police department; that we should go down to the Law Enforcement Center and meet with the Chief and listen to him; and we should do the same with the Fire Department and with the Transportation Department. He stated he is not suggesting that Council get into the operation of these departments in the City Manager's field, but we should become better acquainted with the people themselves and their needs.

Mayor Belk stated he would like this to start by having Mr. Veeder pick a date and invite the Councilmen and their wives to a luncheon here; that he does not feel their wives have met all the department heads or know their functions. He stated he would like for Mr. Veeder and his staff to work up a program for the ladies here in City Hall so they will feel a part of what their husbands are doing every week.

He stated he would like a program lined up so that we can be in closer contact with the citizens and then we can do a better job for the future of the City of Charlotte.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE AND PURCHASE BY THE CITY OF DISPOSITION PARCEL NO. 7 IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-24.

Councilman Thrower moved adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, approving the sale of and purchase by the City of Disposition Parcel No. 7, Redevelopment Project No. N. C. R-24, which contains 236,624.44 square feet at a sales price of \$295,780.55, and the approval of the redevelopment of the land for development of an elevated walkway, a park with landscaping and adjoining walks, and a pool or pools, all in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan for the project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 13.

ORDINANCE NO. 486-X AMENDING THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE ELEVATED WALKWAY, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$295,781, within the Capital Improvement Budget to be used for the purchase of land for the elevated walkway.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 476.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF 40,527.81 SQUARE FEET OF LAND IN PARCEL NO. 6-B OF DILWORTH URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N. C. R-77, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted approving the sale of 40,527.81 square feet of land in Parcel No. 6-B of Dilworth Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N. C. R-77 to Howard A. Nivens and Clyde S. Medearis to construct a convenience type shopping center in accordance with the approved Redevelopment Plan for this Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 14.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 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, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinances for removal of weeds and grass at the following locations:

- (a) Ord. No. 487-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 119 Pegram Street.
- (b) Ord. No. 488-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 1208 Kings Drive.
- (c) Ord. No. 489-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Madison and Clifton Avenue.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning on Page 477.

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, ON PETITIONS NO. 70-27 THROUGH 70-30 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of subject resolution providing for public hearing on Monday, February 16, on Petitions No. 70-27 through 70-30 for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 15.

CHANGE ORDER NO. G-1 IN LANDSCAPING CONTRACT WITH ROGERS BUILDERS, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL BRICK WORK AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES IN CONSTRUCTING FOUNTAINS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle and seconded by Councilman Thrower, to approve the subject Change Order No. G-1 in landscaping contract with Rogers Builders, Inc. increasing the contract price of \$63,466.00 by \$1,414.76, for additional brick work and electrical services in constructing fountains.

Council was advised that two matters are involved in the change order. One is some additional brick work basically at Old Settler's Cemetery, and the other has to do with conduit; in excavating for the reflecting pool at Ovens Auditorium they ran across a conduit that was not anticipated and it had to be relocated.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT IN ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 3001 CLEMSON AVENUE, FROM ERNEST N. AND AUDREY H. EDWARDS FOR THE EAST THIRTIETH STREET PROJECT, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, an additional settlement in the amount of \$900.00 in the acquisition of 2,694 square feet (15.5' x 145' x 15.5' x 153.15') at 3001 Clemson Avenue, from Ernest N. and Audrey H. Edwards for the East Thirtieth Street Project, was authorized.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN THRIFT ROAD, WILKINSON BOULEVARD, TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AND MULBERRY CHURCH ROAD, AUTHORIZED AND CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON WHEN SEWER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE AREA OF TUCKASEEGEE ROAD, THRIFT ROAD AND STREETS RUNNING BETWEEN TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AND THRIFT ROAD.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of subject right of way agreement between the City and the State Highway Commission for the city to install water mains in Thrift Road (N. C. Highway 27), Wilkinson Boulevard (U. S. 29), Tuckaseegee Road and Mulberry Church Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Whittington asked what they can tell the people who live on Tuckaseegee Road, Thrift Road, Browns Avenue and those streets out there who have been begging for sewer relief ever since he has been on the Council, and they have always told them there is nothing they could do about it until the bond issue was passed, and pumping stations could be made available to pump the sewer back across I-85 and into that drainage area back to Irwin Creek? Mr. Veeder replied this is one that has been discussed on number of occasions, and he will get an answer for Mr. Whittington.

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Councilman Whittington stated he is talking about Tuckaseegee Road beyond I-85, Thrift Road beyond I-85 and all those streets running between Tuckaseegee Road and Thrift Road; that sewer there is a real problem and has been for a number of years.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the right-of-way agreement and carried unanimously.

CLAIM BY MARSH REALTY COMPANY FOR DAMAGES TO SEDGEFIELD SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT, APPROVED FOR SETTLEMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the subject claim in the amount of \$1,962.50 for damages to Sedgefield Shopping Center Parking Lot resulting from the raising of the sidewalk in connection with the recent improvements to South Boulevard as recommended by the Right of Way Division and the Engineering Department.

CLAIM BY WILSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF CONSTRUCTION DELAY, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, subject claim in the amount of \$2,302.70, for expenses incurred as a result of construction delay on the Barclay Downs Drive culvert, was denied as recommended by the City Attorney.

CLAIM BY MRS. BERTIE SPENCER, FOR INJURIES RECEIVED AS A RESULT OF FALL, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that claim in the amount of \$125.00 by Mrs. Bertie Spencer, 1020 West Fourth Street, for injuries received as a result of a fall on November 20, 1969, be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried by the following vote.

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

NAYS: Councilman Alexander.

PETITION FILED BY STERN REALTY, INC. REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM DEDICATION OF THAT PORTION OF YADKIN AVENUE, CONTIGUOUS TO THEIR PROPERTY, WITHDRAWN.

Council was advised that the Attorney for Stern Realty, Inc., has filed a letter requesting that a petition filed by the Company in April for the withdrawal from dedication of a portion of Yadkin Avenue be withdrawn; that a hearing was held by Council in June and action deferred until several members of Council could go out and view the property.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the petition for the withdrawal of the street from dedication be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

After further discussion, Councilman Thrower made a substitute motion approving the request to withdraw the petition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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**CONTRACT AWARDED ROSS & WITMER, INC. FOR AIR CONDITIONING AND HEATING OF FORMER POLICE BUILDING.**

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried awarding contract to the low bidder, Ross & Witmer, Inc., in the amount of \$21,740.50, on a unit price basis, for air-conditioning and heating of former Police Building.

The following bids were received:

Ross & Witmer, Inc.	\$ 21,740.50
Air Masters	24,416.00
Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	24,473.00
P. C. Godfrey, Inc.	25,950.00
J. V. Andrews Company	30,850.00

**BIDS REJECTED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY AND BIDS AUTHORIZED RE-ADVERTISED.**

Councilman Whittington moved that all bids received for the construction of a 24-inch water main in connection with the Northwest Expressway be rejected and re-advertised as recommended by the City Attorney, State Highway Legal Department, Water Department and Purchasing Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried.

**TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.**

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed with Mrs. Charlotte Davis Lett, for Lot No. 126, in Section 4, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$252.00.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS INTRODUCED TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL.**

Mr. Veeder, City Manager stated Charlotte's new and first Director of Public Works, Mr. Robert Hopson, is in the audience and he is now on the job.

Mayor Belk congratulated Mr. Veeder on his selection of a man of such distinction; that Mr. Hopson is a former President of the Public Works Association which shows the esteem in which other people hold him.

**REQUEST THAT HOLE ON BERRYHILL STREET BE REPAIRED.**

Councilman Withrow requested the City Manager to have the street maintenance division go out on Berryhill Road, between the Little General Store and Freedom Drive, and fill the hole which is about 20 inches in diameter and about 8 inches deep.

**DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULTIES WITH CENTREX TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**

Councilman Tuttle stated if a citizen looks in the Telephone Directory and he wants to call the jail and ask a question, when he looks on Page 65, what department would he call? That it lists the administrative office and it does not answer. On Friday night he received a call from someone in reference to someone they thought was passing out dope; whether it was a serious call or not he had to report to the police and he called the Vice Squad and he got no answer. He asked what position this puts the city in with the public when the police telephone does not answer. He stated the reason the Vice Squad did not answer is they were out on duty. That he called the administrative number and it did not answer; on the same night he called the Vice Squad and it did not answer. He stated he is not criticizing the Vice Squad he is criticizing the telephone system.

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Councilman Whittington stated this is the second or third time this has been brought up. He stated the average citizen in Charlotte would not know how to get the police department if someone was breaking into their house; if they rang down there and there was no answer they would not be able to get the police department. He stated this is not the fault of the police department; it is the fault of this telephone system we have called "centrex". He stated it is a very, very bad situation and it should be corrected. He stated if you call and ask for the officer in charge they will tell you to call another number; if you call the patrol division and the line is busy then you do not get anyone to the phone; there is no answer in any of the administrative offices at night, and there is no way to leave a number. You are just on the outside trying to get in and it is impossible.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he will try to get some answers to these problems.

Councilman Jordan stated they need one number that you can talk to someone no matter what time it is.

Councilman Thrower asked if there is not an automatic switching device available that could be installed in the centrex system that after three rings or a given number of rings it would automatically switch to a given number. He stated he has heard this and has heard that the City bought only half the pie. Mr. Veeder replied the City bought everything Southern Bell said we needed; if there are some switching devices we need and we do not have then we need further conversation with Southern Bell.

Councilman Tuttle asked how much more is in the budget this year for the telephone system than was in the budget last year?

Mr. Veeder stated a report was given to Council when this was brought up before; the total service charge for the system for the current fiscal year is estimated at \$67,655.00 - this includes local and long distance service for all departments on the centrex system as well as installation charges for the new equipment primarily in the new Law Enforcement Center. The total service charge on equipment serving the same departments last year amounted to approximately \$62,600.00; the primary reason for the difference in the total service figure which appeared in the 1968-69 central service budget of \$26,287.00 from the 1969-70 figures of \$67,655 is the change in budgeting and accounting procedures; the 1968-69 figure includes no long distance service charge nor does it include telephone service for the police department; the 1969-70 figures include both of these plus installation charges for the new equipment. The new system requires substantial less personnel to operate it than the old resulting in a savings of approximately \$9,000 per year not reflected in the service charge.

Councilman Whittington stated if you look in the telephone directory under the Police Department Law Enforcement Center there are about 15 to 20 numbers to call for the police department. He stated the people are not looking for specialists they are looking for the police.

Councilman Tuttle stated anytime you call an organization with 2,600 employees and nobody answers the telephone there is something wrong with the system.

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**PROGRESS REPORT ON BOND PACKAGE AND PRIORITIES SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MONDAY.**

Councilman Whittington stated on the 15th of December, Mr Carstarphen prepared a report for Council on bond projects and priorities, but since that time nothing has been said or to his knowledge nothing has been done except the appointment of the Committee to work with the architects as it relates to the Civic Center. He stated at no time that he can remember has the general public been involved and interested in bonds and went out and supported them and helped passed them; that it behooves all of us to keep the public informed and to make sure the Civic Center gets out of the ground this year.

He stated also these projects relating to sewer bonds on Independence Boulevard where they are talking about annexation; these street projects such as Eastway Drive; to his knowledge nothing has been done.

Councilman Whittington stated either today or next Monday the citizenry of this town should be told bond package by package where we are and how soon we are going to see some dirt moving.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied this is exactly what is in progress; at Council's request the staff has been working on this, and this report is scheduled for next Monday.

**REPORT REQUESTED ON MOVING LOCATIONS OF BUSES MEETING AT SQUARE FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING PASSENGERS.**

Councilman Jordan stated in months past he and other councilmen have asked for a survey on the bus situation uptown to see if the bus company could locate a central bus station for these people to get on or off; or at least change the situation where all the busses meet at the four corners of the Square and causes a lot of confusion both to the people walking up and down the sidewalk as well as traffic.

He asked the City Manager to check into this and see what has happened to the report; if a survey has been made or if there are any plans to alleviate this problem or to change the meeting place of the busses at one particular time or at the Square. He stated to have the busses load and unload at some location other than the Square would be of benefit to the people and to the merchants.

**SUGGESTION THAT DOWNTOWN BUSINESSES AND OWNERS OF LARGE BUILDINGS HAVE LIGHTS PUT ON BUILDINGS FOR BEAUTIFICATION AND SAFETY.**

Councilman Jordan stated most members of Council have gone into many of the big cities and some of the small cities where the owners and the people who run the businesses downtown and have large buildings and have put lights on the buildings where it beautifies the downtown section and at the same time help in the safety of the people. He stated if Charlotte could have the same thing it would add to the downtown section of the city. He stated he has talked to some of the people and they are interested and he has also talked with the Chamber of Commerce to try to interest them in this project of lighting downtown.



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**TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO CHECK TRAFFIC SITUATION AT BEATTIES FORD ROAD AND CUMMINGS AVENUE FOR SOLUTION.**

Councilman Alexander stated at Beatties Ford Road where Cummings Avenue runs into Beatties Ford Road a terrible traffic situation has developed; there is an increase in traffic coming out of Cummings Avenue into Beatties Ford Road; the shopping center traffic enters and leaves the shopping center at this point and it creates a terrible situation; that a lot of wrecks are occurring and someone was hit there the other day. He requested Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to take a look at the location and see if there is any type of improvement that can be made to alleviate the problem.

**COMPLAINTS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN NOT USING SIDEWALK AND CUTTING THROUGH YARDS.**

Councilman Withrow stated on West Boulevard at Remount Road the city had sidewalks put in and the children are not using the sidewalks but are going down the streets with no sidewalks and cutting through yards. He asked what can be done about that? He stated also he has received complaints that the children from the Cotswold School Area are walking through the yards and three or four houses have been broken into and some of the picture windows have been broken out.

Mr. Veeder stated in terms of the children using the sidewalks about the only thing the city can do is to work with the school administration and encourage them to ask the children to use the sidewalks.

Councilman Whittington stated he has talked with Assistant Police Chief Miller about the complaint from Mr. Johnson whose house has been broken into four times and his mail box and his check stolen.

**COUNCIL ADVISED THAT CITY COACH LINE HAS FILED THROUGH THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR EXACT FARE BUS SERVICE.**

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated the city has received notification from the Charlotte City Coach Line that their application has been sent to the North Carolina Utilities Commission for the beginning of an "exact" fare bus service. He stated this has been done among a number of other cities around the nation to discourage robberies and attempted robberies. The formal application went into the Utilities Commission last week end for this to be effective February 16, 1970.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW MOTOR TRANSPORT AND SANITATION DEPARTMENTS.**

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he has handed each Council member a memorandum relating to some changes in the Motor Transport Department. He stated it is proposed to divide this activity into two activities taking the garage activity and continuing this as the Motor Transport Department; taking the balance of the activity - collection, landfill and street cleaning - and setting this up as a separate activity to be known as the Sanitation Department.

He stated Mr. Ernest Davis will continue to be head of the Motor Transport Department, and Mr. Pressley Beaver who is now the Water Distribution Supervisor will be placed in charge of the new Sanitation Department. He stated these changes are to be effective a week from today on January 26.

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He stated he has talked with Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, this morning and it is informally agreed that he will ride herd on these activities and will be spending some priority time in helping these two new activities proceed in the best fashion for the city.

Mr. Veeder recommended that Council adopt an ordinance establishing these two activities, and an ordinance making the necessary budget changes, and a resolution amending the Pay Plan to include the Class of Sanitation Superintendent.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Thrower to adopt the following ordinances and resolution:

- (1) Ordinance No. 490 Amending Chapter 2 of the Code of the City by Establishing a new article, Article IV, entitled Motor Transport and Sanitation Departments.
- (2) Ordinance No. 491-X Amending Ordinance No. 255-X, Section 1, Schedule A. of the Budget Ordinance, to authorize an appropriation for a Motor Transport Department and a Sanitation Department.
- (3) Resolution Amending the Pay Plan of the City of Charlotte to include Class No. 365, Sanitation Superintendent.

Councilman Short suggested that Mr. Veeder's staff present to Council as quickly as possible, a more restrictive policy for trash pickup. If we are going to revise this department then we should get into this matter; that this has been mentioned a number of times. Some of the things that we have to pick up do not really rate as trash such as old refrigerators and the shingles off someone's roof.

Mr. Veeder replied he will have some suggestions on a revised policy in the near future.

Councilman Jordan asked if we cannot eliminate filling up the landfill with all the materials taken from the old buildings being torn down; that it does not take but a few of them to completely fill our landfill.

Mr. Veeder stated when a building is demolished the residue has to be deposited some place; that the possibility of a private disposal has some possibilities; to date this has not been feasible.

Councilman Tuttle stated we have small machines on trucks that grind up the limbs and there are larger machines that will grind up stumps and turn it into sawdust. He asked if there is a big machine that can grind this up at the landfill and turn it into sawdust. Mr. Veeder stated there are experiments going on around the country that have as a basic premise the desirability of reducing the bulk of material being deposited and it takes less room to dispose of it; this is being done mainly on an experimental basis along with some other techniques being attempted. He stated no one seems to have answers for the problem of solid waste disposal as yet.

Mr. Veeder advised Council that the fire at the Statesville Avenue landfill is now out.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 480.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 16.

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MAYOR ANNOUNCES CITY HAS RECEIVED GRANT FOR THE MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM AND CITY MANAGER AND PERSONNEL COMMENDED FOR PERFORMANCE IN PREPARING APPLICATION.

Mayor Belk stated Charlotte is in a brighter spot now than it has been in quite a while since we have the manpower back on the track. It has been more encouraging than it has been in the last six months.

He stated Charlotte has been chosen as one of the outstanding cities and been awarded the grant for the Municipal Information System which is better than \$2.0 million. He stated this was not given to Charlotte on a political basis but it was well received and well earned; there was a lot of hard work done on it, and he asked that Mr. Robert Deaton be congratulated for the fine job he did in preparing the application. He stated this will be the beginning in this area of the computer system.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would like to commend Mr. Veeder, City Manager on this program; it just shows the excellence on the part of our administration.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CHARLOTTE BOARD OF REALTORS' "LIGHT THE NIGHT" PROGRAM.

Mayor Belk stated the police department cannot settle all the crime; the citizens are going to have to do it; that there has been an increase in crime and if more is not done by getting the citizens involved he does not think it will ever be solved with just the police force.

Mayor Belk stated this has become the concern of the citizens of the community; the Charlotte Board of Realtors has adopted a program called "Light the Night". That Washington has gone into its worse area and set up this program of putting in the lights and they have no problem since that time. Mayor Belk stated the Board of Realtors will have brochures, display posters, car window stickers, and label buttons and TV and newspapers will be utilized to carry on a broad educational program. He stated the secret of its success will be to get the citizens involved; that Mr. Alan W. Dailey will be the General Chairman of the program and James A. Basinger, Jr. is President of the Charlotte Board of Realtors.

Mayor Belk then introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Charlotte Board of Realtors has been studying the problem of crime in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Realtors has begun a community-wide program entitled "Light the Night" to inform and alert home owners, apartment dwellers and business owners of the many benefits that can be derived from adequate lighting.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, that it endorses and supports the "Light the Night" program which the Board of Realtors has proposed.

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Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried recessing the meeting until 7:30 p.m. tonight at University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Student Union Parquet Room, to continue public hearings on zoning petitions in the University area.

  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk