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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, April 30, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Balk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Ruth M. Easterling, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman James D. McDuffie.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilwoman Ruth M. Easterling.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings on April 16 and April 19, 1973, were approved as submitted.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO MIRIAM MILLER.

Mayor Balk recognized Mrs. Miriam Miller, Clerk IV, Utility Department, and presented her with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque for her services to the City from April 1, 1950 to May 1, 1973. Each member of Council wished her well in her retirement.

COMMENTS ON COUNCIL PROCEDURES.

Mayor Balk requested the City Manager to comment on the new Council procedures adopted.

Mr. Burkhalter replied the Public Service Department has put out a very attractive folder explaining the new procedures. That this is a business session for Council, and the new procedures are set up as an orderly way for citizens to present matters pertaining to the City and to be heard.

HEARING ON REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FIRST WARD URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N. C. R-79, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The public hearing was held on the Redevelopment Plan for First Ward Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N. C. R-79.

Mr. Varnon Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, stated this project has been planned with representatives from many local agencies, commissions, city departments and especially the residents of the project area. It was planned over a long period of time; and this project has the distinction of being the longest in the planning phase than any other project they have undertaken. It is not because of planning problems; but mostly because of financial problems, and that means shortage of federal money that HUD would commit to the funding of the project.

He stated from these planning sessions and many meetings, they have developed a redevelopment plan they believe serves the best interest of the residents, the City of Charlotte and the project area; that it meets both state and federal laws. The Model Cities Commission, Planning Commission, and the Redevelopment Commission have already approved this redevelopment plan.

Mr. Sawyer stated the plan consists of a text and five maps which are displayed before Council.

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He stated the first sheet of the text identifies the plan and gives the table of contents. On Page 2 is a description of the project area. Briefly the project boundaries are: Beginning at the north the Seaboard Railroad, on the east it is Sugar Creek down to the point of its intersection with the Northwest Expressway; then it is the Northwest Expressway down to a point just behind property fronting on Elizabeth Avenue; on the south it is generally the rear of the properties that front on Elizabeth Avenue to McDowell Street; at McDowell Street it projects to Trade Street; then back up again to Fifth Street and a couple of projections across Fifth Street just to pick up blighted residential structures over to Davidson Street; there the boundary follows the boundary of Earle Village up to the middle of the block at East Seventh and Eighth Streets and there again it reaches across from Caldwell to Brevard to encompass an area of blighted houses. It is the blighted residential structures that the boundary includes there because that is one of their main purposes. Otherwise the boundary is Caldwell Street back up to the Seaboard Railroad.

The permitted uses are listed under Land Use Plan on Page 4. He stated all housing units are based on planned density requirements for each type housing permitted. The zoning might permit and generally does permit a greater density than the planned density proposed for the total number of units that will be permitted within the project area. This housing is intended for the majority range to be in the moderate income class with perhaps some low income.

He stated the one family detached units are the usual single family type housing; that is concentrated for the most part north of the Expressway, between the Expressway and the Seaboard Railroad. Based on the density they are proposing they plan to have about 26 units of that type housing. Any residential district permits church sites; however they have indicated several preferred locations for church sites on the plan. Two are proposed side by side, but otherwise they are located throughout the project area.

He stated the one-family attached dwellings are generally referred to as townhouses and the average density they propose is six units per acre, and approximately 97 units of townhouses will be permitted.

The multi-family low density is the garden type apartments and the planned density is about 10 units per acre and hopefully they can get 108 units within the project area.

Under the multi-family medium density they plan about 16 units per acre, and this is housing that would not be planned for families with children. This would be the 0 or one bedroom unit type apartments for the single or the childless couple who may chose to live here to be in close proximity to work. This happens to be very conveniently located to this governmental center - city hall, county and the whole governmental center; Central Piedmont College for student and facility housing, and to Downtown.

Mr. Sawyer stated this is a consensus plan and after planning with all the groups he mentioned in the beginning, they were all in agreement that this is the type housing that should be in these particular locations. It is not frozen and there is some flexibility here; but it is the general consensus.

He stated the multi-family high density housing has one site that might lend itself to this type housing; this was planned mainly with the elderly in mind. This could be privately sponsored or publicly sponsored. This is the highest density they plan and it is about 20 units per acre for a total of 87 units.

Summing all those units up totals a possible 468 units. There are 467 units in the project area at the present time that are proposed to be demolished. This 467 is virtually a one for one replacement plan within the project area.

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Councilman Alexander asked if any consideration is being given to the fact that in this area a high rise for the elderly would be close to the highway. He asked if the noise factor has been given any consideration. Mr. Sawyer stated that a noise study has been made of the entire project and this particular site sets back that far from the expressway and falls within the tolerance permitted by the Environmental Protection Agency for residential development.

Councilman Alexander asked what kind of screening would be put there as a sound barrier. Mr. Sawyer replied it is proposed to be air conditioned and that will meet the noise requirement for the interior of the structure. There is an exterior and an interior requirement. It meets the exterior requirements and with air conditioning or some other measure of insulation or no windows can be exposed to the expressway.

Councilman Alexander stated he wanted to be sure that we are meeting all of the factors now so when the concrete bottom is laid we are not sued. Mr. Sawyer replied a professional noise study has been made and it does fall within the tolerance anticipated.

Mayor Belk asked what would be the timing on this? Mr. Sawyer replied the whole project is scheduled to be accomplished over a five year period. It is going to take the first two years to buy the property and longer than that to relocate all of the occupants, but they have not set priorities for beginning acquisition. This is planned to be done in concert with the representatives of the people in the project area and Council will have some input in that. They plan to acquire this property block by block and get development under way while continuing the acquisition and relocation activity.

Councilman Alexander stated that you will only be clearing, based on the speed with which you can relocate which means that we will not be going into a total clearance area in First Ward as we did in Brooklyn, but it will be in a smaller proportion to accommodate relocation in a better fashion.

Mr. Sawyer stated that relocation is the key to progress in this project.

Councilman Short pointed out that Brooklyn was not intended to be redeveloped into a residential area but this is. Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct. Councilman Alexander stated the relocation was a key factor in the Brooklyn situation; just like relocation in any area is the key factor.

Mr. Sawyer referred to Page 10 of the plan and stated a neighborhood business type use is allowed; this is the convenience type shopping that is a small section where a convenience shopping store could be located. That on Page 11 a Shopping Center type business is allowed, and one is planned for the block bound on McDowell Street, at Seventh, between Sixth and Myers Streets. Otherwise in the area around the peripheral or office, professional, service, retail type uses that will round out the general land use proposals.

Page 13 points out the parks proposed and the locations where they are proposed. An extension of the playground area in Earle Village is indicated. The Housing Authority's Earle Village Community Center and offices are located on Seventh Street with a playground mostly located on the eastern boundaries and sides. This project proposes to clear the remainder of that land out to Myers Street, and either sell it to the Housing Authority for expansion of the play area or establish it as a public park. Otherwise there are planned extensions or other park sites that will help loosen up the feeling of density in Earle Village; throughout the housing developments and along the periphery boundary of the expressway are other proposed parks and buffer strips that will create open space within the whole project area.

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Councilman Short asked if anyone knows how old the stone church is just north of Elizabeth Avenue on McDowell Street? Mr. Sawyer replied he does not; that it is located just behind the building that is now used for the Toyota Body Shop. He asked if Council would like for them to look into it for its historical significances? Councilman Short replied there is enough possibility that perhaps it should be looked into; that we do not want to just, without knowledge, overrun something that should not be overrun. He asked what is planned for that block, and Mr. Sawyer replied clearance for office type uses. That this was not brought up or questioned by any of the project area residents during the planning; that does not mean that it does not have historical significance. Councilman Short stated in addition to the fact that the church is pretty old, it is a typical type of small gothic building that is interesting. That he hopes the Redevelopment Department will look into it.

Mr. Sawyer continued stating otherwise they have general regulations they propose in addition to the fact that each use permitted has its own setback, density, height, sideyards, and area per unit requirements. The general regulations proposed are just special requirements for each of these uses just mentioned. He stated on Page 18 the noise abatement factors are set up, as well as sediment control measures to control erosions.

Councilman Alexander asked if any consideration was given to the development of the shopping area somewhat earlier than the beginning of the redevelopment? Mr. Sawyer replied yes. They have learned lessons from the past; they know that shopping is necessary to hold a neighborhood together; they know there are some shops in that block but there are some shops outside. They have learned they have to maintain shopping facilities while new ones are being built, and keep a fairly delicate balance between the residents of the area that support the business, and the business itself, and the new construction. He stated they learned this in Greenville, and he would say they are also learning it downtown. There is a group of merchants in First Ward that has formed an organization. They are interested in developing this with their own resources, and having a piece of the action. Councilman Alexander stated his concern is they would get an early priority so they could be re-established and be well on their way. Mr. Sawyer replied they will work in concert with them to be sure that shopping facilities are developed.

The City Manager asked if Mr. Sawyer has reviewed the plan the Housing Authority has been looking into with regard to improvements in Earle Village? Mr. Sawyer replied they have and this ties in with that. It is well coordinated with it; they have reviewed the plan with Housing Authority Commissioner, Thomas Ray, and he agrees that the two plans are compatible, and compliment each other for what he is proposing for Earle Village and what the Redevelopment is proposing for the environment of the vicinity.

Mayor Belk asked the Executive Director of the Housing Authority if he had any comments on this question, and Mr. Lowman replied it is the same thing.

Councilman Alexander asked for whatever the Housing Authority will be doing in this areas, who passes on the approval of the design? Does that come within the providence of the Redevelopment Commission's authority to join with them in approving the actual design of what type of housing project goes back into this area? Mr. Sawyer replied the redevelopment plan requires that the plan for any improvements, whether public or private, be reviewed and approved by the Redevelopment Commission. He stated they have had one experience with the Housing Authority in this already. Strawn Village in the Dilworth Project, and in his opinion this turned out to be a very handsome beautiful project. Councilman Alexander replied this is what we want to continue.

Mr. Sawyer stated the Redevelopment Commission has as a consultant to assist in the area design; the Dean of the School of Architecture of Clemson University, Harlan McClure. Dean McClure works with the architects for any development almost from the ground up - from the inception of the project until the completion. The Commission has to approve the plan in three different stages. The first stage, the concept, is approved at the time they agree to sell the land; then the middle stage, the concept development, and the final stage, final plans and specifications, which are approved just before a developer goes out to bid. Councilman Alexander stated our future success in public housing is going to be based on the type of designs we come up with, and what we do here will be an outstanding example of what is to be expected. That we should take advantage of that.

Mr. Sawyer continued with the explanation of the plan. He stated they have included noise abatement measures, erosion control measures, landscaping treatment, off-street parking, off-street loading and unloading space, site design and landscaping, and the approval of plans by the LPA. All these provisions have a duration of 20 years, so they will last and be in effect until May 1, 1993, which is 20 years from tomorrow.

He stated Page 23 has the project proposals and this identifies the land, the real property that will be acquired, which is on Map No. 2, the land acquisition map, which shows the boundary of the project, and the land that will be acquired and the land that will not be acquired, and the property that will not be acquired is the former Alexander School, which is the First Ward Neighborhood Center, and some existing apartment housing located near the expressway, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets. On Page 24 they have set forth conditions for the acquisition of property that is not designated for acquisition and conditions under which properties proposed for acquisition will not be acquired; it works both ways. There may be some properties that have been designated for acquisition that for one reason or another later they may not wish to acquire. If conditions are met, then they will not acquire that property. On the other hand, there may be some that is not designated for acquisition which they might later want to acquire and the conditions for that.

Councilman Alexander asked if the brick apartments at Tenth Street are within the guidelines? Mr. Sawyer replied yes, that is standard housing, and does meet all the requirements of the plan. Councilman Short asked what if that party who owns those apartments, or any area not to be acquired, just elected to be acquired; is there enabling to do this? Mr. Sawyer replied the owner would have to meet the requirements set out in the plan; they would not just honor his election to be acquired, unless there are unusual circumstances, or where one or more of these conditions are involved.

Mr. Sawyer continued with the explanation and stated Page 25 has the provisions for Rehabilitation and Conservation of structures that are capable of rehabilitation. Standards are set forth and most of the standards are not included in the plan but is separate because it is long, and because it is involved, it is not set forth in the redevelopment plan; but it is incorporated by reference. He stated Page 26 includes the proposal to provide low and moderate income housing, they have obligations of the redevelopers set forth on Page 27 they require underground utility lines - service lines - that they have in all their projects. At the bottom of Page 27 is a feasible method proposed for the relocation of families, individuals and businesses displaced from the project area.

He stated they have made two surveys. The latest survey was made about 6-8 weeks ago. From these surveys they have learned the number of families, individuals and businesses to be relocated; they have determined the incomes, the family sizes and housing needs, and preferences of the project area residences. They have surveyed the city, researched the public housing commitments for assisted housing in the city; coordinated with the Housing Authority; talked with private housing developers; and recognized their own plan for redevelopment or replacing housing back into the project area, they have concluded there is or will be over the period of the displacement adequate resources for the families, individuals and businesses to be displaced. It is only over the period of time of the displacement that this housing is planned to be available. This information is in the relocation plan which is up for review and has been a display for review. In the audience today are members of the relocation staff who are capable of answering any questions concerning the details of the plan.

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Councilman Alexander stated that part of the regulation that says "relocation within the relocatee's ability to pay" - that he is aware of the fact that rents have increased since the time Brooklyn was cleared; but still he is concerned and hopes that factor is given much consideration and these places are within the ability of the relocatee to pay as closely as they can fall within the present day rent levels. Mr. Sawyer replied they have an abiding concern in this particular concern of Mr. Alexander; and Congress also has gradually over the years approved the assistance to the relocatee. In the case of the homeowner there is available for the purchase of another house to add to the value of the house up to \$15,000. This is up to \$15,000 depending on what it requires to meet the rehousing needs. That is for the homeowner. In the case of the renter, there is up to \$4,000 in subsidy payments that can be scheduled over a four year period; there is also provision for a renter to become a homeowner with assistance. Councilman Alexander stated the rent situation is the thing he wanted to call attention to and to show we are fixed in this effort where a person is relocated in another rental building within his financial ability to pay for it. That Mr. Sawyer is saying now with the existence of present subsidies that can be done.

Councilman Short stated on the top of Page 29 it mentions the fact that the early stages of construction in the cleared area will allow the relocation of some of the inhabitants of this area into the early stages buildings. He asked if this does not mean that actually only a very limited number would really need to be removed from the area itself unless they just want to be moved. Mr. Sawyer replied unless they want to move from the area; they hope to provide an opportunity to the maximum extent possible for them to remain where they are and move into new housing as it is being built. There has to be some relocation to get the project started. Councilman Short stated perhaps out of the 467, maybe no more than 50 will actually have to go some where else. Mr. Sawyer replied that is possible if they can find a block that has the minimum number of families that in the reuse plan is capable of development for some of the multi-family housing, that would start the process in motion. To those who move from the project, they would give a certificate of housing priority which would permit them to move back into the area on a priority basis. Councilman short stated all of this was not possible in Brooklyn? Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct; as that was a complete change of use from a residential to a public use. Mayor Belk stated the law has been changed and this is a different ballgame from what it was at that time. Councilman Alexander stated Brooklyn was just plain slum clearance. Councilman Short stated looking at what is about to happen to human beings it is going to be minimal as compared to Brooklyn. This is 467, and Brooklyn was over 1200 families, and 405 businesses.

Mr. Sawyer continued with the explanation stating Page 30 contains proposals for zoning changes and the estimated cost and method of financing of the project. He stated the gross project cost is \$17,264,435; from that gross cost the estimated resale value of the land is subtracted which is \$1,331,787 and reduces the cost to a net of \$15,932,648. This cost will be borne by a federal capital grant of \$10.0 million which is the maximum grant permitted by HUD to this project. The remainder is a little above the usual 1/3 local cash or grant in aid of \$5,932,648. The excess above the 1/3 is not lost but will be reserved as a credit for future projects. The City's cash and non-cash grants in aid will be cash of \$1,284,190 and the non-cash includes all the credit that is possible for all the supporting facilities of site improvements, land donations of \$4,648,458 and that brings it back to the local 1/3 share.

He stated on Page 31 is the method of amending the plan so if changes are necessary after the plan is adopted there is a method by which it can be amended. He stated they have filed with HUD the necessary environmental impact statement of the project.

Councilman Short asked the attitude of those in the area? Mr. Sawyer replied there are a number of the residents or their representatives in the audience; his impression has been that they have received an excellent spirit of cooperation from both the residents and the representatives of the area residents.

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Councilman Alexander stated the resale value of this proposed land is only \$1,331,000. This shows that the community can never again afford to let any area of community depreciate in value to that extent. Here we are talking about an area from practically McDowell Street to Brevard and from Fifth Street to the Seaboard Railroad with a resale value of only approximately a million plus dollars. Mayor Belk stated in Mr. Alexander's lifetime this whole area has really gone through about two complete changes of land use; which shows that land does not stay the same if it is not taken care of.

Reverend Ezra J. Moore, Minister, First United Presbyterian Church, stated it has been his pleasure to work with the residents in the First Ward Community, and with the Redevelopment Commission in the development of this plan. They have had a committee, which he chaired, which made several trips to Greensboro; they have been in consultation with HUD in Greensboro; HUD came to Charlotte and with the Redevelopment Commission. He stated they are in full support of the plan as presented. That he hopes this Council will see fit to proceed so that we can get this in as soon as possible. He stated he has a personal reason for wanting to see this project developed; that is, his congregation, which is not in the project area, would like to buy land in this project area; they cannot get the land until it has been approved. That he hopes Council will go ahead and approve this plan so they can, together with the City of Charlotte, help develop the area.

Mr. George Moreland, representing the First Ward people, stated the single housing the people thought they were going to be able to buy when they heard it was \$18,000 and up, they have become discouraged; they have given up all hope. That he called Mr. Sawyer's office and Mr. Waddell's office and they were in court last week, and he could not get any concrete material anything to take back to the people when they have their meetings. Many of them have an income of \$15.00 a week, or \$60 or \$70 a week. When you say they can contract and buy a house, they would like to know how they can buy a house with nothing, and with such a low income. Mayor Belk requested Mr. Waddell of the Redevelopment Commission's Relocation Division to talk with Mr. Moreland and give him an answer to his questions. That this might help him with what he needs to know. Mr. Waddell replied he will be happy to meet with Mr. Moreland, and he has already told him he would meet with him today or tomorrow.

Mr. Eddie Davis of Model Cities stated when they approved this plan they were talking about those \$18,000 houses, and they were talking about a subsidy from the FHA with 20% of the income. He asked if this is still in effect? Councilman Alexander replied these are the answers Mr. Waddell will be able to give and Mr. Davis can meet with him when he meets with Mr. Moreland. Mr. Davis stated with MOTION, Inc., they are building houses for \$18,000, \$14,000 and they have a subsidy with FHA with \$200 down and 20% of your income. If that is still the same it would be the same project.

Mr. Terry Roache, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society, stated one of their clients is a resident of Earle Village, not in First Ward, but would perhaps like to be relocated in First Ward and is concerned about the master thoroughfare plan and its implications for this entire area. It is her understanding that parts of Seventh Street, Caldwell, Davidson and McDowell and perhaps Ninth Streets will be made four lanes; particularly to access traffic from the freeway and from Independence Boulevard area, particularly with regard to the housing along those streets; if it is going to be housing units with children in them, there is a great deal of worry about what this is going to do in terms of increased traffic through this area, and in terms of the livability of the new development to be put up in the area. He stated he also wonders a little about the high rise for the elderly which borders McDowell; that apparently would be four-lane fairly fast moving traffic on McDowell and also on Seventh Street; whether or not that might provide some problems for the elderly; ^{he} is wondering what provisions have been made to make the master thoroughfare plan and the First Ward plan compatible. He stated he wonders if Council has taken this into consideration.

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Mr. Sawyer replied it is a fact that most of the streets through this project area are parts of the major thoroughfare plan. It is recognized by all, especially by the project area residents as they went through a long period of discussion; and the City Manager at that time ordered a special study to see whether or not any of these streets patterns could be changed. As a result of the study, and only to a minor extent and to the extent they were able to do so, they are recommending the closing of streets that are not included in the major thoroughfare plan. But McDowell Street and Caldwell Street-Brevard Street, one way pairs are parts of the major thoroughfare plan running north and south; east and west are Fifth and Sixth Streets as one-way pairs; Seventh Street is two-way; Ninth Street will remain open and of course Tenth and Twelfth Streets are parallel access streets to the expressways. As far as them being four-lanes, McDowell Street is already four lanes and will be improved to better carry traffic as a four lane street. While the final standard has not been set, they are assuming the same standard that existed in Brooklyn project from Morehead Street to Fourth Street, will continue on up through the First Ward area. As far as Seventh Street is concerned, it will be improved in part by this project, and that will be the same standard that exists through Earle Village at the present time. That will also be true of the other streets, portions of which have already been improved. Mayor Belk stated he has a good point on the heavy traffic for children in Earle Village. Mr. Sawyer replied they recognize the danger; there are traffic controls, lines and lights that have been installed, and perhaps there can be some improvements on that. Mayor Belk stated he is under the impression that the Housing Authority is doing something to improve this, especially north of Seventh Street.

Councilman Alexander asked if HUD has yet to approve this? Mr. Sawyer replied that is correct; it will be sent to HUD next. Councilman Alexander stated from all practical points of view, is it not a possibility that in attempting to comply, with what he understands are our existing guidelines on environmental concerns, would HUD approve the four laning of these streets that will carry straight through this development, such as Davidson, Caldwell and Seventh Streets, and Sixth Street and even Ninth Street? Mr. Sawyer replied they believe so because this question was raised in connection with the affect of the noise on the environment for residential use. That led them with the full concurrence of HUD to engage a firm of professional acoustical engineers who did a professional study on this. Councilman Alexander stated noise is one thing under environmental control but safety is another. Mr. Sawyer replied safety is another, and he is speaking only of the environmental noise factor, That the survey was made by A.V.A. from Atlanta, Georgia. The result of this survey and copies of the survey have been sent to HUD as a part of their package, and the environmental impact statement has been prepared and filed with the Environmental Protection Agency.

Councilman Alexander stated he is well aware of the fact this can bottle up the total plans; but he is a great one for learning by experience, and he does not believe in doing the same thing twice. For what we are trying to come out of now, he thinks it would be worth while to have whatever discussions are necessary to attempt to come to some firm determination of this. He would hate to see us start in First Ward and then get tired up in suits for three or four years and then loose the opportunity of developing First Ward, just because of some legal tangles which in themselves would, in the long run, mitigate more against the citizens than whether the streets are four lanes. Nevertheless, this is it and this is what happened in the housing suit. This was one element of concern; and the housing suit tied up the whole housing program for approximately three years. We lost opportunities for some funds that were available for the type of related things that could have been done in Greenville and things relating to it; and postponed the opportunity of development. That he thinks we need to see if we can arrive at a decision that gives us some direction and knowledge of which way we are heading; rather than facing law suits which look like they

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are helping citizens, and he imagines they do in a sense, but for all practical purposes mitigate against the citizens' rights. Mr. Sawyer replied they have given all consideration, up to this point, as they possibly could in their discussions, planning, taking into account the facts of Earle Village, and what might be done to improve the safety of the residents, and especially the children. They have considered the possibility of bridges over the streets, guards stationed in the area; that they have given careful consideration to all the possibilities that would be open to them. However, the plan at this point does not include any structures over streets; none are budgeted. Some were planned, and were lost in the process of trying to save the available funds. They will continue in the future to do everything possible they can, assuming approval of the project.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like for them to pursue it and to come up with as many answers as we can get before we get into this, and then get tied up legally in it, and never be able to get the plan consummated. Mr. Sawyer replied they are on an extremely tight schedule for HUD approval of the project. The current administration has terminated the urban renewal program as of June 1. Councilman Alexander stated with the time constraints he thinks at least the citizens in First Ward should know what will happen to litigation and what can happen without litigation, and whether or not they are willing to take a gamble on being tied up in litigation which perhaps will prolong the implementation of the First Ward Project, if ever. In the last suit there were some people in Greenville who became the plaintiffs in the housing suit who had no knowledge of the facts of what the law suit would do to Greenville. He is sure if they had clearly understood what they were doing to themselves, they would never have agreed to be plaintiffs in the housing suit. The citizens should be given a fair shake, and nobody take advantage of them from a legal standpoint in the guise of helping them, which helps in a sense, but does not in another sense. He would think we should let the citizens determine whether or not they want to gamble over what can happen from a time level in getting this project off the ground, and what can happen using Greenville as an experience, if we get tied up in litigation, unnecessarily so when some of them become the plaintiffs in the action. Mr. Sawyer replied he does not know how to forecast or predict the litigations; that he assumes it is always there. That Mr. Roche referred to a client living in Earle Village, and Earle Village, technically was there and they planned with it; and technically it is outside the project area. The streets through Earle Village have been improved to the maximum extent there is any plan for them to be approved.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like for it to be clearly explored with the people who live there. That sometimes he gets a little sick of do-gooders who intend to help his folk and kill them in the same breath.

Mr. Moreland stated the people of First Ward have already approved the plan. Councilman Alexander stated then he would assume that none of them would be willing to be plaintiffs in a law suit that will work to their disadvantage. Mr. Moreland replied he does not see how they could after approving the plan. Councilman Alexander replied it did happen in Greenville.

No one else spoke for or against the plan.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATION FOR PROJECT NO. N.C. R-79, AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of a resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina approving the Redevelopment Plan and the Feasibility of Relocation for Project No. N. C. R-79, and approval of an agreement between the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, and the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 131 and ending at Page 134.

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PROGRESS REPORT ON GREENVILLE URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Whittington requested Mr. Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, to give Council a report on Greenville.

Mr. Sawyer stated they have acquired about 87% of the real estate that is going to be acquired; they have relocated all except 37 families; they have already contracted for the development of 25 single family housing units; these are being constructed; the foundation is underway by the Progress Association for Economic Development; they have sold the site to the City, and the Neighborhood Center is virtually complete, and will be dedicated next month. Other contracts have been let by the Commission for the construction of streets, sidewalks, grading and facilities for some of the park areas.

Councilman Whittington requested a written report on the project.

Councilman Short asked him to comment about the two lane streets versus the four lane streets in Greenville compared to First Ward? Are there a lot more in First Ward? Mr. Sawyer replied there is an entirely different situation with respect to the street plan. In the Greenville area only interior streets are neighborhood streets and service streets. The whole neighborhood happens to be bounded by major streets - Oaklawn Avenue on the north and Statesville Avenue on the east; then the Northwest Expressway runs through it. The streets there with access to the development are usual neighborhood streets with a pavement of 26 feet and two lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalks. Contrast that situation with the First Ward problem which already has in it by actual count, 2/3 of the streets within the project plat are parts of a major thoroughfare plan, and have been dedicated as major streets. This leaves little, or practically no, opportunity to change that fact. The traffic counts have been projected ahead into the future and streets are being prepared to accommodate those future volumes.

RESOLUTION CLOSING A PORTION OF BURTON STREET IN THE GREENVILLE URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N. C. R-78.

The public hearing was held on petition of the Redevelopment Commission to close a certain portion of Burton Street, in the City of Charlotte, in Greenville Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N. C. R-78.

Mr. Jim Allison, Attorney for the Redevelopment Commission, stated they have acquired all the property on either side of this portion of Burton Street which they have requested abandoned.

No opposition was expressed to the street closing.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the resolution closing a portion of Burton Street in the Greenville Urban Renewal Area, Project No. N.C. R-78. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 135 and ending at Page 136.

RESOLUTION CLOSING PORTIONS OF BURTON STREET AND WEARN STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA.

The public hearing was held on petition of the Redevelopment Commission to close portions of Burton Street and Wearn Street in the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Jim Allison, Attorney, for the Redevelopment Commission, stated this is the same situation as the former hearing; it is another portion of Burton Street and an additional street, and the Redevelopment Commission does own all the property.

No opposition was expressed to the closing of the portions of the street.

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Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, adopting the resolution closing portions of Burton Street and Wearn Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 137 and ending at Page 138.

COUNCILMAN JORDAN LEAVES MEETING.

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

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING CENTRAL PIEDMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN.

The public hearing was held on the Central Piedmont Community College Master Plan.

Mr. Vernon Sawyer, Executive Director of the Redevelopment Commission, stated they have a copy of the plan and the exhibits are before Council at this time. He stated the plan goes back to 1963-64, and is now mostly history and is mostly an accomplished fact. The purpose of the approval of the plan is to be eligible for the \$624,988 credit for the City resulting from the purchase and the demolition by the college of the area in which it has expanded, from the original site which was the old Central High School.

He stated the location of the college in close proximity to the First Ward project makes this credit possible as permitted under federal law.

The plan consists of a text which was mostly concerned with an analysis of the present site and an analysis of the adjacent site, and expansion possibilities, and a recommendation for location. That recommendation came out very strongly in favor of locating the college and providing for its future expansion exactly where it was in that area. He stated the eight exhibits which illustrate the various phases of the expansion going to 1975 are the ones before Council today. He then explained each of the exhibits. The main question that might be raised is that part of the master plan dealing with the realignment of Kings Drive. That has been the subject of engineering studies and the conclusion has been reached that it could be and should be realigned. As a matter of fact, the money to accomplish that was included in the last bond issue.

Mr. Sawyer stated present today is Mr. Mullis, Engineer with the Central Piedmont Community College, and he will answer any questions.

No opposition was expressed to the plan.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, approving Central Piedmont Community College Campus Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 139.

ORDINANCE NO. 773 AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 18 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED "LICENSES", ADOPTED.

A hearing was held on the recommended changes to Chapter 11 of the City Code entitled "Licenses".

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, explained the recommended changes.

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Councilman Short stated under Section 9 it changes the fee charged for business license for a child care center, from \$1.00 per year per center to \$1.00 per child in each center where you have more than six children. He stated Council went into this some years ago purely for the purpose of being able to identify these centers, and not with any intent to make any revenue for the local government out of a child care operation. He stated many of these are rather informal and almost marginal type businesses. Personally, he would not favor charging a fee of \$1.00 a child, and he thinks we should continue as we have it now. It is sufficient now to be able to identify these places, and to send the fire inspectors out to make sure they are safe. He feels we should leave it the way it is.

Mr. Tom Sykes spoke to the Council about suggested changes that could be made in the licensing of newspapers, banks, manufacturers agents and others. He stated there are so many inequities in this licensing. That he had hoped some of these could be worked out in a meeting of some type to find out what you do not have, and find out what we should have, and get the income started that we should have been getting since he became concerned in 1967 or 1968.

Councilman Withrow asked if there are not guidelines from other cities comparable to the size of Charlotte to come up with these recommendations? Mr. Undershill, City Attorney, replied we do; but you have to take into account the State Revenue Act limits what you can do; in some cases they exempt having any charges levied; there are a great many where the State says you will not charge "more than..."

Mr. Griffith, Assistant Tax Collector, stated in making these recommendations they used about four sources. None were in North Carolina because it seems in North Carolina the larger cities ^{are} following Charlotte's procedures. They went to Columbia, Richmond, and Savannah, and these rates are based primarily on what they were charging. A lot are controlled by the State and there is no choice. The ones recommended changed are the ones we have a choice in. Since 1949 printing establishments have been based upon the number of employees; this includes the usual charge outside North Carolina.

Councilman Whittington stated the League of Municipalities endorsed legislation and attempted to rewrite all of Schedule B at one time; but the better part of wisdom was to set up a committee in this Session to rewrite Schedule B for the next session of the legislature; that is what this committee is now doing. The Committee was appointed by the Speaker of the House, and the Senate pro tem of the Senate. Mr. Underhill stated this is going to be a committee that will set in the interim between the 1973 Session and the 1974 Session of the General Assembly for the purpose of reviewing and drawing legislation to revise Schedule B. The Committee will be sitting with some people added to it; it will be a joint finance committee of the House and the Senate with some local government representation. Councilman Whittington stated to Mr. Sykes that he told him some months ago that when this Committee met, he would inform Mr. Sykes and hoped he would go to Raleigh with him to speak about these inequities. Mr. Sykes replied he is ready to go any time.

Councilman Withrow requested the Tax Collector to write to other States about some of these things that have been mentioned. If it is true and we are out of line, then we should seek enabling legislation to where we can get in line with this sort of thing. That he would like to know what some of the other states are doing.

Mr. Griffith stated in 1968 they made an extensive license survey. They have been trying to keep up with what other States have been doing since then. Atlanta, Georgia derives about 20% of their total licenses which runs in the vicinity of \$4 to \$5 million a year for professionals and insurance companies. Richmond, Virginia collects about \$7.0 million a year in licenses, and he believes it runs considerable on professionals and insurance companies. Councilman Withrow asked if anyone in the State of North Carolina has pushed for this legislation? Mr. Griffith replied there is a Bill before the House, in a Committee, that would eliminate Schedule B all together. This would throw the doors wide open as far as cities and counties are concerned. Councilman Whittington stated the Municipal League Executive Committee and Legislative Committee is opposed to eliminating Schedule B until they know where they stand and what would take the place of it.

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Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Sykes if he is opposed to any of these changes that are recommended, other than the ones pertaining to papers and banks? Mr. Sykes replied he would like to see those fees more in line with what we deserve to get from them.

Councilman Withrow requested the Mayor to appoint several councilmembers, along with the Tax Collector and Mr. Underhill, look into this, and if necessary, get Mr. Sykes, and go to Raleigh, and get something done.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks Council should pass what is recommended; but he does not think it should then be put under the table and forget it.

Mayor Belk appointed Councilmembers Withrow and Whittington to go to Raleigh with Mr. Sykes. Councilman Whittington stated he does not think they should go to Raleigh yet. Mayor Belk stated that will be left up to the Committee representing the Council; that he does not think they are ready to go to Raleigh either.

Councilman Alexander stated one of the things Council needs to do is to determine whether or not it wants to offer its support in the elimination of Schedule B which is in Committee now. Mr. Underhill stated he has been told that Bill stands very little chance of being passed.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of the Ordinance as recommended, with the exception that the \$1.00 for child care centers be left as it is at present, and that the Committee be appointed and that Mr. Griffith and his people give all Councilmembers two lists: (1) those items Council cannot do anything about; and (2) those items Council can do something about and is not restrained by the State. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance as amended is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning at Page 58.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON LEAVES MEETING.

Councilman Whittington left the meeting at this time, and returned after the vote on the following motion.

PETITION NO. 73-13 BY W. PRESSLEY KIRKPATRICK FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-15 TO O-15 OF 1.82 ACRES OF LAND ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF SHARON ROAD OPPOSITE RUTHERFORD ROAD AND SULKIRK ROAD, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow and seconded by Councilman Short to deny the subject petition as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Short stated in view of the fact it became evident at the last meeting that the real parties who were behind this could not proceed with their project in any event on the basis of the zoning asked for, he seconded the motion.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Withrow, Short, Alexander, and Easterling and Mayor Belk.
NAYS: None.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON RETURNS TO MEETING.

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

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PETITION NO. 73-11 BY SCHLOSS OUTDOOR ADVERTISING COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND LAMAR AVENUE, DENIED.

Councilman Withrow moved to deny the subject petition as recommended by Planning Commission, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PETITION TO CHANGE REYNOLDS STREET TO REYNOLDS DRIVE, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the petition of the residents of Reynolds Street to change the street name from Reynolds STREET to Reynolds DRIVE be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN TO AUTHORIZE PERSONNEL CHANGES TO INCORPORATE THE URBAN REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT INTO THE CITY'S PAY PLAN.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted amending the Pay Plan to incorporate the urban redevelopment department into the City's Pay Plan.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning on Page 140.

CONTRACT WITH WALTER J. KLEIN COMPANY, LTD., FOR PREPARATION OF A PUBLIC RELATIONS FILM FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, approving the subject contract with Walter J. Klein Company, Ltd., for the preparation of a public relations film for the police department, at a total cost of \$21,000, with the City's share to be \$5,250.00, and the State's share to be \$15,750.00.

LEASE WITH IBM CORPORATION FOR RENTAL OF A SYSTEM 3-FRONT END PROCESSOR, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Alexander moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute a lease with IBM Corporation, in the amount of \$5,974.00 monthly, for the rental of a System 3-Front End Processor for use in the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling.

Major Killman stated the front-end processor is a piece of data processing equipment that would allow the Department to tie in with the city computer, a national crime information center computer, and the police information network state; it would enable them to process the information quickly and get the information back to the officer in the street; it would also help to implement some programs designed and planned under the Intergrated Municipal Information System.

Councilman Short asked if this matter has been introduced to the Municipal Information Board? Mr. George Keesler, Manager Data Processing, replied this does not involve any privacy matters. Councilman Short stated he does not see how anyone can oppose anything that would help policemen have the information they need in dealing with suspects and soforth. That he is reminded of some conversations in this commission over the question of whether or not there should be local control of what goes into local computer systems as opposed to FBI control; the way this is written on the agenda it indicates this is something the FBI is putting upon us. Major Killman replied one of the reasons is to conform with the FBI requirements which states that any system that has access to the national crime information data will be controlled by criminal justice agency. Councilman Alexander stated his understanding is this is not putting anything into the computer but enables our forces to pick up what is already programmed from the FBI or any level.

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Sergeant John Horton presented a chart and explained the system to the Council.

Councilman Alexander stated it will only pick up off our local system that information that is already programmed and when it comes to question raised by Mr. Short that information already programmed, when it comes to individuals, is information programmed under the guidelines established here where this Committee will have final sayso on what is put into it. Sergeant Horton replied that is correct. Councilman Short stated the concerns of this Commission are two: One is what goes in there, and the other is who gets it. Who gets it is an extremely vital question also. That not all the information in the local computer is available to all individuals. Councilman Alexander stated he is saying that under our guidelines, it cannot be handled anyway than the way it is set up, whether it is receiving or giving it out. Sergeant Horton replied that is right.

Mayor Belk asked if the County can tie into this, and Major Killman replied they can.

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

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated one of the reasons for the computer is that the city would not allow its computer to be open knowledge to these others. This mini-computer is being established so you can have this communication with the other agencies; this mini can also go in and get their information from our viewpoint. The City has maintained all along that its computer should be under the control of this Council, and the Commission appointed to set up the rules for the use. The FBI at one time said they would not give any information that was not theirs, therefore there was a conflict.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A PRELIMINARY LOAN FOR SURVEYS AND PLANNING IN CONNECTION WITH APPROXIMATELY 250 LOW RENT HIGH RISE UNITS FOR THE ELDERLY.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution for a preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 was adopted, and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 142.

PAYMENT TO HENSLEY-SCHMIDT & ASSOCIATES FOR PREPARATION OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS OF THREE INTERSECTIONS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving payment of an over-run in the contract with Hensley-Schmidt & Associates, in the amount of \$3,600.20, to be divided between the State Highway Commission and the City on the same 60-40 basis as original contract for preparation of construction plans for intersection improvements to Laurel Avenue and Randolph Road, Morehead and College Street, and South Tryon Street and Camden Road.

Councilman Whittington stated he received a call this morning from a Mr. Bowden who lives on Tipperary Place at the intersection of Shamrock Drive. That Mr. Bowden said the city was out there with stakes getting ready to widen the intersection and no one knew anything about it. What has just been passed are things that the City should let the people know the improvements are going to be made in advance, and give them an opportunity to come down and speak against these improvements if they are not in favor of them. He stated he promised Mr. Bowden that he would give him an answer tonight as to what will take place at this intersection. Also these people who are affected at these intersections should be notified what is going to take place; if they should be called upon with maps and explained what is going to take place, then the City should do it before the construction begins.

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ORDINANCE NO. 774-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM UNAPPROPRIATED BOND FUNDS TO PROVIDE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE COMPLETION OF WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$426,000 from Unappropriated Bond Funds to provide supplemental appropriation for the completion of the following water capital improvement project, which motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously:

(a) Improvements to water mains from Park Road to Sharon Road	\$ 70,000.00
(b) Improvements to water mains from Sharon Road to Starbrook Road	356,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$426,000.00

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 63.

ORDINANCE NO. 775-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ANNEXATION SEWER PROJECTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted transferring \$141,300 within the Capital Improvement Budget to facilitate the implementation of annexation sewer projects, as follows:

(a) Sugar Creek Crossover and Irwin Creek Crossover Outfall to New Plant	\$ 70,000.00
(b) Irwin Creek Outfall	60,600.00
(c) McAlpine Creek Outfall	10,700.00
TOTAL	\$141,300.00

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 64.

ORDINANCE NO. 776-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 905-X, DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES FOR THE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO INCLUDE THE BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY AT 324 SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance including the Branch Banking and Trust Company at 324 South Tryon Street as an official depository for the funds of the City of Charlotte.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 65.

PROPOSAL BY HASKINS AND SELLS, CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, TO AUDIT THE CITY'S FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1973, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the proposal by Haskins and Sells, Certified Public Accountants, to audit the City's financial operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL AND COMPANY FOR THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject contract with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company was approved for the audit of the financial statements of the Redevelopment Commission for the ten-month period ending April 30, 1973, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00.

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ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE AGREEMENT FROM STATE AIRLINES, INC. TO AIRCRAFT SALES, INC. AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject assignment of Lease Agreement was authorized from State Airlines, Inc. to Aircraft Sales, Inc. at Douglas Municipal Airport.

ORDINANCES AFFECTING HOUSING DECLARED UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY'S HOUSING CODE.

After viewing the pictures of the buildings, motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the following ordinances affecting housing declared "unfit" for human habitation under the provisions of the City's Housing Code:

- (a) Ordinance No. 777-X ordering dwelling located at 1607 Sumter Avenue to be demolished and removed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 778-X ordering dwelling located at 324 Frazier Avenue to be demolished and removed.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 66.

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

Councilman Short moved adoption of the following ordinances ordering removal of weeds and grass and trash and rubbish, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Ordinance No. 779-X ordering removal of junk and rubbish across from 119 Hodgson Road.
- (b) Ordinance No. 780-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1144 South Kings Drive.
- (c) Ordinance No. 781-X ordering removal of junk and rubbish adjacent to 1705 Dallas Avenue.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 68.

PROPOSAL FROM LAW ENGINEERING AND TESTING COMPANY FOR SOIL TESTING FOR THE DESIGN OF TYVOLA ROAD EXTENSION, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject proposal from Law Engineering and Testing Company was approved for soil testing necessary for the design of Tyvola Road Extension at an estimated cost of \$3,500.00.

SEWER CONTRACT WITH EXXON COMPANY, USA., APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving a sewer contract with Exxon Company, U.S.A., for the construction of approximately 2,782 feet of 8-inch sewer main, in Providence Road, from the existing McAlpine Creek Outfall to the Exxon property at Old Providence Road, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$36,850.00.

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ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of an encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch V.C.P. and an 8-inch C.I.P. sanitary sewer line within the right of way of N. C. Highway #16, to serve Kahala Corporation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 156.72' of easement at 6900 Burlwood Road, in Stonehaven Subdivision, from Margaret C. Gwynn, at \$157.00, for trunks to eliminate Stonehaven Lift Stations Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 70.48' of easement at 6918 Burlwood Road, in Stonehaven Subdivision, from Margaret C. Gwynn, at \$70.00, for trunks to eliminate Stonehaven Lift Stations Project.
- (c) Acquisition of 20' x 201.84' of easement at 5400-5600 Newell-Hickory Grove Road, from Iris M. Morris and husband, Harvey Morris and Janie O. Miller (widow), at \$202.00, for Annexation Area #3 (6) Proposed 12-inch C. I. water main Project.
- (d) Acquisition of 5' x 88.58' x 27.79' x 92.44' of easement at 503 Black Satchel Drive, near North Hoskins Road, from Seaboard Coastline Railroad Company, at \$1.00, for 12-inch water main in Black Satchel Drive Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 15.38' of easement at 800 Lido Avenue, in Stonehaven Subdivision, from Vivian G. McArn and Margaret C. Gwynn, at \$15.00, for trunks to eliminate Stonehaven Lift Stations Project.
- (f) Acquisition of 5' x 385.62' of easement at 1300 West Sugar Creek Road, from Rudy-Davis Enterprises, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Gulf Oil Corporation - U. S. Project.
- (g) Acquisition of 15' x 178.53' of easement at 6922 Waldorf Road, in Stonehaven Subdivision, from Howard P. Lockhart, Jr., and wife, Martha T., at \$278.00, for trunks to eliminate Stonehaven Lift Stations Project.
- (h) Acquisition of 25' x 25' x 26.32' of property at 1023 Pecan Street from Cole Properties, Inc., at \$1,000.00 for Topics Intersections - Independence Boulevard at Pecan Street Project.
- (i) Acquisition of 7.5' x 239.57' of easement at 5301 I-85, from Roanoke-Charlotte Motel Company, Inc., at \$120.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Gulf Oil Company - U. S. Project.
- (j) Acquisition of 7.5' x 625.19' of easement at 1346 West Sugar Creek Road, from Eleanor F. Plummer, et al, at \$626.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Gulf Oil Company - U. S. Project.
- (k) Acquisition of 15' x 135.34' of easement at 6261 Wheeler Drive, off Rama Road, from Mrs. Joyce H. Howard, at \$305.00, for sanitary sewer to serve McClintock Woods III Project.
- (l) Acquisition of 15' x 100.50' of easement at 6000 Coatbridge Lane, off Rama Road, from James C. Evans and wife, Alice B., for sanitary sewer to serve McClintock Woods III Project.

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ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR FIRE STATION SITE AT 5431 PROVIDENCE ROAD.

The acquisition of 165' x 200' of property at 5431 Providence Road, from Rueben C. Russell and wife, Sarah, at \$50,000 for Fire Station Site was presented for Council's consideration.

Councilman Short asked what sites were considered and to what degree the Fire Chief is aware of the opposition to the subject site? He stated he has received some rather intense telephone calls on the subject.

Assistant Chief Dowdy replied it is very difficult to find a site for a fire station; that they have looked at a number of sites the Right of Way Division brought to their attention. He stated they have not received any opposition about this location. The acquisition of this property would meet their operational needs for annexation.

Chief Dowdy stated they looked at several sites on Providence Road, and several other sites down to the left of this area - this is a three mile area. One of the locations would have to go through the condemnation process which would tie up the fire station for three or four years.

Councilman Alexander stated the record shows the recommended price is not within the price of the appraisals; that he is assuming the price offered is beyond what the appraisers stated. Mr. Lee Rae of the Public Works Department stated he worked with the Right of Way Agent in trying to find a site for this station. They looked almost parcel by parcel throughout the area. That Chief Lee gave them a very tight area in which to locate the station. In this particular neighborhood, it is very difficult to find a fire site. This area has apartments, and single family residences, and all the land is highly restricted. They looked at some open land, and some of it the people would not sell because one small parcel out of a large parcel might hinder the development.

Mr. Rae stated one of the prospects was at an old gravel pit site, and it would cost more than \$50,000 to fill the land; this is down on Old Providence Road. Their thoughts were that the environmental impact of locating on the subject site would be much less than any of the places they could find in this area. He stated they had a half mile radius in which to work and he explained the location from a map. This will be adjacent to an area with apartments on one side across from Providence Square; there probably will be a recreational facility in that neighborhood; there is a private school adjacent to it on the lower side. This site is the best topographically they could find; it has prospects for water and sewer at a cost of about \$3,000.00, and is the best they could come up with anywhere. They think it is better than the one they have on Monroe Road.

Councilman Alexander asked how much above the appraised price the City will have to pay? Mr. Rae replied there were two appraisals; one was \$41,250, and the other was \$46,200. The owner said he would sell to the City, but he would not come down below that price. He stated considering everything they had to work with and the fact they will only have to take down some cedar trees they think it is the best they could come up with.

Councilman Short asked where the site is that would require some condemnation? Chief Dowdy replied it is on Carmel Road near the Carmel Country Club. Councilman Short asked what is wrong with the site other than it takes some condemnation and processing to get it? Chief Dowdy replied the only thing it would take three or four years to get it, and the price is higher. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the property owners told the City they would resist the acquisition at every turn if the City tried to condemn the property. Councilman Short asked if the City can pay more than the appraised value for the subject site? Mr. Underhill replied the Council can authorize that it be paid.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the acquisition of 165' x 200' of property at 5431 Providence Road, from Reuben C. Russell and wife, Sarah, at \$50,000.00 for fire station site. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

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Councilman Short stated he is going to vote against this because, while we have to provide this protection, and quickly, that he just picks up this site was chosen because the owner is not objecting, and in the other instance the owner is objecting. It gets to be a matter of which one is easier to acquire, rather than which is the best one.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Alexander, Easterling and Withrow.
 NAYS: Councilman Short.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving the following Special Officer Permits for a period of one year:

- (a) Renewal of permit to John F. Athey for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Jack D. Austin for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Bobby L. Bowles for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (d) Issuance of permit to Glad Hope Browning for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 307 South Tryon Street.
- (e) Issuance of permit to David Arthur Burleson for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (f) Renewal of permit to Raymond Ghenn for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza Complex.
- (g) Issuance of permit to Henry Elmore Gillard for use on the premises of Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (h) Renewal of permit to James Thomas Good for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza.
- (i) Issuance of permit to Rolland Lee Roy Overturf, Sr. for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (j) Issuance of permit to Amos Charles Pellerin for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (k) Renewal of permit to Daniel Hoyt Shealy for use on the premises of Kings College.
- (l) Issuance of permit to Michael E. Todd for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (m) Issuance of permit to Barry Wayne Worley for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.

ROSA COMPTON APPOINTED TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The following nominations to the Insurance Advisory Committee were considered:

In the meeting on March 26, Councilman Whittington nominated Jack R. Morris. In the meeting on April 9, Councilwoman Easterling nominated Rosa Compton.

Councilman Whittington moved the appointment of Jack R. Morris to the Insurance Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 1, 1976. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Whittington moved that Rosa Compton be unanimously appointed to the Insurance Advisory Committee for a term to expire March 1, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE AND AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM-CIVIC CENTER, DEFERRED.

Councilman Short moved that the appointment to the Community Facilities Committee be deferred. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

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Councilman Alexander moved that the appointment to the Auditorium-Coliseum-Civic Center be deferred. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

NOMINATION TO THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD.

Councilman Whittington placed in nomination the name of Nick Collias to fill the unexpired term of Donald Brewer on the Civil Service Board.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING ON VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE CITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$539,619.12, on a unit price basis, for asphalt resurfacing on various streets within the city.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Co.	\$539,619.12
Blythe Brothers Co.	544,941.99
Dickerson, Inc.	596,783.45

OBJECTIONS EXPRESSED TO PROPOSED CHANGES AT HAWTHORNE LANE AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD INTERSECTION TO ROUTE LEFT TURN TRAFFIC THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS.

Mr. J. L. Guin, 1801 Bay Street, stated he is temporary chairman of the Elizabeth Community Association, which is a part of CCAT. That he is present today with other residents from the Elizabeth Community.

Mr. Guin stated he would like to speak on the proposal to route cars through the intersection of Hawthorne Lane and Independence Boulevard through residential streets off Elizabeth. He stated he would like to discuss whether City Council cares about the neighborhoods of this City. Several weeks ago, Council approved plans by Mr. Hoose to abandon the turns at Hawthorne Lane and Independence Boulevard and to route those left turn cars through the residential streets of their community. They, in Elizabeth, view this as the single most destructive plan to happen to their neighborhood. The community is an inner-city neighborhood and has a number of retired homeowners in the area; it has a lot of pressures on it as all older communities in the city do. At present it is well kept and a credit to this City. This road plan will lower the property values and bring on more business zoning and increase noise, pollution and danger; it will drive many of them from their home, and will spread the cancer of deterioration throughout the neighborhood and the entire Elizabeth community. When one neighborhood is destroyed the entire city is the loser. They in Elizabeth wonder how heavily the Council weighed these factors; how seriously Council considered these facts.

Mr. Guin stated on April 25, a delegation from the community met with Mr. McIntyre of the Planning Commission to find out what his agency had to do with this plan for their neighborhood. They learned that Council did not even consult the Planning Commission before voting on this road plan. They also learned the Planning Commission is preparing a report on the older neighborhoods in the City such as Myers Park, Dilworth, Midwood and Elizabeth; This report stresses for the sake of the entire City that these areas should be maintained and stabilised.

He stated Mr. Hoose has said the problem at Hawthorne Lane and Independence is the backup of traffic during rush hours and the left turns. That the left turns were slowing the traffic, and he proposed to eliminate the turns in order to speed the flow of traffic; he then went a step further and proposed an alternate route through their neighborhood in order to accommodate these cars which want to turn left there. This alternate route turns their residential streets into major throughways and makes them extensions of Independence Boulevard.

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Mr. Guin stated they took their own traffic count and learned that 502 cars turn left on Independence Boulevard going in either direction between the hours of four and six p.m. on a week day; and this alternate route was made to accommodate those 502 cars as there does not seem to be any problem at any other time of the day. That Mr. Hoose presented a plan to meet the needs of 502 cars turning left at rush hour traffic; the Elizabeth community presents the needs of an entire Charlotte community. Do they not deserve as much consideration as 500 motorists. The Traffic Engineers told about the cars; the Planning Commission can tell about the neighborhood when they complete the plans they are working on. But he is telling Council about their lives and their neighborhood.

Mr. Guin stated they are asking Council to instruct Mr. Hoose to postpone his plans to route cars into their area, and to call upon the Planning Commission to report to Council its findings about the Elizabeth community, and arrange immediately for all sides of this matter to be discussed.

Also speaking in opposition to the proposed changes were Reverend Paul Horne and Ms. Carline Miller, President of Charlotte Fair Housing Association and a member of the CCAT.

Councilman Withrow asked how long the City is from revamping this intersection as it is a bad intersection? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied Council does not have the plans as yet; but they are coming to Council. Several weeks ago Mr. Hoose presented the plan to Council and Council in turn asked for cost estimates. That the report is ready and will be given to Council next week.

Councilman Alexander moved that Council reconsider this item when it gets the report from Mr. Hoose, and the report from the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Whittington stated Council has no plans at this time, and if Mr. Hoose is going to present those plans to Council next Monday, then he hopes these people will come back to Council and express their positions at that time.

Mr. Bobo stated this will be reviewed by the Planning Commission. Councilman Alexander stated his motion is to include the Planning Commission report also.

Councilwoman Easterling stated when this was first brought up she understood it was more than a convenience for cars and the traffic; there was a safety factor involved in it also. That Council needs to remember this also.

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

OPPOSITION TO WIDENING AND EXTENSION OF MATHESON AVENUE EXPRESSED, AND MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS REQUESTED TO ATTEND COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 17, AT MIDWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH.

Mr. Fowler Bush, 1900 Matheson Avenue, stated he is representing two neighborhood groups. The Matheson Avenue Neighborhood Action Group, and the Midwood Action Group. It is their understanding the City's proposed beltway system will involve their neighborhood; namely, that beginning at the point where 30th Street intersects with The Plaza, Matheson Avenue which takes off on the other side will be widened into a four-lane highway. That would be down to the intersection of Mecklenburg Avenue, and from there on it would be extended where there is no road now, and extended through the sections which are roughly St. Andrews and Peppercorne Lane to continue parallel roughly to Truman Road on one side, and Country Club on the other side, crossing Central Avenue on over to intersect with Independence Boulevard. He stated they understand this is a part of the proposed inner-city beltway system.

Mr. Bush stated they are concerned immediately with the impact this project will have on their neighborhood. Many of the people in the neighborhoods are of retirement age or nearing retirement age. They have chosen their homes with the idea in mind that it is a stable neighborhood.

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He stated in today's paper was an article regarding Wendover Lane, and the fact that the States' study on environmental impact in that area says essentially only 8 or 10 trees will be lost, and it will not make much of a difference on the environment there as there are two rows of oaks, and one will remain as a buffer zone. He stated he would like to take issue with that if the paper is accurate. That trees are an esthetic issue, but we have to also contend with the noise pollution and most especially the automobile emission pollution. That he does not think anyone would disagree that a four-lane highway going down a nice shaded street, that was formerly two lanes, would have a detrimental effect on the environment of that neighborhood and lower the quality of life there.

Mr. Bush stated they are concerned, not only with their own neighborhoods, but other neighborhoods such as Wendover, and the effect this will have on the entire City, especially in regard to the beltway system. They think the beltway system will lower the quality of life in the entire city; it will provide for increased traffic every day in and out of the downtown area; and increased traffic flow means increased pollution for one as well as the increase of noise.

Mr. Bush stated the Matheson Avenue Neighborhood Group is getting involved now, and it is well ahead of time because they understand the proposed bond issue that will furnish the funds for the widening and extension of Matheson Avenue is due sometime in the spring of next year if all goes well. He stated they want to express their dissatisfaction over the proposed plans for their neighborhood and over the entire beltway system. They want Council to hear them and want to suggest alternatives to what they feel are viable alternatives to the beltway system.

Mr. Bush passed around printed invitations to the Mayor and Councilmembers inviting each to a community public hearing on May 17, at 8:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall, Midwood Baptist Church.

Mr. Bush stated they would like to know if City Council is sincerely and genuinely interested in input from the community, and whether or not they are willing to hear what they have to say in terms of opposing some of the City's plans for highway construction in the City and for the beltway system, and in terms of proposals.

Mayor Belk stated Matheson Avenue is not a part of the beltway and there is no bond issue proposed for the Spring. Mr. Bush replied the last time he called the City Engineer's Office that is what he was told. That assuming the last April's bond issue was passed, the next one would come up on the next April.

Mr. Bush asked which members of Council will be able to attend their meeting on May 17? Mayor Belk replied he will attend if he can but he will have to let him know; that he expects all the members of Council will have to check their calendars before advising him whether they will be able to attend.

The Mayor advised that someone from the City will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

COMMENTS ON COUNCIL PROCEDURES AND USE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL FOR BOND INFORMATION.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated Mr. Tom Sykes had to leave the meeting and asked him to suggest to Council that in hearing the public the new procedures have made it more difficult to be heard, and to request the Mayor and Council to consider hearing the public before the agenda rather than afterwards.

Mr. Pearson stated he has an item of unfinished business. It has to do with the way we handle ourselves in public as politicians after we are elected. Whenever by the word "yes" you can take people's business away from them, and people's homes away from them and things of that type then you are professional politicians in the truest sense of the word, without them having in advance the right to be heard or being considered, which happened in the downtown area, and has happened in other areas.

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Mr. Pearson stated sometime back we argued about who should hire the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, and whether it would make it better or worse. He stated he would like for Council to read a letter that come out in the last bond election. It is from an Assistant Chief. The subject is "Get your bond information as presented by Public Service and Information". He stated they think everyone has the right to public information; they think they all have the same right as everyone else. This has to do with moving fire trucks. An example is "Station 2 at 11:00 A.M., Engine 9, personnel and equipment will attend. Station 6, 1:00 P.M., Engine 8, personnel and equipment will attend. Station 11, 2:00 P.M., Engine 7 and equipment will attend." He stated we have just heard how important it is to have a fire station in a particular area; that he thinks it is also important to make sure it is manned. The letter then goes on down through the list. It says in closing - "Please see that the above personnel is notified of the date and time, and see that they are on time so they can start on schedule." Mr. Pearson stated if you are on one of those trucks at one of those stations and are asked to be here, you would consider it an order. This letter was given to them voluntary. The information came from fire department employees who were upset because they thought they were being used. He stated a copy of the letter went to Public Service and Information, Chief of Fire and the Community Relations. He stated they think this could turn into something criminal because they leave the stations unmanned, and there could be a fire.

Councilman Withrow stated this is Standard Operations Procedures in the Fire Department where they go out every so often and talk to one fire department, and then they bring the trucks and crew so the whole crew would be together in case of a fire. While they are there community problems come up, regardless of what it is they go over it, as well as the procedures of the department and the things the Chief wants passed down to the crews. He stated he has checked into this thoroughly, and this is the information he received from this chief.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE HOUSING SUIT NOW IN COURT AUTHORIZED SIGNED BY CITY OF CHARLOTTE, HOUSING AUTHORITY, REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, asked if Council will vote to consider a matter that is not on the agenda but does require the immediate action of Council. That he is referring to the Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by the City, Housing Authority, Redevelopment Commission and Planning Commission.

Councilman Alexander moved that Council consider the non-agenda item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Underhill stated this was not on the agenda because the terms were not completely ironed out; and the Judge requested that we not speak about it until some further talks were held. That this has to do with the Housing suit that is before the Court.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the Memorandum of Understanding as submitted by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington,

Mayor Belk congratulated Mr. Underhill for the way in which this has been handled; that he would also like to congratulate Council for their willingness to understand the problem, and to confront it and not dodge it; that he thinks the people will learn to appreciate how much Council has done on it; it is a very important stand Council has taken.

Councilman Alexander asked that the motion be amended to include that copies of the Memorandum are made available to the public. The amendment was approved by Councilman Whittington. The vote was taken on the amended motion and carried unanimously.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO WRITE INDIVIDUAL LETTERS IN BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO EACH MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION URGING SUPPORT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES LEGISLATION PACKAGE.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to write an individual letter to each member of the Delegation urging them to support the legislation now pending, sponsored by the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Also the House Finance Committee, at the League's request, has agreed to study the whole problem of state and municipal privilege license taxation between the adjournment of this session and the convening of the next session, January 1974. The General Assembly is not going to create any special study commission for Schedule B, or any other purpose. But the League has obtained a major objective in its 1973 program by obtaining this comprehensive and overall study by the Finance Committee of the General Assembly.

He stated there is some legislation the Council, and Charlotte, will be concerned about. Senator Ralph Scott's State Bill 387 is one, and has received a favorable report from the joint finance subcommittee which will relieve the elderly citizens on property tax. If that passes, that will affect our city take about \$1.0 million a year or better. He stated what we are trying to do, along with all these packages, is to get the State to put this money back into the cities if such legislation is passed.

If Council agrees, he asked that Mr. Burkhalter write each member on behalf of the Council to let them know the City Council and the Mayor wishes them to support the League's package.

MOTION THAT ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED MOVE WITH GREATEST SPEED IN GETTING BOND PROJECTS STARTED: AND REQUEST THAT ENGINEERS PLAN FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING LANE FOR BUSES.

Councilman Whittington stated on April 10, Charlotte voters approved a bond issue so that we could continue to carry out our master transportation plans. We owe it to these voters and to the many fine people who got out and worked for the passage of these bonds to get these projects underway and completed as quickly as possible. We know that all the projects are necessary; that they are already past due and they will help our traffic problem when they are completed.

Councilman Whittington moved that the City Council direct the City Manager to have all city departments involved to move with the greatest speed possible, consistent with sound financial planning, in getting these bond projects started. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and will lie on the table for one week as provided under the provision of the new Council procedures.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to see the schedule for all these projects placed in the third floor Capital Improvement Room, and that Council be given a monthly report on these projects.

He stated while talking about these projects and looking down the road when we do something about these projects, he immediately thinks of Remount Road, Plaza Road, Oaklawn Avenue and Randolph Road, where they are to be widened and schools are located on these roads. It seems to make good sense now to tell the engineers, who are going to do the design, that we want them to set up a lane in the plan where a bus carrying school children, or picking up passengers, could pull out of the main line of the four lanes of traffic, and load or unload passengers, and then the bus pull back into traffic. He stated this has never been done here, and it has never been planned, and it is not too late to start on these major streets we are talking about now.

Councilman Alexander asked if the State law affects the stopping of traffic when a school bus stops. That they would be pulling off to the side; but the big concern has been school children running across in front of the stopped bus. He asked the City Attorney to give Council a legal answer to this question. Councilman Whittington stated he is talking mostly about city street busses.

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Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated in connection with the motion, he would like to remind Council of the diversity of the projects involved in this; also the City has \$28.0 million worth of water and sewer projects beginning to take form and shape. One thing you must be careful about, and that is if you do all these projects starting tomorrow, you will have one torn up town; and Council will get more criticism for doing things than for not doing them. Councilman Short stated plus the scheduling necessary over the next five years to keep the tax rate from going up.

Mr. Burkhalter stated he will have some action for Council to take next week.

REQUEST THAT DONALD ROSS ROAD BE KEPT OPEN UNTIL THE STEELE CREEK BRIDGE IS COMPLETED.

Councilman Withrow stated Donald Ross Road is going to be closed, and at the same time Steele Creek Bridge will be constructed, and this will close that road. Something should be planned now to let the people continue down Donald Ross Road because if you cannot get across one of these streets, you are in trouble. He requested the City Manager to check on this, and plan to use Donald Ross Road while the Steele Creek bridge is out.

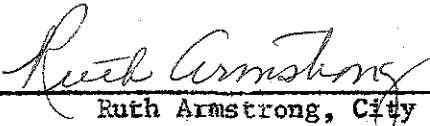
COMMENTS ON PRESERVING HISTORICAL SITES OF CHARLOTTE AND CITY MANAGER TO CONTACT GEORGE BROADRICK AND BILL LITTLE THE BANK BUILDING DOWNTOWN.

Councilwoman Easterling stated she has received several calls about the items in the paper about Mr. Alexander and the St. Mary's Chapel on the Thompson Orphanage land, and the editorial about the bank downtown. Several people concerned about preserving historic sites have called her and asked if the City Council could do something about it. That sometime ago Council approved a Bill to make a joint historical committee; and she was hoping this might handle the problem for us; but she is concerned about the preservation of our City as well as the development of the City. The two should go hand in hand, and Council should consider both angles of our history, our heritage, the pride we have in our identity over the past hundreds of years as we plan for the future.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to check with Mr. George Broadrick of First Citizens Bank and Trust Company and with Mr. Bill Little concerning the bank building.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk