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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, March 2, 1970, at 3:00 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.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend W. C. Lauderdale of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, the minutes of Monday, February 16, 1970, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF ERNEST J. SIFFORD.

Councilman Jordan presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that the City Council learned of the death of Ernest J. Sifford on Tuesday, February 24, 1970; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Sifford was a faithful and conscientious member of the Park and Recreation Commission for twenty-two years, having served as Chairman from 1953 to 1958; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charlotte is especially indebted to Mr. Sifford for his long and dedicated service as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission where his devotion to his job and his enthusiasm led to the development of many of Charlotte's parks, swimming pools and neighborhood centers, as well as to the construction of Park Center; and

WHEREAS, in addition, he was active in the work of his church, the Boy Scouts, the American Legion, the Shrine and promoted and served as Chairman of the first two Shrine Bowl games held in Charlotte.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, in regular session assembled, this 2nd day of March, 1970, that the deepest sympathy of the members of the City Council is hereby extended to the family of Ernest J. Sifford, and that his name be and the ame is hereby memorialized and honored; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting."

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried by the Council standing for a moment of silent prayer.

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WEEK OF MARCH 1-7, 1970 PROCLAIMED AS "SAVE YOUR VISION WEEK".

Mayor Belk recognized Dr. David Erwin and asked him to come to the front, and presented the following proclamation on "Save Your Vision Week":

WHEREAS, to see is to possess the opportunities of life to the fullest. To see the printed page is to hold the key to knowledge. To see the planets and stars in the sky is to belong to the universe. To see the details of a blueprint or the fine working of a machine is to perform a masterful job. To see the beauty of a flowering field, a snow-covered slope, a lordly lion or a carefree child is to enjoy living; and

WHEREAS, March begins with the observance of "Save Your Vision Week", as proclaimed by the President of the United States. March 1-7, 1970 is designated as a time to ponder the miracle of vision and to consider the needs of our vision. March is the time to recognize the optometric, medical and other health care professions for their efforts in caring for our vision. March 1-7, 1970 is a time to plan our future through vision; and

WHEREAS, opportunity awaits those who see effectively. Opportunity knocks on the door of the hard-core unemployed, rejected for work because of poor vision. Opportunity enters through his door when the vision is corrected. Opportunities to keep in touch with life and to enjoy the offerings of faraway places abound for the invalid through reading and television; and

WHEREAS, vision is the greatest gift we have. Vision opens our minds to the wonders of our world and our universe. Vision shows us our problems and vision helps us solve them. Vision needs care. Vision is worth care.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Belk, Mayor of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 1-7, 1970 as

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and ask each citizen to participate in our community's observance of Save Your Vision Week and to listen to its message: "Life is worth Seeing-Your vision is Worth Care."

DISCUSSION OF CIVIC CENTER LOCATION CONTROVERSY BY MR. TOM SYKES.

Mr. Tom Sykes stated he is present today relative to recent actions concerning the Civic Center. That having been a part of the Wedding, he feels now the bride has left home. He stated the Civic Center location controversy raging is harming the community and it has developed into a conflict of personalities, and he would like to see this stopped; that it is difficult enough to sell the citizens of Mecklenburg County or the City of Charlotte a bond issue today, and it is even more difficult with the talk relative to the Civic Center and its location.

Mr. Sykes stated the location of the Civic Center as proposed in the sales pitch for the bonds was to have been pre-determined - the block bounded by College, Brevard, Second and Third Streets. Now they find there are other locations proposed. He stated the bond package was sold on the location as described in the information provided by the Citizens for Progress and a lot of information provided by City Employees. He stated his support was given to this issue only after meeting with various officers of the City and people who supposedly knew what they were talking about. In digging a little deeper into this matter, he finds they were selling the citizens on the bond issue which was not the real location even then - they changed it in the sales

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pitches to Second, College, Third and Brevard Streets - while actually the location of the Civic Center is Brevard, from Young Motor Company to Third Street, two blocks and then to the railroad.

Mr. Sykes stated Mr. Lassiter probably knew better than the text allowed the citizens to know relative to the location. Now Mr. Lassiter has become a member of a Committee to make a decision on the location of the Civic Center. That he says Mr. Lassiter has a conflict of interest and should be removed immediately from this Committee.

Mr. Sykes stated on today's Council agenda he finds two matters relative to the expenditure of taxpayer's money. One is an architectural agreement with A. G. Odell, Jr. and Associates, Inc., for 5-1/2 percent of the construction cost of the Civic Center. That Mr. Odell has entered his recommendations into this Committee regardless and whether or not he is a member of this Committee he has entered into the negotiations for the site by his recommendations. Mr. Sykes stated he thinks Mr. Odell should be looked over very carefully as the architect for this project. That another item on the agenda gives Mr. Odell more money from the recent bond issue which is an architectural agreement at 7 percent of the construction cost for the coliseum improvements. Mr. Sykes stated Mr. Odell has a conflict of interest and he thinks he should withdraw from any discussions relative to the location of the proposed civic center; that he thinks Mr. Odell should be left on the side lines as an architect, or even dropped as a candidate for the architect for the civic center.

Mr. Sykes stated he thinks Mr. Lassiter should be dropped from the Mayor's Committee; that he feels some responsibility to the citizens of Charlotte for having worked diligently to sell the bond issue. He stated Mr. Broadrick should be allowed to bring this bond issue matter back into perspective as he understands it basically more than Mr. Lassiter would. He stated a great injustice has been done to some personalities in this matter.

He stated he feels a review of the Civic Center Committee appointments should be made immediately and changes made to bring about the solving of this problem that has the community upset.

Mayor Belk replied he and Council appreciate hearing Mr. Sykes remarks; he thanked him for his work on the bond package. He stated they met with the Charlotte Development Association last Wednesday and at that time there was not a definite location - that he is talking about this Council - nor did Mr. Lassiter's Committee have a location picked out. He stated we know the citizens do want a Civic Center, and we are going to try our best to have the best Civic Center we possibly can. That at this time it is in the point of negotiations with the Charlotte Development Association.

Mr. Sykes stated the only thing that disturbs him basically about not working with CDA was that this package of the Civic Center was sold on the basis of income from the development of property which would be \$900,000 a year and the cost of the Civic Center would be \$800,000 a year. That he feels we should work with CDA as was intended originally and get this back where it belongs and settle down and get the job done; that this is all he is asking.

Mayor Belk replied these are the negotiations we are working on; right now there is no concrete answer to Mr. Sykes statement but there will be one. That we have every intention that the Civic Center will be built.

COUNCILMAN SHORT ABSENT FOR PORTION OF MEETING.

Councilman Short left the meeting at this time and was absent until his return as noted in the Minutes.

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RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$10.0 MILLION CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS.

Councilman Jordan introduced the following resolution:

Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Public Buildings Bonds, Series A (Civic Center).

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$2,000,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A, (Civic Center)" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Thrower introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,850,000 Street Widening, Extension, and Improvement Bonds, Series A."

Councilman Whittington stated as this information is released tomorrow through the news media he hopes each of these items on the \$10.0 million bond issues will be fully explained as to exactly what the money will be used for. If it is a sewer line, where the sewer line is; if it is a street, which street; money for the civic center and the improvements to the auditorium and coliseum. That also Mr. Woodward should use any method he has to get this information out to all the citizens so they will know exactly what the City is doing step by step.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,850,000 Street Widening, Extension and Improvement Bonds, Series A" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon Councilman Whittington introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,850,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A."

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,850,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon Councilman Tuttle introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,390,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds, Series A."

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled:

"Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,390,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds, Series A" was passed by the following vote:

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

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Thereupon, Councilman Alexander introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,050,000 Street Land Bonds, Series A."

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$1,050,000 Street Land Bonds, Series A" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Whittington introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$970,000 Water Bonds, Series A."

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$970,000 Water Bonds, Series A", was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Jordan introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$625,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds, Series A."

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$625,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds, Series A", was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Withrow introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$265,000 Land Acquisition Bonds".

Thereupon, upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$265,000 Land Acquisition Bonds" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Whittington introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Fixing the Form and Manner of Execution of \$2,000,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A (Civic Center), \$1,850,000 Street Widening, Extension and Improvement Bonds, Series A, \$1,850,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A, \$1,390,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds, Series A, \$1,050,000 Street Land Bonds, Series A, \$970,000 Water Bonds, Series A, \$625,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds, Series A, and \$265,000 Land Acquisition Bonds, to be issued under date of April 1, 1970, Providing for the Registration Thereof, Ratifying Application to the Local Government Commission for the Advertisement and Sale of Said Bonds and Ratifying Action of Local Government Commission in Asking for Sealed Bids for Said Bonds."

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Fixing the Form and Manner of Execution of \$2,000,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A (Civic Center), \$1,850,000 Street Widening, Extension and Improvement Bonds, Series A, \$1,850,000 Public Building Bonds, Series A, \$1,390,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds, Series A, \$1,050,000 Street Land Bonds, Series A, \$970,000 Water Bonds,

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Series A, \$625,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds, Series A, \$265,000 Land Acquisition Bonds, To Be Issued Under Date of April 1, 1970, Providing for the Registration Thereof, Ratifying Application to Local Government Commission For The Advertisement and Sale of Said Bonds and Ratifying Action of Local Government Commission in Asking For Sealed Bids For Said Bonds" was passed by the following vote:

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

Thereupon, Councilman Alexander introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the Printing of the Legal Opinion on the \$10,000,000 Bonds to be issued under Date of April 1, 1970".

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing The Printing of the Legal Opinion On The \$10,000,000 Bonds To Be Issued Under Date of April 1, 1970", was passed by the following vote:

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

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, beginning at Page 27.

PETITION NO. 68-11 BY LONE STAR BUILDERS, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF QUAIL HOLLOW ROAD, SOUTH OF SHARON ROAD, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-15 to R-15MF be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

PETITION NO. 70-30 BY DENNIS F. ELLIOTT FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF PARKING ON LAND ZONED R-6MF ON THE NORTH SIDE OF KIRKLAND AVENUE, WEST OF COKER AVENUE, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, deferring decision on the subject petition pending further study by the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 512-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ON PETITION OF GUS PAPPAMIHIEL.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-9 to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 2.

ORDINANCE NO. 513-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT 1915 EAST FIFTH STREET ON PETITION OF EVANGELOS S. STASSINOS.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from O-6 to 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 17, at Page 3.

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ORDINANCE NO. 514-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT 526-28 BEATTIES FORD ROAD, ON PETITION OF MRS. EVELYN BULLARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from B-1 to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 4.

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, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject petition for a change in zoning was denied as recommended by the Planning Commission.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RELOCATING AND ADJUSTING SANITARY SEWER LINES IN CONFLICT WITH NORTHWEST FREEWAY (INDEPENDENCE FREEWAY), FROM FOURTH STREET TO NEAR INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the subject agreement with the total cost of the work to be \$106,646.50 and the City's share to be \$16,961.20 and the Commission's share to be \$89,685.30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT WITH A. G. ODELL, JR. AND ASSOCIATES FOR ALTERATIONS AND RENOVATIONS TO AUDITORIUM AND COLISEUM BUILDINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Alexander, approving the subject agreement at a fee of seven percent (7%) of the construction cost for alterations and renovations to the auditorium and coliseum buildings, including air conditioning of the coliseum and its ancillary accommodations, mechanical refinements to the air conditioning and heating system of the auditorium, repairs and refurbishing of the auditorium and interior modification to the coliseum.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMAN SHORT RETURNS TO MEETING.

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

ARCHITECTURAL CONTRACT WITH A. G. ODELL, JR. AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CIVIC CENTER BUILDING AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the subject contract with A. G. Odell, Jr. and Associates, Inc. for the construction of a civic center building and ancillary facilities at a fee of five and half percent (5½%) of the construction cost which has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Civic Center Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

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AMENDMENTS TO PAY PLAN AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT THE ALEXANDER STREET MODEL CITY NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTER, APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of that portion of the general resolution amending the Pay Plan to include the positions of: Neighborhood Center Supervisor at Salary Range 36 and Neighborhood Center Assistant Supervisor at Salary Range 33, and Authorizing the budgeting of those and the following positions in the 1969-70 Budget: One Clerk Stenographer II, One Clerk Stenographer I, Two Clerk Typist II, Two Clerk Typist I and Three Clerk I. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 515-X Amending Ordinance No. 255-X, the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance, Authorizing the Appropriation of \$68,060.00 for the Model City Neighborhood Center Administration, with the appropriation to be from U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Funds, which has been approved for Model Neighborhood Program Expenditures.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 5.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE APPROVING SALE OF LAND TO THE CORNELIUS COMPANY, INC., IN DILWORTH URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N. C. R-77.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject resolution approving the sale of 4,099.12 square feet of land in Disposition Parcel No. 6-A, at a cost of \$4,475.00 to the Cornelius Company, Inc., to be developed for general wholesale and industrial use, in accordance with the Redevelopment Plan. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 47.

ORDINANCE NO. 516-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 255-X, THE 1969-70 BUDGET ORDINANCE, TRANSFERRING PORTION OF UNAPPROPRIATED GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO SANITATION DEPARTMENT-LANDFILL.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$4,704.00 to be used for services provided while extinguishing a landfill fire. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Thrower asked if there has been any more trouble at the landfill; and if any federal agency was ever contacted in case the fire should break out again? Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, replied the fire is out and they have not contacted any of the federal agencies. Councilman Thrower stated he brought this up one week and Mr. Alexander brought it up the next week; that in the event this starts it is hard to stop, and the city was running into a serious contamination problem at that time and he had understood we could not continue to fight it with water. Mr. Bobo replied that is true and dirt was hauled in and a fire wall was built and the fire is out.

Mayor Belk requested that a check be made to see if there is an agency that would replace this cost figure.

Councilman Alexander asked if the system is at a point if a similar fire would break out this system will take care of it? Mr. Bobo replied it will.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 6.

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CONTRACT WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS TO SERVE COVENTRY WOODS SUBDIVISION NO. 4.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with John Crosland Company for the construction of 3,483 feet of water main and three (3) fire hydrants to serve Coventry Woods Subdivision No. 4, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$14,250.00, 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.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 23.04' x 33.05' x 51.61' of property at 1300 East Fourth Street, from J. E. Kimbirl and wife, Mary P., at \$790.00, for the East Third Street Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 13' x 64' of easement at 3215 Shamrock Drive, from H. P. Morris and wife, Clare N. and Jerry W. Blucher and wife, Margaret A., at \$1.00, for culvert at Briar Creek and Shamrock Drive.
- (c) Acquisition of 5' x 314' of easement at 527 Blairhill Road, from Celeste McCachren Heirs, at \$157.00, for Clanton Road sanitary sewer trunk.
- (d) Acquisition of 10' x 93' of easement at 1310 LaSalle Street from Jennings Moore and daughter Barbara Moore, Heirs of Nola Orr Moore, at \$93.00, for the LaSalle Street Improvement.
- (e) Acquisition of 9.18' x 190' x 9' x 190' of easement at 1310 LaSalle Street, from Jennings Moore and daughter, Barbara Moore, Heirs of Nola Orr Moore, at \$352.00, for LaSalle Street Improvement.

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS, ADOPTED.

Councilman Thrower moved adoption of a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of easement belonging to William Laurie Little (widower) at 1723 Brown Avenue, for the Taggart Creek Outfall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 48.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to adopt a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property at 300-02 North Tryon Street, from F. G. Robinson, et al, for the Library Park Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

The City Attorney advised that the City does not have the authority to utilize the streamlined condemnation procedures for the acquisition of land for parks, and has to use the old statutory Chapter 40 procedure; there will be no deposit made into the Court initially; the first deposit will come after a Board of Commissioners has found what the fair market value of the property would be.

Councilman Tuttle asked what is earmarked for this project? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied \$120,000.00. Councilman Tuttle asked where the money comes from if the court says \$220,000.00? Mr. Veeder stated he assumes it would be within the figure that we have had appraisals on; and we are sharing the cost on this; this is involved, not only in bond money but in a federal grant. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the federal government will pay 50% of the appraised value, or 50%, of the court award.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 49.

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Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property at the northeast corner of North Tryon Street and Sixth Street, from Miss Mildred Watson, for the Library Park Project, was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 50.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving appraisal contracts, as follows:

- (a) Contract with William L. Frickhoeffter for appraisal of two parcels of land at a fee of \$150.00 each for the Airport Expansion Project.
- (b) Contract with John W. Huffaker for appraisal of two parcels of land at fees of \$150.00 and \$125.00 for the Airport Expansion Project.

CONTRACT WITH WILBUR SMITH & ASSOCIATES FOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY, AUTHORIZED.

A contract was presented with Wilbur Smith and Associates for an in-depth analysis of the transportation problems faced by families residing in Charlotte's disadvantaged neighborhoods which includes Charlotte's Model Neighborhood and the Concentrated Employment target area with the total cost of \$37,170 to be financed with a 2/3 Federal Grant of \$24,780.00 and the City Coach Company, Inc. to provide to the City one-half of the non-federal contribution in the amount of \$6,180.00.

Councilman Alexander asked if this is a continuation of the same transportation study Council discussed some time ago? Mr. Veeder replied yes, and this is actually getting to the contract stage. That Council has considered and acted on this on previous occasions - one, in filing the application; two, the acknowledgement of the federal grant, and three, the split of the non-federal cost with the Charlotte City Coach Company.

Councilman Short asked what is the Transportation Technical Coordinating Committee? Mr. Veeder replied this is a group made up of federal, state, county and city representatives consisting of representatives of The Bureau of Public Roads, the State Highway Commission, Mecklenburg County and the City's staff working in concert on many transportation problems as they relate to Mecklenburg County.

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

Councilman Alexander stated he hears much talk about the city needing a transportation study. He asked how much of our transportation problems will this analysis render? Does this just involve the Model Neighborhood? Mr. Veeder replied this does not involve all of the Model Neighborhood area; it just involves the questions of public transportation within the Model Neighborhood; this work has been designed to be compatible with the over-all study that Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, is involved in in terms of being ready to make some recommendations.

CLAIM OF MRS. SALLIE C. PRESSLEY DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, denying the subject claim in the amount of \$192.92 for automobile damages as recommended by the City Attorney.

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CLAIM OF MRS. EVAN WYATT FOR PERSONAL INJURY DENIED.

Councilman Withrow moved that claim filed by Mrs. Evan Wyatt, in the amount of \$166.25, for personal injury be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

CLAIM OF MISS CONNIE RHEA SPRUIELL FOR PERSONAL INJURY DENIED.

Council was advised that a claim has been filed by Miss Connie Rhea Spruiell in the amount of \$1,100.00, or such other amount the City Council may feel is reasonable, for personal injury received on January 28, 1967 when Miss Spruiell, then an eleven year old minor, stepped on the sewer grate on Luther Street and her leg slipped through the grate because several rods were missing. She was taken to the hospital for treatment suffering from bruises, abrasions and a partial tear of the medial collateral ligament. The City Attorney recommends the claim be denied as the City had no actual knowledge of the defect, and the City inspects with reasonable frequency so the City did not breach its duty of ordinary diligence in providing safe passage for travelers.

Councilman Short asked what duty the City has to inspect? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied the law places upon the City a duty to inspect its street system, its sidewalk system and its appurtenances thereto; the law does not place any rigid schedule of inspections but only that inspections shall be made with reasonable frequency so as to properly maintain and repair any defects. Councilman Short asked if there is any way to know approximately how long it had been since it was inspected? Councilman Tuttle asked if anyone in the Engineering Department tried to determine from the looks of the metal how long this had been broken.

Mr. Underhill stated a check was made back through June 1966, approximately a six months period; they found nothing in the Engineering Department's service request records that any knowledge of the defect in question; that he does not have any information as to when this particular street or the area adjacent to the street was inspected; there is one city crew in the Department who does nothing else except inspect catch basins and sidewalk defects. He stated he does not have any information in front of him that would indicate whether or not from looking at the catch basin grate a determination could have been made as to how long the defect had been there.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would think that any expert could tell whether this had rusted out and that the break may have been a year old which would indicate laxity on the City's part in inspection or whether it was a fresh break which would indicate not necessarily any laxity. He stated unless someone can convince him so that he can be reasonable sure it was a fresh break, he moved that the immediate medical expenses of this child be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Jordan stated this happened in 1967 and he asked why it is just being brought to Council? Mr. Underhill stated the City was first contacted by the law firm representing the young lady on January 30, 1967; a letter was sent to the law firm on January 31, 1967 from the City Manager acknowledging the receipt of the claim; the claim was forwarded to his office for handling and on February 1, 1967, he wrote the attorney requesting him to advise the City as to the location of the drain which the original letter failed to mention and as soon as he received the information the claim would be processed; that he did not hear from the young lady's attorney again until January 14, 1970.

Councilman Thrower stated then there is no way to determine whether this was a fresh break or an old break.

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Councilman Withrow made a substitute motion to deny the claim as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Short stated he went out this morning to look at this grate; there are two storm sewer entries there - one on either side of the street. That he does not know which one was involved, but one of the entries on one side of the street is so covered over with debris and a matting of grass and leaves that if someone stepped on it and there was no grate at all you could not tell but what it was solid underneath. Assuming this was the condition that existed, would that change the city's liability? Councilman Jordan asked how you can come to a conclusion based on these facts when the accident happened three years ago in 1967. Mr. Underhill replied the service report does not mention anything about the grate being covered; it only reports the grate was broken.

Councilman Tuttle stated it is very pertinent when Council receives these reports that the investigation say that the metal has been checked and all indications are the break could not be over two weeks old; this does not show whether the break was two years old, two weeks or what and that is why he thinks the City is obligated to pay the child's medical expenses.

Councilman Thrower stated the reason he seconded the substitute motion is if the attorney did not think any more about this case than to wait over three years he does not see any reason for this Council to hold up on it.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to deny the claim and carried by the following vote:

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

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO REPORT TO COUNCIL ON TYPES OF INSPECTION AND FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS ON SIDEWALK, STREET, WATER METER BOX AND CATCH BASIN DEFECTS AND FOR CLAIM REQUESTS TO INCLUDE REPORT ON WHETHER OR NOT THE INVESTIGATION MADE SHOWS A FRESH BREAK.

Councilman Alexander stated claims come before Council quite often and they always come in terms of not giving a definite statement as to when, or if, such inspections take place; that he is aware it would be an immense problem to have someone look at every little item, but he would like for the City Attorney to bring to Council, at a later date, a more defined statement as to just what types of frequency is involved in various inspections out of which this type claim grows - he would like the report to include the frequency of the inspections and the type of inspections made. Mr. Underhill asked if he is talking about sidewalk defects, street defects, water meter box defects and defective catch basins? Councilman Alexander replied that is right and as an example there was a broken grill over the catch basin on Tryon and Mint Street in front of the Downtowner; it had been there sometime before it was taken care of; that is a case where people step off the sidewalk frequently and could easily step into this hole.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is not as concerned with what Mr. Alexander is saying; if it were possible it would be good, but he does not think it would be possible to keep a record of all the inspections. That he has voted to come to the relief of somebody several times on this sort of thing. That he believes as a layman he could tell whether the break on the cast iron is fresh or not; that you may not be able to say whether it is two weeks old or two years but you can tell if it is a fresh break. That an inspection should include a statement on whether or not the break is fresh.

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CLAIM OF MR. R. S. COOK FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE DENIED.

Councilman Withrow moved that claim filed by Mr. R. S. Cook in the amount of \$300.00 for property damage on Rozzells Ferry Road be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CLAIM OF MRS. ERNESTINE BROWN FOR PERSONAL INJURY AUTHORIZED PAID.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, claim in the amount of \$400.00 for personal injury filed by Mrs. Ernestine Brown was authorized paid as recommended by the City Attorney.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Whittington asked if this resolution means that someone who received a two-step pay increase two weeks or a month ago or three months ago will get another step increase now? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied this is changing the basic pay plan as approved last July to increase all ranges by one step as of March 4. Councilman Whittington stated there have been several in the last month to receive pay increases. Mr. Veeder stated this has no relationship to merit increases as such. Councilman Thrower stated that means that anyone who did get those pay increases will automatically get the five percent (5%) also. Mr. Veeder stated anyone not at the top of the range considered for a merit increase whose anniversary date came since last July is considered independent of this five percent (5%) increase.

Motion was made by Councilman Short to adopt a resolution amending the Pay Plan to provide a one-range salary increase for all city employees effective March 4, 1970 in accordance with a resolution adopted by City Council on July 28, 1969 which provided for two general salary adjustments in the fiscal year 1969-70. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, beginning at Page 51.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT ISSUED TO RALPH CONRAD BOSTIC.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the issuance of a special officer permit to Mr. Ralph Conrad Bostic for a one year term for use on the premises of Belk Brothers Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Ella F. Meeks for Graves 8 and 9, in Lot 18, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Willard for Lot No. 71, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$800.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Lillie H. Jenkins for Graves 5 and 6, in Lot No. 19, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.

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PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION DIRECTOR REQUESTED TO INFORM PEOPLE OF CITY'S PROGRAM TO IMPROVE STREETS BY PETITION ASSESSMENT.

Councilman Whittington asked what has happened to the City's program on petition by residents for street, sidewalk, storm drains and curb improvements? Mr. Veder, City Manager, replied the program is still available; no petitions have been filed recently.

Councilman Whittington suggested to the City Manager and his staff that Mr. Woodward, Director of Public Service and Information, be requested to make a survey through the Engineering Department of the streets that have no curbs and storm drains. He stated one of the most depressing things in a neighborhood is to ride down a street and see the yard washing away and there is no sidewalks and people have to walk in someone's yard in order to get out of the street and the mud. That if the City will make an effort and let people know how they can make these improvements including the payments in their taxes this would be very helpful.

Mr. Veeder replied this is a very good idea and it can be used as an item in the Action Line that goes out with the water bills.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE REMOVAL OF PARKING IN THE 700, 800 and 900 BLOCKS OF EAST NINTH STREET AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Whittington stated he received a call from residents in the 600, 700 and 800 blocks of East Ninth Street complaining about parking being removed and they have no driveways and no place to park their cars except around the corner and there is vandalism to their automobiles.

He requested that Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, be asked to check into this complaint.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REQUESTED TO PLANT TREES ON PARK ROAD FROM WOODLAWN ROAD DOWN TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE SHARON COMMUNITY.

Councilman Whittington stated he has received a request for the City's Beautification Committee to plant some trees in the planting strip of Park Road, from Woodlawn Road in the direction of SouthPark and Celanese - the entrance to the Sharon Community.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONTACT RAILROAD AND ASKED THAT ROUGH GRADE CROSSINGS BE REPAIRED.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to contact the railroads about the grade crossings that are in bad condition - Summit Avenue, West Boulevard and Walnut Avenue. These are in bad shape and he would appreciate it if the City Manager will ask the railroad to correct them.

LOCAL-FEDERAL COORDINATOR REQUESTED TO REPORT ON POSSIBILITY OF GREEN SPACE IN THE AREA OF THE OLD CHARLOTTE SANITARIUM.

Councilman Whittington stated sometime ago Council discussed with Mr. Connerat, Local-Federal Coordinator, the possibility of more green space downtown in the area of the Old Charlotte Sanitorium which has been demolished with the idea of tying this into the Library Park Project and carrying it across into the old Fourth Ward. He stated to his knowledge Council has not heard from Mr. Connerat on this, and he would like to receive a report.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE NEED OF A SMALL STRIP OF LAND NEAR THE CREEK TO SEE IF THE CITY HAS NEED FOR THE PROPERTY.

Councilman Tuttle handed to the City Manager a letter from Mr. Eddie Clarkson concerning a 4.85 foot wide strip of land on the tax books for about \$180.00 down near the creek for which he has no need. That if it means anything to the City he will be happy to deed it and would like to have an answer within 60 days.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE THE NO PARKING ON SUNDAY SIGNS ON PROVIDENCE ROAD, AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL AS TO WHY THE SUNDAY PARKING WAS REMOVED.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has had a number of conversations about "No Sunday Parking" on Providence Road. Here again these people were able to park and all of a sudden "No Parking" signs were placed without any notice to the people.

He stated the people claim there is no reason to remove the Sunday parking on Providence Road, from the Methodist Church down to the creek. There was Sunday Parking but all of a sudden the Sunday Parking signs were removed, and no parking anytime signs have been placed.

He requested the City Manager to have an investigation made and report back to Council.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO REMOVE NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON HASTINGS DRIVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF FIRST SECTION FROM WELLESLEY DRIVE TO THE FIRST DRIVEWAYS.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has received a letter from the residents on Hastings Drive, and they have come up with what seems to be a practical solution and a compromise on their no parking problem. They suggest that No Parking signs be erected on both sides of Hastings Drive, covering the area from Wellesley Avenue to the first driveway on each side of Hastings Drive.

Councilman Tuttle moved that Council request Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to remove the no parking restrictions on Hastings Drive with the exception of that first section, from Wellesley Avenue down to the first driveways. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY DISCUSSED AND TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO COME TO CONFERENCE SESSION WITH POSSIBILITIES FOR CORRECTING THE SITUATION.

Councilman Short stated yesterday he had occasion to be at a place right at the intersection of Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza in the vicinity of the Plaza Presbyterian Church.

He stated from a pedestrian point of view this is one of the worse intersections there could be in any city; that he wishes it were the only one of this type in Charlotte, but what worries him is the thought that we have a lot of intersections where in the effort to improve traffic flow perhaps we have had to overlook, or have overlooked, the needs of pedestrians. He stated the traffic comes at you all the time regardless of how the lights are; the signal lights just constitute a trap because you think you are safe and you seem to have the signal light and then you walk across and have the traffic coming at you.

Councilman Short stated according to the police report Chief Goodman gave Council this past week, pedestrians are being hit by automobiles at intersections here at the rate of about five a week; about every eighth or ninth one of these occurrences someone is killed - we are killing pedestrians better than one every two weeks in intersection accidents here in Charlotte.

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He stated yesterday he started looking around at other intersections, and he looked at the intersection of Caswell Road, Seventh Street and Pecan and was delighted to find Mr. Hoose has put up a "Walk" and "Don't Walk" sign for pedestrians to help them cross Caswell Road; but even at that intersection if you have to cross Seventh or Pecan, traffic is coming at you from Caswell and you do not know which way to turn.

He stated he examined the Topics materials prepared for Council by the Voorhees Company and they treated both these intersections. At one their concern was to get the automobiles through 15-20% more rapidly and there was no mention of pedestrians. At the other one, their concern was to increase the capacity from "C" capacity to "B" capacity for automobile flow - no mention of pedestrians. He stated in the entire materials that have been presented by the Voorhees Company as a part of the Topics Program they suggested six intersections where pedestrian walk signs be placed - four of them downtown and two on South Boulevard. He stated in the entire report of some 130-40 recommendations just the two suggestions were all that were made about pedestrians.

He stated this matter is serious because there are rather random street patterns in Charlotte - more than most other towns; it is just literally impossible to get across at some intersections. He stated he is sure Mr. Hoose had done admirably in trying to reckon with all the necessities and pedestrians is just one; but it seems we should consider the possibilities for doing more.

Councilman Short stated last night at the intersection of Parkwood Avenue and The Plaza where the Plaza Presbyterian Church is located, the Boy Scouts were meeting. If, after the meeting, the Boy Scouts had attempted to just walk across The Plaza to get a hamburger at Smith's Hamburger Restaurant, it would have been very dangerous for them to attempt to do this. He stated he could list 20-30 intersections in Charlotte where you almost cannot get across if you are a pedestrian. He stated he has discussed this with Mr. Hoose and he immediately gets into the budgetary factor. He stated he has asked him to come and discuss some possibilities with Council at one of its conference sessions if Council has no objections.

He stated in addition to the materials from Voorhees, Council has a book provided about a year ago from the Highway Research Board; this gives about five or six ways of making intersections safer and more useful for pedestrians.

Councilman Tuttle asked if 26 people are killed a year as pedestrians? Councilman Short replied in the last three months, seven were killed, if he recalls correctly the quarterly report; how many there was for the total year, he does not remember.

Councilman Whittington stated he has no objections to Mr. Hoose coming to Council, but until the City, the Highway Department and Mr. Hoose agree to pedestrians walkways over the streets in areas like Mr. Short is talking about, and Independence Boulevard and Eastway Drive and others there is no safe way to get them across the street.

Councilman Short stated one of the pamphlets describes what was done in Detroit; pedestrians were being killed regularly and they did not use the cross-overs but used other means such as signalization and reduced it by 25 percent; in addition, the book sites the situation in California where they have made a religion out of motorist protecting pedestrians. He stated that has gotten results.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION REQUESTED TO COME TO CONFERENCE SESSION AND DISCUSS PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE LICENSING OF DAY CARE CENTERS.

Councilman Short requested that Mr. W. H. Jamison, Superintendent of Building Inspection, be scheduled at a Conference Session to discuss his progress with the licensing of the Day Care Centers.

COUNCILMAN NOTIFIED THERE IS NO AUTHORITY TO REQUEST OWNERS OF LARGE HOUSING PROJECTS TO FENCE IN THEIR PROPERTY.

Councilman Withrow asked the City Attorney if there is any provision that would require owners to put up fences where they have large housing projects and the children become a nuisance by throwing trash onto other people's property in the area? Councilman Thrower stated there are no laws to require fencing; a number of years ago the question was brought up about fencing private swimming pools because it was considered a neighborhood hazard. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied basically that is correct; the only requirement regarding fences are on height limitations which is in the zoning ordinance; there are no requirements presently in the City Code that would require such fencing; there are certain zoning regulations that require screening primarily between office and residential districts.

CONTRACT WITH HUD FOR MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM; RESOLUTION CREATING MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM DEPARTMENT; ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS AND LEASE WITH COURT PLAZA FOR OFFICE SPACE, AUTHORIZED.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated negotiations have been completed for the contract for the Municipal Information System with the Department of Housing and Urban Development. He stated we now have the contract signed by HUD in final form; it has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office, the Budget Office and Personnel Department. He stated the contract calls for HUD to spend up to \$2,964,000 over the next three years in developing this project with the City. Corollary to this contract there are three related items: (1) Lease to rent the office space to house the people involved which is a part of the contract cost and is reimburseable by HUD; (2) Ordinance authorizing transfer of money to set up the operation all of which will be reimbursed by HUD and will come back to the city on a monthly basis; (3) Resolution creating the activity as a separate activity of the Municipal Information System.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander and seconded by Councilman Short, to approve the Municipal Information System Project, as follows:

- (1) Contract between the City of Charlotte and Department of Housing and Urban Development for Municipal Information System Program, Contract No. H-1216.
- (2) Resolution Creating Municipal Information System Department.
- (3) Ordinance No. 517-X Amending the 1969-70 Budget Ordinance Authorizing the transfer of \$50,000 of the General Fund Unappropriated Fund to establish the Municipal Information System Department.
- (4) Lease with Harold B. Carter and John D. Warren d/b/a Court Plaza for 4,032 square feet of office space on the first floor of the Court Plaza, 901 Elizabeth Avenue, at a monthly rental of \$1,680.00.

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Councilman Thrower asked who will head up this Department? Mr. Veeder replied Mr. W. R. (Bob) Deaton will head up the R & D (Research and Development) aspect; also there will be a number of people moving in from the Systems Development Corporation to get the program going.

Mr. Veeder stated HUD has moved with dispatch on this program, and since it was announced that Charlotte was successful in the competition no more than three weeks have passed and the contract was let.

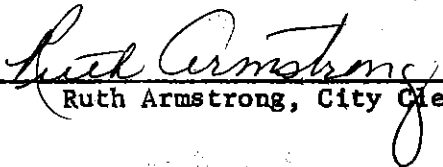
The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 53.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 7.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk