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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 Tuesday, April 4, 1972, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Ruth M. Easterling, Sandy R. Jordan, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mr. Stan R. Brookshire, former Mayor of the City of Charlotte.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last regular meeting, on March 27, 1972, were approved as submitted.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT FOR DISCUSSIONS.

Mayor Belk recognized members of the Board of County Commissioners and welcomed them to the meeting. Present were Chairman M. W. Peterson, and Commissioners W. T. Harris and Charles M. Lowe.

RESOLUTION OF THE CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING THE \$150,000,000 CLEAN WATER BOND ISSUE ON MAY 6, 1972.

Mr. W. M. Franklin, Director of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department, stated present today is a man who has been involved in the Clean Water business for at least 17 years. That Mr. Earl Hubbard, Assistant Director of the North Carolina State Board of Air and Water Resources, started out with the State Board of Health, the State Conservation Committee, and all other business involved with clean stream classification until it has evolved today into the Department of Water and Air Resources.

Mr. Hubbard stated there has been a clean water program in the State of North Carolina insofar as it relates to water pollution control for as long as 20 years or a little over 20 years. The basic law was enacted in 1951 and since that time we have made tremendous progress and have spent more than a half million dollars throughout the state on waste water collection and treatment facilities. The job is not done; it is recognized that we must expedite our efforts. The 1971 water bond package passed by the General Assembly in his opinion represents the most important piece of legislation in the water supply and waste water treatment field that has been passed since the enactment in 1951 of the basic law.

Mr. Hubbard stated there has been established a special committee known as the Clean Water Bond Committee in the State of North Carolina and is comprised entirely of public citizens. The Committee is headed by Mr. Micou Browne of Raleigh, who is executive vice-president of Durham Life Insurance Company. Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell of Greensboro, master of the State Grange, is vice-chairman. That Mr. Fred Alexander represents the City of Charlotte and this area of the state on the Committee. The Committee has its offices in Raleigh and is actively engaged in the promotional aspects of the bond referendum.

Mr. Hubbard stated if the bond issue passes, these funds will be divided into three accounts. One account will be the contingency account in the amount of \$5.0 million which will support the administration of the bond program, and will also pay other expenses involved in the administration of the program, and the financing. The remaining \$145.0 million will be divided into two accounts. One, the pollution control account which will have allocated to it \$75.0 million. Fifty million of this will be distributed on a state-wide basis and will be the source of the funds used in providing for matching grants for sewage treatment work construction; matching the funds that are available through the Public Law 660 programs, which now provides 33 per cent, leaving 67 per cent to be provided by the local agency making applications for such funds. If the bond issue is passed and the state establishes an approved matching program which will be made possible through the passage of the bond referendum, then the federal share under present law will increase to 55 percent with the 25 percent state grant; the state-federal grant will amount to 80 percent of the cost of sewage treatment work effort, leaving only 20 percent to be undertaken at the local level.

The remaining \$20.0 million will be allocated by counties in the ratio of the county population to the total population of the state. In the case of the County of Mecklenburg, for sewage collection system this would amount to \$1,745,000. These funds are available for 25 percent grants to eligible applicants throughout the county, or to assist them financially in the construction of sewage collection systems versus sewage treatment works.

Mr. Hubbard stated the second fund will be the water supply system fund to which \$70.0 million will be allocated; \$50.0 million of which will be allocated to the counties on the basis of population, and \$20.0 million reserved for state wide distribution. The \$50.0 million allocated by population will amount to \$3,490,000 to the County of Mecklenburg, making a total allocation to the County on the basis of population for water supply and sewage treatments, \$5,255,000. This will be supplemental to any grants coming from either the \$20.0 million for water supply treatment or the \$50.0 million for matching grants for sewage treatment work. None of the counties are limited to the amounts shown. These are the amounts that will provide 25 percent grants to eligible applicants throughout the county for sewage collection system and water supply distribution and water supply treatment systems.

He stated with the passage of the bond referendum it will be possible to do several things. One is to expedite the rate at which we are meeting our water supply and sewage system needs in providing services to the people throughout the state. Second it will provide funds with which many of the municipalities may proceed with the construction of new sewage collection and water supply systems, which have not heretofore been able to finance at the rate of 67 percent. It will also assist some of the municipalities which need enlargement, extension, and improved waste treatment facilities to proceed with the construction of such facilities, and therefore with the provision of services to our people throughout the State of North Carolina. Third, it will allow us to plan, design and construct utility systems to serve a greater number of people for a longer period of time. It will provide the engineers with a better opportunity of really studying the needs over a period of 15 to 20 years, and designing facilities which will satisfy those needs rather than having the facilities designed, in many cases, to meet the pocketbook, and then having the system overloaded in a few years. Another thing it will provide us with the capability of planning for county-wide and regional sewage collection and treatment facilities, and regional water supply and water distributions system to more nearly serve our needs.

Mr. Hubbard stated a question often raised is how much will this increase taxes. That they are told by the State Treasurer's office that it has been in the past and they anticipate it this time, the experience that the normal growth that will take place during this period of time will increase the revenue to the state to the extent that they do not anticipate any special taxes to defray the cost of the bond issue. This has been the history in the past and they anticipate it will be this time. Therefore, no one should have fear that taxes insofar as the bond issue is concerned will be raised. These funds and the matching funds will bring in about an extra dollar of federal funds for each dollar the state puts in.

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Mr. Hubbard stated the people of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County have come a long way. They now have the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department which is intended to serve the entire county. The Clean Water Bond Act recognized that we should be in the business of using these funds to promote, so far as possible, this type of amalgamation to the extent of encouraging the counties, cities and other groups to come together and put in systems of sufficient scope that can afford to do a good job in designing, and construction, and do a much more satisfactory job of serving the people. One of the criteria that will increase the potential possibilities of receiving the grant under these funds is that if it is area-wide or county-wide regional sewage system or water supply system, then it will receive additional consideration.

Mr. Hubbard stated rather than this being a specialized aid bill for municipalities they like to think of it as a people's bill. The people outside the corporate limits are going to find these funds being provided to buy services for them, and it will put them in a desirable position of being able to finance area-wide or regional systems. They like to think of this as a people's bond issue under which everyone will benefit, either in terms of services or in terms of cleaner waters for their use wherever they may be and for whatever their purpose of using water throughout the State of North Carolina.

Councilman Alexander moved that the Charlotte City Council endorse and support the \$150.0 million Clean Water Bond issue by adopting the subject resolution, and urge all the citizens to support it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 215.

Mayor Belk thanked Mr. Hubbard for his presentation and presented him with a Key to the City.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated in the Act it says you can only allocate \$30.0 million of these funds a year. That he is sure the people of Charlotte are concerned about this because if our share is \$1.0 million and we have a \$2.0 million project, can the funds be committed in advance? Mr. Hubbard replied yes; that this is a matter of bookkeeping. They are allowed to do this. When the bonds are voted they will be sold over a five year period; this does not restrict them from committing more than the first year's allocation.

Councilman Whittington suggested that a letter be sent today to the President of the North Carolina League of Municipalities stating to him that the County Board of Commissioners and the City Council endorse this clean water act for May 6, so that we will be on record as supporting the Act. He stated Chairman Peterson has advised that the County Board voted on this today.

Mr. Hubbard stated it would be well to include a copy of that letter to Mr. Micou Browne who is Chairman of the Clean Water Bond Committee.

HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES TO THE CITY AND THE CITY COMMITS ITSELF TO ALLOCATE TO THE AUTHORITY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE CITY'S SHARE AND TO BUDGET ACCORDINGLY IN ITS BUDGET EACH YEAR BEGINNING WITH FISCAL 1972-73.

Mr. Pat Hall, Chairman of the Charlotte Housing Authority, stated a few comments have been made that the Housing Authority is not responsive to the City Council and to the County Commissioners; that he publicly wants to tell Members of Council and Board of County Commissioners that they are; that they work for these two Bodies and they plan to please them. In doing this, he thinks they will please the taxpayers.

Mr. Hall stated he will do all he can to help to see that the proper housing is built for the people who need it, and will do the best job they can.

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He stated they have one problem and he is delighted the members of the County Commission are present as it involves them also.

Mr. Hall stated they are in their modernization program, particularly on four of their older developments - Piedmont Courts, Fairview Homes, Southside Homes and Belvedere Homes. Piedmont and Fairview were built in 1938 and 1939. Southside Homes and Belvedere Homes were built in 1952. These homes house approximately 6,000 people, approximately 1500 families. In their modernization program there are quite a few things that absolutely need to be done, and they would like to do them. But they have a problem. According to the architectural plans that have been out for bids for several months, this came to \$2,244,897. He stated they only have a \$1,131,825 from the sale of short term notes, and that \$120,530 from reserves and current budget, which makes a total of \$1,215,355, and leaves them short \$992,542.00 to do the things in these four developments they feel absolutely need to be done. He stated they have to move very fast on their million and some thousands dollars or it will revert back to HUD. The plans are being upgraded and will be going for new bids very shortly.

Mr. Hall stated their proposal to the Council and the Board of County Commissioners is that they have been paying in lieu of taxes somewhere around \$80 to \$90 thousand a year. He asked the two Boards to give serious thoughts to waiving these payments by the Housing Authority for a period of ten years; this would give them a total of \$966,480. He stated this is what they would actually be paying based on what they are doing today. In all probability they will pay more because of the new developments and the things that will be coming on both in the city and county. He stated as Chairman of the Charlotte Housing Authority, he requests that they be given permission to proceed to put a package together, whether they borrow the money from a bank or how they get it, to use these payments to amortize this loan.

Councilman Short stated he understands this needs to be done in a certain way in order to legally accomplish it.

Councilman Short moved that the Housing Authority continue to make payments in lieu of taxes to the City each year and that the City now commit itself to allocate to Housing Authority an amount approximately equal to the city's share of the payment in lieu of tax money, and the city will budget accordingly in its budget each year beginning with fiscal 1972-73. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Mr. Hall asked if the city plans to borrow the money, or should the Housing Authority? Councilman Short replied he thinks the Housing Authority would borrow the money; but he is advised if the Authority cuts out payment in lieu of taxes to the city, certain HUD regulations may mean they will have to reduce the rent accordingly, and they would actually lose the money. If it is done in the fashion as outlined in his motion, and the Authority saves this money back and pays it to the city each year, and the City allocate it back to the Authority through the budget, then the Authority will get the money and will not run afoul of the HUD provisions.

Mr. Hall stated if they have this commitment from the city to give back this money equal that given to the city, then they can use it as a payout to a bank.

Councilman Alexander asked how this Council can bind future Councils to be sure that it is continued from year to year for the nine year period he is asking? Councilman Short replied we cannot under either procedure. Under either procedure the situation is technically subject to being amended at some future date. Mr. Hall stated the houses and what is being improved belongs to the Council and the future Councils, and he does not think they would want to default on a payment. He stated they have eight years to pay on the two oldest ones on the bonds, and they will be paid for and will then belong to the City of Charlotte.

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Councilman Whittington stated the important thing is we are making this commitment for ten years; and Mr. Alexander's point is valid. But eventually all of these units are going to be the responsibility of local city government. This is another way we can show to the citizens of this community that we are trying and the Housing Authority is attempting to provide ample and good housing in these four projects. He stated he would like to commend Mr. Hall and the Authority for bringing this endeavor to Council and giving Council an opportunity to work even closer with the Authority.

The City Manager stated it might be wise to amend the motion to say upon approval by the county if they go along with it as it is a joint thing, and they have not had an opportunity to take action on it.

Councilman Short stated actually Council can only commit for half as that is what comes back to the City.

Chairman Peterson stated the County has discussed this informally, and he thinks they are for it in principle but they will have to have a formal vote.

Mr. Lowe and Mr. Harris each indicated they would be for the proposal.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like to hear from the City Attorney on his question. Mr. Underhill stated it would have to be done on an annual basis; that Council has lawful authority to do this. The Housing Authority Act specifically authorizes municipalities the authority to appropriate funds to Housing Authorities. Housing Authorities are exempt from ad valorem taxes, and therefore their payment to the city each year in lieu of taxes is really a gratuity on their part as they are exempt under state law from the payment of taxes. As he understands the motion, it would be funneling into the city purse the annual amount committed in lieu of taxes, and the city in turn will appropriate it back to the Housing Authority. Councilman Short stated even though it is a gratuity under the state law, it actually has a legal significance in that HUD allows it as a sort of expense in determining the amount of rent. Mr. Underhill stated the motion is in order and it is permissible to proceed to do this.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS LEAVE MEETING.

The members of the County Commission then left the meeting.

RESOLUTION ON MUNICIPAL POLICY REGARDING COMPUTERIZATION OF GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS.

The subject resolution was presented for Council's consideration.

Councilman Whittington asked when this program will be over or will it be continuous? Mr. Stan Brookshire, Chairman of the Municipal Information Review Board, replied once the system is installed, approved by Council and meeting also the approval of Council on a policy regarding the accumulation of data, and its assimilation, it will go on and on. Charlotte is one of six pilot cities picked out by HUD over the entire 50 states. The purpose of which was to develop in those six cities and make comparisons between the development of the systems in those six cities of the municipal information computerized system which would increase the efficiency of local government, at the same time protecting the private rights of individuals. The setup is a permanent asset and is almost entirely funded by the federal government.

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Councilman McDuffie stated part of the resolution is a little confusing. Under paragraph (E) it says all matters of public record shall be available to any person for inspection at any reasonable time. Another part of the resolution seems to indicate some personal information would be available. He asked how it will divide and determine which part will be available? Mr. Brookshire replied the statutes clearly define what is public information, and that would be the kind of information that is currently kept by the city. Councilman McDuffie stated just previously Council was talking with Motion, Inc., about housing and the need for more information about the people - their incomes, marital status and such, so there would be some knowledge. Mr. Brookshire replied most of that information would be kept strictly as impersonal information such as numbers rather than names. He stated they plan to bring to Council, perhaps in June, a suggested policy for adoption; this resolution today pretty well represents the guidelines for the preparation of the formal policy.

Councilman Alexander asked if this would be a list where it would be made available to these advertising firms at purchase? Mr. Brookshire replied it would not. Councilman Alexander asked if there is anything in the present operation to keep that from happening other than by just saying it would not be done? Is there a need to put this into this resolution? Mr. Brookshire replied no; that it will be covered adequately under the policy.

Councilman Withrow stated Council should commend Mr. Brookshire and his Committee for the work they have done.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of a resolution on Municipal Policy regarding Computerization of governmental records. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, beginning at Page 216.

LEASE WITH ERVIN COMPANY FOR FLOOR SPACE IN EXECUTIVE BUILDING, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving a lease with the Ervin Company for 150 sq. ft. of space, at a rate of \$5.60 per square foot, on the fourth floor of the Executive Building for a period of six and one-half months to expire September 30, 1972.

CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZED TO SELL PROPERTY ADJACENT TO HUNTINGTOWNE FARMS PARK.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a request by the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission for permission to sell 19,200 square feet of property adjacent to Huntingtowne Farms Park to the Huntingtowne Farms Swim and Racket Club, for the price of \$480.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO MATTER OF TENNIS COURTS AT GARINGER HIGH SCHOOL.

Councilman McDuffie stated nets are always down on the tennis courts at Garinger. He asked if the Park and Recreation Commission can work with those people and provide some nets and it would be the same as though the Parks had provided them. Mr. Ace Walker, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, replied he is not familiar with this problem but he will look into it.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF LAND TO INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ASSOCIATES IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. A-3.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted approving the sale of land to Independence Square Associates, in Redevelopment Project No. N. C. A-3, at a total purchase price of \$3,258,148.88.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, beginning at Page 217.

Councilman McDuffie asked about the relocations in the area. Mr. Sawyer, Director of the Redevelopment Commission, replied they had ten tenants in the critical area; they have moved two, and eight are remaining to be moved. He stated they can assure Council great progress is being made working with each of the tenants occupying the property. They have engaged the services of one of the leading realtors who manages property in the downtown section, and he has been a great help to them. Their attorney has very carefully considered the interest of the tenants in all the condemnation suits and other means of assisting in the relocation process. By the end of this month they expect to see things beginning to happen and vacancies beginning to occur, and demolition will follow shortly after that.

DISCUSSION OF BUS TRANSFERS AT SQUARE.

Councilman McDuffie asked if Council will receive a report on the buses at the Square? Mr. Carstarphen, Assistant City Manager, replied they have met with representatives of the Charlotte City Coach Company and they have indicated a willingness to cooperate.

Councilman Jordan asked if there is any discussion about a bus terminal? Mr. Carstarphen replied the suggestion of an inner-city terminal has appeared in a couple of reports. In terms of specific planning for it, none has been accomplished as yet. This is an element to be considered; but no specific plans for such a facility have been made.

Councilman Alexander stated in discussing this change is the plan to be developed that would lessen the congregation at any one given point, or will it be moving the bus stop from the Square down to another point, and there will be the same amount of congestion? Mr. Carstarphen replied a series of alternatives have been in the plan. That he would anticipate additional alternatives being opened up by the Wilbur Smith report in the future. He stated he thinks the basic direction is toward one of two primary options. The inner-city terminal could be developed and the transfers would take place in an enclosed, better controlled area, and most of them would take place at that location. There are other alternatives including a decentralization of this function to two or more alternative sites, depending on routing patterns and pedestrian patterns. There are pedestrian separation systems included in the plan for the downtown renewal project which relate to this to relieve some of the congestion at the Square. Councilman Alexander stated as much as we need to get it off the Square he would not like to see it being transferred somewhere else and just move the same problems to a different location.

Councilman Jordan stated another problem is where people have to come all the way to the Square to transfer and go back in the same direction. He stated it is his understanding this would eliminate a lot of people driving their cars if they could ride the bus without having to come all the way to town, transfer and perhaps taking an hour or more to get to their destination. This is one of the main problems the study will show.

Mr. Carstarphen stated there are a number of considerations of that nature which have been commented on. He stated one of the final concerns will be a matter of economics. Much of the routing changes and alternative service goes back to the economics in providing that service.

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RESOLUTION STATING THE CITY'S INTENTION TO TRANSFER BY DEED OF GIFT FIVE PARCELS OF SURPLUS PROPERTY TO MOTION, INC. TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF LOW INCOME HOUSING.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, and seconded by Councilman Whittington, to adopt the subject resolution stating the City's intention to transfer by deed of gift five parcels of surplus city-owned property to Motion, Incorporated to be used for the construction of low income housing at the following locations:

- (1) 1605 Harrill Street
- (2) 1612 Harrill Street.
- (3) 377 Umstead Street.
- (4) 2318 Catalina Avenue.
- (5) 516 East Tremont Avenue.

Mr. Carstarphen pointed out the locations on a map and showed photographs of the properties.

Councilman Whittington asked if this is property the city owns and is conveying the deed to Motion, Inc.? Mr. Carstarphen replied it is property almost without exception that the city became owner of as a result of tax foreclosures. The properties have rather severe topographic problems. By transferring this property by deed of gift, we can provide Motion with the opportunity to spend some money on upgrading the land to accomodate housing, and the city will reap a tax paying project on each site.

Councilman Short asked if their intent is to use Section 235 or 236? Mr. Carstarphen replied on most of them they are single family sites. The Umstead property is actually five existing parcels of land and could accommodate a duplex or triplex.

After further discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Alexander, Whittington, Easterling, Jordan, McDuffie and Short.
NAYS: None.

Councilman Withrow abstained from voting. The City Attorney advised that Councilman Withrow has a conflict of interest.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, at Page 219.

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSING APPEALS BOARD.

Council was advised that Section 10A-17 of the Housing Code provides for the appointment of a Housing Appeals Board consisting of five members.

Councilman Jordan moved the appointment of Mr. Heath B. Howie for a term of two years under Category 4, Public Health Professional. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Easterling moved the appointment of Mrs. Edna Gaston for a term of three years under Category 2, Tenant Occupant below \$6,000 Annual Income. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Alexander moved the appointment of Mr. A. P. Wilson for a term of three years under Category 1, Building Contractor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short moved appointment of Mr. Maurice Weinstein for a term of one year under Category 5, Tenant Occupant no income limit. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Alexander moved the appointment of Mr. Charles F. Ritch for a term of two years, under Category 3, Realtor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

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COUNCILMAN JORDAN LEAVES MEETING.

Councilman Jordan left the meeting at this time, and was absent for the remainder of the session.

RESOLUTION APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR A PORTION OF THE INNER BELT LOOP.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of subject resolution approving a municipal agreement with the State Highway Commission for a portion of the Inner Belt Loop. The project consists of the reconstruction of the interchange of I-85 and Mulberry Church Road to accommodate the Airport Parkway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, beginning at Page 220.

Councilman McDuffie stated he wonders how we arrive at priorities; that he assumes the State has only a certain amount of money to spend in our district. He asked where the city gets involved? The City Manager replied the Council was involved. Mr. Billy Rose from the State came down last year and presented a program to Council. Councilman McDuffie asked how did we get involved in the last few weeks on Sharon Road around SouthPark which was not in the priority list? Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, stated the one in front of SouthPark is funded by the State Highway Commission in cooperation with the city's department; we have no money and are merely the mode by which the project is completed. The City works with them on land acquisitions and on the need; but it is State Highway money.

Councilman McDuffie stated he understands this is part of the belt road priority; but if something other than the belt road gets in front, where does the city get involved on priority? Mr. Hopson replied these are minor road adjustments such as the one in front of SouthPark. When we get into the large projects, we set the priorities and stick rather close to them. But when you have small amounts or Topics programs or intersectional changes, they are worked out with the State Highway Commission. Mr. Burkhalter stated when the Highway Department comes up and says it has some money and would like to do a project, the city always says to go to it. Councilman McDuffie stated it seems to him there are other places we might want to talk about. For example, just three weeks ago there was a story on Albemarle Road and Delta Road into the present widening, and Mr. Maxwell indicated in the news media that he thought that problem would be eliminated shortly. That is not in the priority list, and if they start letting a contract there without the city making an input that it would like to widen a street some place else with the same problem, that is what he is trying to get out. Where along the way is the City involved in working with Mr. Maxwell? Mr. Burkhalter replied the city does establish those priorities, and they cannot be changing those all year. Now, if they come along and want to do another project, should we tell them not to do it?

Councilman McDuffie asked who asks them to do the other projects? Do they just volunteer to do a project they have picked out without any input from the Traffic Engineer? Mr. Hopson replied they can do that, and in a lot of cases they do this. All these little things they can help with we work with them, and all the time we are looking towards these major projects which the Council has approved as the main priorities. Mr. Burkhalter stated if we start questioning them on some of the smaller projects, they will not do them, and will decide they can spend the money somewhere else. Nothing is done that does not conform to the city's street plan.

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Councilman McDuffie stated Plaza Road is No. 3 on priorities, and he would like to see some money spent on Plaza Road. Mr. Burkhalter replied we are spending money on it right now. Councilman McDuffie stated the point is there are places he knows of such as Idlewild Road and Lawyers Road that are very dangerous places and they need probably \$10 or \$15 thousand to make an extra lane, and this is Mr. Maxwell's territory; yet we cannot get funds to do that small improvement while we spend \$70 or \$100 thousand at other locations.

Councilman Withrow asked what is being done on the turn on Wilkinson Boulevard and Remount Road? Mr. Hopson replied this is a part of the Topics program and it is in the process. Councilman Withrow stated there is a hole out there now about two feet deep and it needs some gravel thrown in.

Councilman McDuffie requested an update on the Topics program. Mr. Hopson replied a report should be made on this, and they will work with the Traffic Engineer on this.

Councilman McDuffie stated it looks a little odd that we build an interchange at Mulberry Road and the other part of the road is five years away, and Remount needs fixing now. Mr. Hopson replied Mulberry Road is purely in the acquisition and right of way stage; this interchange is part of the inner-loop program and we will not see any actual work for 18 to 24 months.

Councilman Short stated I-85 is just getting to be a city street in Charlotte; it is hard to get through there. He asked how Greensboro got this corrected; that he would like for someone to look into this and give Council a report. It has been made about a half mile wide through Greensboro, and apparently they realized they had a problem, and they have gone out of the way to correct it. Mayor Belk stated he does not want to disagree, but Greensboro has the biggest headache. Councilman Short replied the point is are trying to correct it.

Councilman McDuffie asked when will the overhead lights on I-77 at the rose garden be turned on? Mr. Burkhalter replied they are working on this, and he will check and get a report.

CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, and seconded by Councilman Withrow to approve the following contracts for the installation of sanitary sewer mains:

- (a) Contract with Lone Star Builders for the installation of 1,695 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve L'Atrium Apartments, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$17,300.00. All cost of the construction will be borne by the applicant, whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
- (b) Contract with Carras and Wallace Realty Company for the installation of 105 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve 1327 Eastway Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,135.75. All cost of the construction will be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and is non-refundable.

Councilman Whittington stated the request under (b) is an office building and the tenants are ready to move in and they have been told it will be 90 days before they can get sewer. He asked if there is something we can do to help them. Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, replied they will do all they can to expedite it.

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

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CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and and unanimously carried, approving the following contracts for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Berryhill Realty Company for the construction of 320 feet of 2-inch galvanized W. I. or Galvanized Steel Water main to serve property abutting on Campbell Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$900.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction.
- (b) Contract with Days Inns of America, Inc. for the construction of 450 feet of 8-inch water main and one fire hydrant to serve Days Inn Motel, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,000.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of the existing city policies as related to such water main construction.
- (c) Contract with C. M. Gainey for the construction of 140 feet of 1-1/2 inch galvanized W. I. or galvanized steel water main to serve property abutting on Montieth Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$300.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of the existing city policies as related to such water main construction.

CONTRACT WITH YEARGIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. RESCINDED BY CONTRACT APPROVED WITH FUTREN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN AND HYDRANTS TO SERVE SIR JOHN'S HILL CONDOMINIUMS.

Councilman McDuffie moved that contract with Yeargin Construction Company, Inc., approved by Council on March 20, 1972, be rescinded, and a contract be approved with Futren Development Corporation for the construction of 2,645 feet of 8-inch water main, and two fire hydrants to serve Sir John's Hill Condominiums, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 430-X APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE POWELL BILL FUND TO GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT-MINOR STREET IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT - TO IMPROVE CLEMSON AVENUE AND MATOON STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman McDuffie and seconded by Councilman Withrow to adopt the subject ordinance appropriating \$11,700 from the Powell Bill Fund to General Fund Account to Minor Street Improvement Account to improve Clemson Avenue at Highland Elementary School, at a cost of \$7,000 and to improve Matoon Street at a cost of \$4,700.00.

Councilman Whittington asked where these requests originated and what is the problem with Clemson Avenue? Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, replied Clemson Avenue comes in beside the school, and they added on a rather large addition; that he went out and looked at it and they are working with the Traffic Engineer and the school authorities on it, and they need a short extension to get into a parking lot.

Mr. Hopson stated they have asked the school authorities in the future to notify the city in advance when they are building or adding on to new schools in order that City Council can make a decision early on the capital improvements around schools.

Councilman Whittington stated the schools can build a school in a location and then say here it is and tell the city to come on and build the roads and sidewalks. That we should not get into this shape. Mr. Hopson stated they are taking this up with the school authorities to prevent it reoccurring.

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Councilman Alexander asked why the road to Double Oaks School cannot be opened up? Mr. Hopson replied they gave a report on that; that it was considerably more money and it would run to \$40 or \$50 thousand.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated they hope to be able to recommend to Council in the near future that we take some steps to see that no public improvements can be built without first giving the Planning Commission an opportunity to voice its approval or disapproval. He stated they are trying to do this gradually through cooperation; but it should be made a part of the law. That he wishes it was state law to require any public body before building a building, they would have to pass it by the Planning Commission. This is to call their attention to the facts there is a world of information available here, and they should have this before them before making a decision.

Councilman Short requested the City Attorney to put this in the legislative file.

Councilman Alexander asked what is being done to Matoon Street? Mr. Hopson replied it will be widened enough so it will carry the traffic in the area. It will be widened from about 16 feet to about 24 feet for about a block near the church. They will round the corner, and will go into the development.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 19, at Page 42.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of 25' x 804.88' of easement and 61.5' x 123' temporary construction easement at 5200 Sweden Street, from Lester Adams and wife, Estelle; at \$800.00, for Kings Branch Outfall Sanitary Sewer Construction.
- (b) Acquisition of 20' x 2,921.75' of easement at 3225 Lakeview Street, from Duke Power Company, at \$1.00, for Parkway Avenue Trunk Sanitary Sewer Construction.
- (c) Acquisition of 25' x 287.08' of easement at Rt. 11, Box 616, Beatties Ford Road, from Wilson Memorial Baptist Church, at \$500.00, for Interstate 77 sanitary sewer relocation.
- (d) Acquisition of 25' x 161.05' of easement at RFD 11, McDonald Drive, from Mrs. Johnnie G. Stikeleather (widow), at \$326.00, for Interstate 77 sanitary sewer relocation.
- (e) Acquisition of 10' x 1,311.34' and 25' x 1,255.63' of easement and 25' x 150' and 50' x 660' of temporary construction easements at 5300 Park Road, from Bush Enterprises, Inc., at \$3,400.00, for Lower Briar Creek Interceptor sanitary sewer construction.
- (f) Acquisition of 25' x 41.32' x 93.96' of easement at 1242 Morningside Drive, from Roy J. Archer and wife, Jane R. Archer, at \$135.00, for Upper Briar Creek Interceptor sanitary sewer construction.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following special officer permits were approved, each having been approved by the Police Department:

- (a) Issuance of permit to John F. Athey for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Raymond Gheen for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (c) Issuance of permit to Cynthia B. Johnson for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey and Company at SouthPark.
- (d) Issuance of permit to Troy D. Lewis for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey and Company at SouthPark.
- (e) Issuance of permit to Louise Ann Untener for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey and Company at SouthPark.

EXPLANATION OF BIDS RECEIVED ON PLANT MIX ASPHALT.

Councilman Alexander asked if the City is caught in a squeeze between Blythe Brothers and Rea Construction Company on the Plant Mix Asphalt bids? Mr. Brown, Purchasing Agent, replied Rea and Blythe are the only two local suppliers; the bids are set up as a convenience. Blythe bids on the north end and Rea on the south end; that we want to be able to go to the closest plant. He stated this price is identical to what we have been paying since last June.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT FOR THE NORTH GRAHAM STREET AREA.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, in the amount of \$39,050.00, on a unit price basis, for 5,000 tons Plant Mix Asphalt for the North Graham Street Area.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the only bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$39,275.00, on a unit price basis, for 5,000 tons plant mix asphalt for the Asphalt Pl. Area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT FOR THE GRIFFIN STREET AREA.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$39,275.00, on a unit price basis, for 5,000 tons Plant Mix Asphalt for the Griffin Street Area.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT FOR THE OLD PINEVILLE ROAD AREA.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, in the amount of \$39,050.00, on a unit price basis, for 5,000 tons Plant Mix Asphalt for the Old Pineville Road Area.

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CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT FOR THE OLD DOWD ROAD AREA.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the only bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$47,137.50, on a unit price basis, for 6,000 tons Plant Mix Asphalt for the Old Dowd Area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF DEWEY KESSLER TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Manager stated at the request of Council he went back to the Insurance Advisory Committee and asked for at least three recommendations of persons to serve on the Committee, and particularly asked that at least one be a C.P.C.U. That he now has a letter from Mr. Walker, Chairman of the Committee, suggesting Dewey Kessler, Robert Stanley, Jamice Barnes, Dwight Stephens and Danny B. Hargett.

Councilwoman Easterling stated in talking to people about this appointment, she learned that Mr. McPhail, who is on the Committee, is a C.P.C.U.

Councilman McDuffie moved the appointment of Mr. Dewey Kessler to the Insurance Advisory Committee for a term of three years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CORRESPOND WITH PEOPLE OF TRYON MALL ABOUT PUTTING UP TRAFFIC LIGHT AND CHANGING ENTRANCE INTO THE PARKING LOT.

Councilman McDuffie stated a question came up before on a place like Tryon Mall, and why the city did not require a deceleration lane when it was built. That he got the impression the zoning requirements include that any shopping center could be required to have a certain amount of turn lanes designated.

Councilman Short stated it is his understanding it is private property, and we may have some difficulty requiring it, but Mr. Hoose has achieved it by offering them various inducements and assistance without literally requiring it.

Councilman McDuffie stated in the case of Tryon Mall we do not have it. That it is in the interest of the public to have a deceleration lane and it should be required.

Councilman McDuffie requested the City Manager to correspond with the people of Tryon Mall about putting up a traffic light and changing the entrance.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO COUNCIL FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ARCHDALE DRIVE IN STARMOUNT SECTION.

Councilman Withrow stated the traffic light has been installed at Archdale Drive in Starmount, and he has received a number of calls and they would like to thank Council for this light.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO EMPHASIZE THE ANTI-LITTER LAWS.

Councilman Withrow requested the City Manager to contact the Police Chief and ask him to put on a program enforcing the anti-litter law, and inform him Council would like to have some of the offenders caught and fined. That the laws on the books are not being enforced. That Council should go on record and request Chief Goodman to enforce the law for a week or two; that is the only way to stop it.

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Councilman Withrow moved that the City Manager be instructed to request Chief Goodman to check on the littering of the streets and get some arrest and see if we can prevent the littering. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Later in the meeting the motion was withdrawn and the City Manager requested to contact the Chief and asked him to emphasize the litter ordinance by taking a special look at the problem.

CONSIDERATION OF POWELL BILL FUND AND STREET PRIORITIES REQUESTED PLACED ON CONFERENCE AGENDA PRIOR TO BUDGET TIME.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to put on the conference agenda the Powell Bill Funds and a new look at the priority of streets. That he would like to have the full hour for discussion of the Powell Bill Fund before the budget is considered.

PETITION AND LETTER FROM RESIDENTS OF HOUGH ROAD ABOUT PROBLEM OF LOUD NOISES AND DISTURBANCES ON THE PARK ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH PROPERTY AT NIGHT TURNED OVER TO POLICE CHIEF FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO THE RESIDENTS WHO SIGNED THE PETITION.

Councilman Whittington stated before each council member today is a petition, and on Friday every member of Council and the Police Chief received a letter from a lady on Hough Road about the problem of obscenity and drinking alcoholic beverages on church property on Hough Road, behind the Park Road Baptist Church. He requested the City Manager to refer the Petition and the letter from Mrs. Shull, addressed to all members of Council, the City Manager and Police Chief, to Chief Goodman and ask him to investigate this complaint and advise the people who have signed this petition what action he will take to eliminate this problem.

Councilman McDuffie stated this happens in other parts of the city. He asked what regulations can be used to prevent this, and what rights do the city police have? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the existing laws are satisfactory; but the problem is in enforcement. Often the problem is catching them in the act of committing the offense. Councilman McDuffie stated to these people it is a problem large enough to send a police officer in plain clothes to be there and observe.

Councilman Short stated he would like to speak on behalf of himself and Councilman Jordan, who had to leave, but asked him to mention on his behalf the Ashbrook situation. He stated he would suggest that some of the same procedures used about four or five years ago out at Hardeeville be used in this area. Particularly at the suggestion of Jerry Tuttle, we had a patrol car in that area for a period of several weeks, and that was some help permanently in the Hardeeville situation. Chief Goodman might want to consider this sort of possibility if he has personnel available. It is an enforcement problem. If you have a crowd shouting obscenities it is hard to find out just who it was. This sort of approach worked at Hardeeville, and he would suggest that Chief Goodman might want to consider this.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR ABOUT CLOSING ALLEYWAY COMING OFF HOLMES DRIVE INTO PARK ROAD SUPERETTE SHOPPING CENTER.

Councilman Whittington stated in the same location as the petition and letter on Hough Road, he would like for the City Manager to have a conference with Mr. Hopson and Mr. Hoose about the alleyway coming off Holmes Drive into the Park Road Superette Shopping Center complex, which is also a public nuisance, a vagrancy place, and a public parking place all hours of the night to the nuisance of the people who live on Holmes Drive. This driveway should be closed up; it is not paved, and is something people have made to get back into Holmes Drive or Hough Road, or back into the area of the old dairy farm.

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SERIES OF THREE SPECIAL MEETINGS WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED.

Councilman Short stated some few weeks ago Council had a series of meetings that occurred in the morning hours on the Model Cities program. That they were very successful. He suggested Council should have some special meeting on other departments, and he would suggest that we start with the Police Department. Council needs to know their needs and what has happened with reference to the additions made in last summer's budget. People were added to the patrol bureau and the crime lab and the criminal investigation bureau; 235 portable radios were added. Council needs a report from them. That he thinks the heads of each division or bureau could appear at a series of special meetings and explain the work and activities and needs of each division.

Councilman Short stated in looking over all the departments we have such as water, fire and airport and others it seems to him Council members have less knowledge about the police department than any other department in the city establishment.

Councilman Short stated he thinks it would be appropriate at such meetings to invite Mr. Craig Brown and all the members of the Civil Service Board to meet with them, and also Mr. Warner Hall and people he might want to bring along from the Community Relations Commission, and perhaps the solicitor might find it helpful.

Councilman Short moved that Council have a series of three special meetings on the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Belk suggested that the members of the Board of County Commissioners should be invited also.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to set up meetings with the Sanitation Department and the Fire Department at his pleasure.

Councilman Short stated this motion is not done without the knowledge of the Police Department; that he has talked with the people there, and they are delighted to do this. That he has also discussed it with Mr. Burkhalter and some of the council members.

REQUEST THAT BELMONT BOYS CLUB HAVE A FORMAL OPENING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Councilman Alexander asked where we are on the program for opening the Belmont Boys Club? Mr. Williams, Administrative Assistant, stated he is not prepared to give any specific information; that they are working on it and he will bring a report back shortly. The boys are working and they are cooperating with the Police Department.

Councilman Alexander stated he thinks we should be able to open this a little faster than we are doing; that we should arrange a formal opening and it should be the type of opening that would be creditable and should be the type of opening where the Council members would attend, and make it so that it will be a credit to these boys who are trying to work with the policemen in making this possible. Also it would be brownie points from the city's point of view in showing their support in this.

DISCUSSION OF PERSON TO OVERSEE THE PONTE TRAVERS AND WOLFE PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Alexander stated today Council approved the sale of the uptown block and he is back at the Ponte-Wolfe Plan. He asked who will be looking over this whole situation to see that what is approved under the Ponte-Wolfe Plan is tied in with whatever development takes place in that block? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied Mr. Alexander has already answered that particular question, and the Council approved it when they approved this plan for this project some weeks ago.

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Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated the Planning Director is working on a suggestion for a way to see that this program is carried out, and they will be back to Council shortly with suggestions as to how his Department will monitor the program.

Mayor Belk stated there is nobody to do what Mr. Alexander is asking.

Mr. Burkhalter stated the developers of this particular block were visited by our architects, and they rearranged and made some adjustments in their plan before it was brought to Council. That he reviewed the plan; the engineers reviewed it; the traffic people reviewed it; and the planning reviewed it and no one found that it was otherwise. That if they had not felt it met the plan, they would have raised their voice when it was brought to Council. The question of what will be done in the future is very definitely the responsibility of the Planning Department. Council has given them additional people and they have been asked to come forth with a specific plan on how they propose to monitor this development.

Mayor Belk stated what Mr. Alexander is asking, we are not taking care of. That there is no one in the Planning office that can handle this. When you put together a complex such as the Ponte-Wolfe plan you have a very complicated thing, and it should be coordinated, and we do not have anyone to do this. We need somebody from the City who has nothing to do but to coordinate the whole deal.

Councilman Short asked if one of the new Planning Department's department employees would not be for downtown coordination?

Mr. Burkhalter stated there may be a difference of opinion of how we all look at that. It is not the city's job to go down and pick out the locations for the businesses to locate; it is not our job to put these things together; it is our job to see that what they bring to us ties in with this plan.

Councilman Alexander stated his point is that the city paid money for the Ponte-Wolfe plan; Council approved the concept of that plan. We have now sold the block, and he wants to know who will be looking out to see that the program as submitted to Council by Ponte-Wolfe and approved by Council is implemented? Mr. Burkhalter replied Council has approved a plan for developing the Square. That Mr. Alexander has asked a specific question as to who is going to see that that block is developed according to the Ponte-Wolfe plan. Council has said that the proposal as brought to it meets the Ponte-Wolfe plan. That plan they propose to use is the way that block will be developed. That the Council's police agent in this particular case is the Redevelopment Commission. That is who the contract is signed with. If they do not develop that plan in that respect they cannot have it.

Councilman Short stated this is a part of the negotiated sale act.

Mayor Belk stated with Redevelopment you have already thrown the monkey into another cage, thrown the key away and there is no monkey in there because we do not have anybody in Redevelopment. A minute ago it was the Planning Commission, and there is nobody there that will handle what Mr. Alexander is asking, if we are going to lay out a city. Councilman Alexander stated we are going to make a mistake of our life. Mayor Belk replied we have already started making them.

Councilman McDuffie stated he asked the question of the architect or the head man if the walkway is included. If you get involved in telling them what way the retail store should go in the block after selling the building, we cannot do it. Councilman Alexander stated he does not care what kind of store it is even if it is selling water as long as the selling of the water comes from the place we agreed that this is the way we want the thing to look.

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Councilman Whittington stated based on what has been said today and what has been said before today, and the answers Mr. Burkhalter has given, it seems to him this is not a job for the Planning Commission, and he takes nothing away from the professional planners we have. But this is not their cup of tea. When you start talking about an architect, you open up a new avenue with everyone saying they can do this job. That what we should do is to consider the fact that we had a plan developed by Ponte-Travers and Wolfe; that we accepted it and said this is the way downtown Charlotte is going to be developed, realizing if you get a new block there will be modifications because of topography and street plans.

Councilman Whittington stated in talking about a planner, we should talk about the man who developed the plan, and locally that is Harry Wolfe. That we have paid them, and that is dissolved. There is a real need for an individual to be on top of these things and when a plan like this Number One block comes along he would be the one to approve it for the governing board of this city.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to suggest that this Council consider at the next meeting whether it wants to retain the professional services of Harry Wolfe, or it could be anyone else. That he mentions Harry Wolfe because he was the man who locally developed the plans with this three man team. That it needs to be someone Council can depend on over and above staff.

Councilman Alexander stated he thinks Council needs to resolve this in some kind of way. This is important enough for us to resolve with some degree of intelligence, and it will take more than what we have been saying today.

Mr. Burkhalter stated he will bring to Council the plans for handling this situation. Mr. Bobo stated Mr. Wolfe is a part of the Committee working on this plan. Councilman Alexander asked if it can be submitted at the next meeting, and Mr. Burkhalter replied he believes it can be ready by that time.

DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AT BEATTIES FORD ROAD AND INTERSTATE 85.

Councilman Alexander stated he has to talk about Beatties Ford Road and I-85. That they are going to close it off, but a lot of people can be killed before it is closed. He then discussed the problems of getting on and off I-85 at Beatties Ford Road. He stated he cannot understand why the city is helpless to get anything done about it; the State is not concerned about doing anything and somewhere the citizens of Charlotte need some consideration where these highways are concerned. That he thinks we can do something about them and should do something about them.


Councilman Alexander stated the State says they do not have enough patrolmen to put out to cover the traffic, and the County says it cannot do it, and the City says it cannot. He stated someone is going to be killed at this location. There is no point in talking about a traffic light right at Beatties Ford Road because it is going to be closed; but something needs to be done. There is no way for that traffic to move across that highway without somebody standing there and directing it now.

The City Manager stated Council can get very excited about this, but apparently the County Commissioners and the State people do not think it is important at all. That it is not the City's responsibility; it is the County and State's responsibility. That we have met with them; the Mayor has written letters to the County Commission requesting this and they refuse.

Councilman Whittington suggested that the City Manager have a conference with the Traffic Engineer to see if there is some way to sign these intersections. If you are planning to turn left as you come off I-85 then do not take that turnoff. You are going to have to turn right and then come back.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk