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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, April 9, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Ruth M. Easterling, Sandy R. Jordan, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved for the meeting on April 2, 1973.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO JACOB PEARCE REID.

Mayor Belk recognized Mr. Jacob Pearce Reid, Laborer I, Sanitation Division, Public Works Department, and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque for his services to the city from January 3, 1956 to March 23, 1973. Mr. Reid was thanked by each member of the Council, and each wished him well in his retirement.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1973 ON THE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FIRST WARD URBAN RENEWAL AREA, PROJECT NO. N.C. R-79.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, adopting the resolution calling for a public hearing on the redevelopment plan for First Ward Urban Renewal area, Project No. N.C. R-79.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at page 90.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR CIVIC CENTER, APPROVED.

The City Manager advised these change orders are all within the funds allocated in the budget and are in accordance with the bond issue itself.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving the following Change Orders for the Civic Center:

- (a) Change Order No. G-1 in General Contract with McDevitt and Street Company, increasing the contract price by \$65,029.00.
- (b) Change Order No. P-4 in Plumbing Contract with Poole and Kent Corporation, increasing the contract price by \$329.44.
- (c) Change Order No. E-4 in Electrical Contract with Watson Electric Company, increasing the contract price by \$366.44.

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CHANGE ORDERS FOR GREENVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the following Change Orders for Greenville Neighborhood Center, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Change Order No. G-3 in General Contract with Barger Construction Company, increasing the contract price by \$10,095.44.
- (b) Change Order No. E-2 in Electrical Contract with Driggers Electric and Control Company, decreasing the contract price by \$1,585.00.

CHANGES IN B-1 SHOPPING CENTER DISTRICT PLAN ALONG MORRISON BOULEVARD, DENIED.

The request for changes in the B-1 Shopping Center District Plan by J. J. DeLaney, Vice President of H. C. Bissell and Associates, Inc., along Morrison Boulevard, across from SouthPark, to replace a combination retail and office building with a Hardee's Restaurant facility, was presented. Council was advised that the Planning Commission recommends the request be denied.

Councilman Withrow stated about two years ago this zoning came before City Council and it was a split decision at that time for the B-1SCD. If Council does not watch, it will have all the B-1SCD petitions coming before it for a change. He believes on a split decision, and the way this was zoned, and with the other B-1SCDs that have been zoned, this should be denied.

Councilman Withrow moved that the request for changes in the B-1SCD Plan along Morrison Boulevard be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman McDuffie stated he voted for the Hardee's proposed on Sharon Road. That he frequents them and has children who like these and other kinds of establishments, and he does not see they are a detriment to the neighborhoods. He stated he also objects to the kind of zoning that says they are bad for certain parts of the city, but not bad in other parts of the city. He personally supports the idea that you should be able to have this kind of business there, and especially in the controlled neighborhood it is in. With the plans Council saw he really does not believe it is detrimental. He stated he has received several calls and letters from people who live in the neighborhood and who want the Hardee's. The whole criteria for business is will it be supported, and if it is there, who will use it except the people in the neighborhood.

Councilman Withrow stated he is not voting against it because of Hardee's; that he is voting against it because this petition was passed at the beginning for a certain zoning, and the people did not object too much. When it comes to changing the plan he is personally against it.

The vote was taken on the motion to deny the request and carried as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Withrow, Whittington, Alexander, Easterling, Jordan and Short.

NAYS: Councilman McDuffie.

ORDINANCE NO. 764-X ORDERING REMOVAL OF TRASH AND RUBBISH AT 1601 PARKWOOD AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted ordering the removal of trash and rubbish at 1601 Parkwood Avenue.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 46.

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ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving an encroachment agreement with the State Highway Commission, permitting the City to construct a 10-inch V.C.P. sanitary sewer line within the right of way of Burlwood Road and Nestle Way to eliminate Stonehaven Lift Stations.

PRIVILEGE LICENSE COVERING THE CLASSIFICATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a privilege license, covering the classification of Private Detective, to Mr. Bobby G. Coggins. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL A MEMORANDUM ON THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

Councilman McDuffie stated in connection with Special Police Officers he noticed there is some kind of proposal in Raleigh to make these kinds of officers have the same responsibilities as police officers to some degree. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied they do have the same authorities as a police officer, but only on the property for which they are licensed. Councilman McDuffie stated the question is they do not have all the legal responsibilities officers do, and he is asking that particular attention be paid to what the Council is granting. Mr. Underhill stated the special officer is a localized thing and the procedure to become a special officer is set up by the charter. This is not a statewide type of thing. A special officer has all the duties and responsibilities of a City Police Officer, but only in a certain location and on certain premises. Once he gets off these premises, he has no authority.

Councilman McDuffie requested the City Attorney to check into this and to give Council a memorandum on it. That he has been concerned about some of the people who appear on the agenda for special officer permits.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, special officer permits were authorized for the following applicants:

- (a) Issuance of permit to Amos Charles Pellarin for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Daniel Heyward Trezevant, Jr. for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (c) Renewal of permit to James E. Kivett for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey & Company.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 30' x 104.49' of easement at 10301 Aileen Circle, from C and M Realty Company, Inc., at \$454.00, for Kings Branch Outfall Sanitary Sewer Construction Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 974.76' of easement at 8001 Pineville Road, from Sharon West Community, a Limited Partnership, at \$10.00, for Sanitary Sewer to serve Sharon Lakes, Phase III.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO FRANK B. EDWARDS, LOCATED AT 5306 PINEVILLE ROAD, IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, FOR THE TYVOLA ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of a resolution authorizing condemnation proceeding for the acquisition of property belonging to Frank B. Edwards, located at 5306 Pineville Road, in the City of Charlotte, for the Tyvola Road Extension Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 98.

NOMINATION TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilwoman Easterling placed in nomination the name of Mrs. Rosa Compton for the vacancy on the Insurance Advisory Committee. She stated Mrs. Compton is past president of the State Organization of Insurance Women, and past president of a local organization. That she is employed with Claude Wells Agency, and is well qualified for service on this Committee.

CONTRACT AWARDED O. L. NIXON GRADING COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES TO SERVE BARRINGER DRIVE AND PRESSLEY ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the low bidder, O. L. Nixon Grading Company, in the amount of \$29,514.36, on a unit price basis, for construction of sanitary sewer facilities to serve Barringer Drive and Pressley Road.

The following bids were received:

O. L. Nixon Grading Co.	\$29,514.36
Ben B. Propst, Inc.	39,519.50
Joe R. Abernathy Construction Co.	54,466.50
Thomas Structure Co.	58,342.20
Crowder Construction Co.	60,332.25
R. H. Wiggins Co., Inc.	85,599.00

CONTRACT AWARDED A. E. FINLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ONE HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$38,475.00, on a unit price basis, for one hydraulic excavator.

The following bids were received:

A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	\$38,475.00
N. C. Equipment Company	38,800.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CHARLOTTE FORD TRACTOR SALES FOR ONE TRACTOR WITH SIDE MOUNTED ROTARY TYPE HYDRAULIC OPERATED EXTENDABLE BOOM MOWER.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder, Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales, in the amount of \$12,116.00, on a unit price basis, for one tractor with side mounted rotary type hydraulic operated extendable boom mower. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED FADELS INCORPORATED FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Fadels Incorporated, in the amount of \$19,666.00, on a unit price basis, for concession stand equipment for the Civic Center.

The following bids were received:

Fadels Incorporated	\$19,666.00
The Montgomery-Green Co.	22,740.00

Councilman McDuffie asked how many concessions stands this includes? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied it is for two. Councilman McDuffie stated with this size building, and judging on what he has seen at other places, he questions if this will be adequate to serve all the people that might need to be served. The City Manager replied all of this is being done on an "as needed" basis, and there are only two built in on this level, and he is certain others will be built in other locations. Councilman McDuffie asked what provisions are made for drink stands; that he hopes they will not cut off the possibility of adding some. The City Manager replied everything they have asked for has been put in so it could be added later. The necessary wiring and lines have been installed at all the locations they have asked, so it can be done.

CONTRACT AWARDED DICTAPHONE CORPORATION FOR PROPOSAL II, INPUT & OUTPUT SYSTEM OF REPORT WRITING SYSTEM.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Dictaphone Corporation, in the amount of \$8,896.00, on a unit price basis, for Proposal II, Section I, Input & Output System of Report Writing System.

The following bids were received:

Dictaphone Corporation	\$ 8,896.00
I.B.M. Corporation	25,880.00

CONTRACT AWARDED I.B.M. CORPORATION FOR PROPOSAL II, OUTPUT SYSTEM FOR REPORT WRITING SYSTEM.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, I.B.M. Corporation, in the amount of \$16,650.00, on a unit price basis, for Proposal II, Section II, Output System for Report Writing System.

REQUEST OF BARRINGER WOODS COMMUNITY THAT NORWICH PLACE REMAIN CLOSED DEFERRED UNTIL PUBLIC HEARING IS HELD.

Reverend Richard Macon, Spokesman, for Barringer Woods Community Organization, stated they have a request to make about the opening of Norwich Place. He presented a map and pointed out Clanton Road which extends over to West Boulevard. He stated Norwich Place is presently a dead-end street and they are requesting that it remain a dead-end street because they believe it will pick up more traffic once it is opened. Many of the children in the area play in the street and for the safety of the children they would like for it to remain closed inasmuch as they cannot get Clanton Road moved over.

Councilman Withrow stated there are about 75 homeowners who live in this area and all 75 homeowners have signed a petition. That he thinks the Council should consider this and not open that street and go back to the Planning Commission or the planners on this with the idea of getting a recommendation from them. He stated if the people do not want this street open, then he thinks Council should listen to them and send it back to the Planners.

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Councilman Whittington stated he would agree with that. Norwich runs from the entrance of Barringer School over to where it dead-ends now; if it is extended on out beyond Clanton Road, it would only run down in front of the housing project that is on West Boulevard. So it would really accomplish nothing to open it and it would be detrimental to the children.

Councilman McDuffie stated if it were open, it might benefit the residents themselves coming out and turning right to go on Clanton Road; otherwise to get back down to it you would have to come left which would be difficult to do on Barringer Drive.

Reverend Macon stated that is correct; but they have taken all of that under consideration, and in order to get a little privacy they do not mind it costing them a little inconvenience and they are willing to live with that.

Councilman Alexander moved that the street remain closed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Short asked if it should not be referred to the planning department. Councilman Alexander stated the people want it to remain closed.

Councilman McDuffie stated it would be desirable to give the other side, the planning and traffic engineering, the opportunity to give their information. That he is more than willing to listen to Mr. Alexander and Mr. Withrow after he gets the other side. It will be a year before the road is built and to lock it up today without hearing the other side is not right.

Councilman Short stated this situation is somewhat similar to Usher Lane except that here the city is seeking to open the street. In Usher Lane it was a question of forcing the developer to open it.

Mrs. Carolyn Gibson stated they have talked with the city engineering department about this, and it is their understanding that it will not be a year, but May 1, 1973 when they start work. This is what Mr. Ken Gillis told them, and this is the reason they have been working on this.

Mrs. Gibson stated she has a petition containing 113 signatures which reads as follows:

"We the undersigned residents of Barringer Woods, would like for the proposed intersection of Clanton Road and Norwich Place to be reconsidered and Norwich Place to remain a dead-end street. Putting the safety of our children first, we feel that the opening of Norwich Place would jeopardize them. We will not consider the fact that we can not get on to Clanton Road from Norwich Place an inconvenience. We would like to have a fence erected and trees planted at this closing to assure us that no illegal traffic will come onto Norwich Place."

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated there are several other streets in this area which will come to Council in the near future about opening and closing. The Public Works will ask Council to set a public hearing on this in the next two weeks, and they want to meet with the people in the community so they can satisfy everyone, if possible. That this is one of two or three cases, and it might be well for Council to postpone this until that time.

Reverend Macon stated he thinks this is fair. But he is pretty hard to convince it will be to his advantage, and the advantage of the community.

Mrs. Gibson stated she has only been in Charlotte about five years; and she appreciates the interest City Council has shown in their community; that they are behind Council and they hope Council will give them prompt consideration.

Councilman Short stated he wants to make sure that nothing is done in the furtherance of this project before this is brought to Council.

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Councilman Alexander stated in light of the statement that comes from the Public Works Department, he is agreeable to defer the consideration on this item today until such time as the Public Works Department has met with the citizens out there.

Councilman Withrow stated he and Mrs. Easterling spoke to this group on two different occasions, and they have endorsed the bond issue 100% even before they came to Council today.

Councilman Alexander changed his motion to defer consideration of the request until the Public Works holds its public hearings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BE SENT TO MECCA AND A COPY TO MELINDA HUNT FOR LAND USE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.

Mrs. W. C. (Sissy) Roth, representing MECCA and the Land Use Conference Task Force, stated she would like to thank the Mayor and Council in person for their participation and support of the Land Use Planning Conference at UNCC. That she would like to thank Mr. Short especially for his part in the program.

She stated they would like to follow up on the ideas presented at the conference, and perhaps investigate others; they feel strongly that good planned use is the corner stone for a better environment.

Councilman Short stated the thanks should flow in the other direction and he is sure all of the Councilmembers are grateful for what MECCA did; that Mrs. Roth and so many others worked so hard and especially Ms. Melinda Hunt.

Councilman Short moved that Council adopt a resolution thanking MECCA for this excellent conference, and that a copy be sent to Mrs. Roth and Ms. Melinda Hunt.

Mayor Belk thanked Mrs. Roth for her interest in coming to Council today; he stated he appreciates it very much.

COMMENTS ON APRIL 10 BOND ELECTION BY PRO-BOND FORCES.

Mr. Jim Sommers, Coordinator for the Pro-Bond Campaign, stated the oppositions to the bonds have been before Council on a number of occasions, and have had special meetings at which time they have used this forum for accusations, and a great deal of personal attack. He stated a number of citizens in our City have asked him to come forward and respond forthrightly and directly to some of these charges.

First, the ballot which will be used in the election is the ballot that is recommended by the attorneys throughout the entire State of North Carolina; it is similar to the ballot that has always been used in this city and used throughout this entire state; it is similar to the ballots used in a number of progressive states throughout the United States.

Second, numerous side issues have been injected into the campaign which have nothing to do with traffic, and nothing to do with the movement of traffic. Two issues have been injected in which flat statements were made that the city has done absolutely nothing. He stated he thinks it is his duty as a citizen to clear up these misconceptions. The first accusation is that nothing has been done with the public transit service. A full study has been made of our entire bus system with very strong and progressive recommendations on how to make these bus systems fast, efficient, safe and pleasant. He stated we have done something about it, and it is in the process of being implemented right now. Second, a number

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of citizens are concerned and say the city has done nothing in the area of mass transit. To this he responds that for three years, the question of mass transit has been under study by the City of Charlotte, the County of Mecklenburg and the State of North Carolina, and the Federal Department of Transportation. He stated this issue is being looked at, and it will be coming out in June. He stated these issues are related indirectly to the traffic, but what we are talking about on April 10 is one issue and one issue alone. That is whether we are going to do something about our immediate and pressing needs to take care of the growth of this city in an orderly, planned method, and handle our traffic problems.

Mayor Belk thanked Mr. Sommers for taking his time on this worthwhile project. He stated some of the opposition seems to use some names loosely; but he is glad they were not citizens of the City like Mr. Sommers. The only way we can have progress and be a good city is for people like Mr. Sommers to take their time and make this city what it is. He stated he would again like to thank Mr. Sommers for the fine job he has done on this, and he would like to apologize for the personal abuse he has taken.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to add his thoughts on the way Mr. Sommers has conducted this campaign. That it reminds him somewhat of the "good guys and bad guys" in the westerns where the good guy has to stand and wait to be shot at before he can defend himself. He stated that is a little bit difficult to do with the kind of misinformation and innuendos, and all the things the opposition has brought up that are not true and are not related to the bond issue. He stated he personally thinks Mr. Sommers has done a great service for this city; and hopefully the good side will win in the bond election, and the side issues can be handled in the general election in November.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to thank the news media for what he believes has been an exceptionally good job in presenting both sides of the issue as far as this campaign is concerned. He stated he read with a great deal of interest about three pages of the Observer on Sunday about the bond election and the undecided votes and the pros and cons of it. He stated because of so many untruths that have been presented in this campaign he was attracted to a paragraph that read as follows: "The sources note that CCAT's two paid employees, Bob Fitzpatrick and Lucy Johnson, received their training from the late Saul Alinsky's Chicago-based organized school, where they learn how to build organizations by involving people, and specific issues, and showing them how each successful action increases their power for the next confrontation with the establishment." He stated a lot of people have told him about the late Saul Alinsky and what he stood for; but he would like to ask if there is anyone in the audience who knows more about this than he does. If so, he would like for them to tell him now, and make it a part of the record of this meeting.

Mrs. Pat Locke stated she is also helping with the bond election. That she has also seen Saul Alinsky and how he works. He has written two books explaining how to foster community and industrial agitation. He also tells them one through ten how to agitate, and how to organize the community against city councils, county commissioners, and such. Also, how to conduct meetings and take over meetings. The two books which stand out in her mind are "Revelry for Radicals" and "The Professional Radical". Mrs. Locke stated she saw his forces take over a meeting, a national meeting, that had to be gaveled closed because it was so disruptive.

Dr. David Traveland stated he would like to point out an alternative. That Model Cities Department has been attempting to forge a partnership between the City government and its citizens through their Citizens Participation organization. This is a constructive alternative to what has been talked about, and one which fosters a genuine interchange between people and government.

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Mr. Dean Hammond, Balyedera Avenue, stated he is semi-retired and he is not looking forward to any increases in tax. But that is not what he came to say. There are a lot of people who are not here that he had hoped would be here so that he could say it in front of them. That he wants to deplore, in fact condemn, the hate campaign that is being conducted by the opponents of the bond issue. There are three tools commonly used in hate campaigns. One is the untruth; second is the half-truth; and third is the innuendo. He stated the most vicious of the three is the innuendo. That a little more than a generation ago an obscure house painter and paper hanger embarked on a hate campaign that engulfed almost the entire world in a flaming war and ended in killing millions of people. His chief tool was the big lie, and he accomplished what undoubtedly is the second worse hate campaign in all of history. That we have to go back almost 2000 years to the worse campaign that is recorded in history that culminated in the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. Unlike Hitler's campaign of hate, this one was based almost entirely on the innuendo. He was guilty by inference, by insinuation, and by association. Guilty of what, we are not quite sure.

Mr. Hammond stated he would like to show how that can be used in this campaign today. The North Carolina National Bank is inferred to be guilty. It insinuates they may be guilty of owning some of the corporate bonds for the City of Charlotte. Frankly he is a little pleased that NNCNB thinks enough of the City of Charlotte to buy the bonds. That it is a good sign. That John Belk is guilty, by inference because of the fact he is associated with NNCNB. He stated this is the most vicious type of campaign that anyone can wage, and he hopes it backfires and bits them. Anyone who has made any kind of study at all of corporate government should know that the only way to finance an operation we are trying to get across now is by a corporate bond issue. It is not possible to pay as you go with this type of business. The State of Georgia several years ago tried to operate on that basis in the road building campaign; consequently, the State of Georgia got so far behind the rest of the states in this Union it was pitiful, and they finally saw the light, and started operating on the same basis as others.

Mr. Hammond stated he has always been convinced that it is not necessary for taxes to be raised in order to pay off bonds that have been sold. He stated he was glad to see that George Rawlins put some specifics in the paper the other day, and put his finger on the fact that it would probably not be raised. He stated that does not mean our taxes will not be raised; but they probably will not be raised because we have a bond issue. He stated he can almost guarantee if this bond issue fails, the taxes will go up. Why? Simply because a great many of these street projects will have to be done whether the bonds pass or not. It will come out of the city budget because there is no other place for it to come from. In that case, our taxes will have to go up, and there is no other way. If a few more people could see this light in this respect, he does not believe we would have a problem in getting anything through. He only hopes enough people will see the light, and this campaign of hate, almost of terror, will backfire on these people, and we will get the job done in the right way tomorrow.

He stated he had hoped the major opponents would be here today so that he could say this to them. He stated he fails to understand why Tom Sykes, Jim Patton, and Albert Pearson, and a few others, are eternally opposed to every progressive move this City of Charlotte tries to make. At least they are fairly consistent. There is only one person he knows of that is more consistent than they are in the obstruction business, and that is a well known member of our local school board. It seems to him that Charlotte has been pretty good to Tom Sykes and to Jim Patton, and he cannot help but believe it would have been good to Albert Pearson if he had seen fit to devote as much of his time to his business as he has to City Hall.

Mayor Belk thanked Mr. Hammond for coming and speaking to Council today.

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Councilman Jordan stated he would like to personally thank the Mayor, Mr. Sommers and the other members of Council for the fine campaign and the way the members have conducted this campaign throughout all the innuendos and the other things the opponents have used. That it has been real fine and he does not believe it could have been done any better. He stated he is sorry that under the circumstances he was not able to carry his load; but he thinks it has been well taken care of. That Mr. Whittington and Mr. Short were most gracious to come to a meeting that he had arranged last Friday at the Masonic Club. That he would like to commend them for the very fine job they did, and he is sure we will have success tomorrow at the polls.

Councilman Alexander stated Mr. Whittington asked the question if there was anyone present who was knowledgeable of Saul Alinsky philosophy to let him know. He stated it has been clearly stated just what it was. He stated no one should feel it is wrong for government to attempt to instruct its citizens in what government really is and how it works. The Model Cities program through the Neighborhood Agent Program has been one of the most revealing things to the citizens in the Model Cities area, in that when this program began they had no knowledge of what city government was. Some did not know where the City Council Chamber was; some did not know they could come to the City Council and participate in Council meetings. He stated for every class the Neighborhood Program held, he conducted a seminar on City Government. That he has told them everything there is about City Government, and instructed them to come here and see how it is run. This is why you have seen them beginning to come to City Hall to watch Council and see how it operates; because they were concerned they accepted the philosophy that City Government is no big bad bear that they have to run and be afraid of. They have seen that government will assess itself to their needs; they have found out that government will respond to their desires. As a result it has been one of the most alluminating and one of the most enlightening parts of the Model Cities program to citizens who had no knowledge at all of what real government was. That what has happened through government in its relationship to people has been good; it has been good to many people in our Model Cities area. That he thought it was most unfair for anyone to attempt to use people like that who are willing to learn and wanted to be good citizens. Many of those citizens are registered for the first time and have been participating in the election of Council members and anything else the city has done, and were willing and ready after having been indoctrinated into a positive approach to government and how responsive government could be to people, and people to government. They were willing and ready to support this bond issue. One of the main reasons is that one of the parcels in this bond issue involves the area in which they live. He stated he thought it was very unfair to people who had been reaching out and trying to learn and who have shown they accept the philosophy of positive approaches to government to be castigated in such a fashion that anyone would attempt to throw an element of fear in them for participating in the process of government.

LETTER FROM ROBERT NOBEL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THOMPSON CHILDREN'S HOME REFERRED TO COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Alexander stated he has a letter from Mr. Robert Nobel, Executive Director of the Thompson Children's Home, who had some unpleasant experiences with the jail and the Sheriff's Department, and he moved that the letter be referred to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Commission, and that they be asked to make an investigation and to give Council a report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

OAKLAWN AVENUE DESIGNATED AS OFF-LIMITS TO HEAVY TRUCKS.

Councilman Alexander moved that Oaklawn Avenue be designated off-limits for heavy trucks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

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Councilman Alexander stated he is not speaking of delivery service trucks, but he is talking about these big heavy trucks. Since Oaklawn Avenue has been widened they think they can use that street; the houses on Oaklawn Avenue are houses that have been there for years, and they are not the type of houses that can take the constant rumbling of big trucks if they are permitted to use that strip of road. He stated he made his motion for the protection of the people who live there.


INFORMATION GIVEN TO COUNCIL ON TRANSIT SYSTEM KNOWN AS "PEOPLE MOVER".

Councilman Short stated he has passed out to members of Council some copies of an article from a magazine of some months ago, and it describes a people mover at the University of West Virginia. It says it is probably best described as a horizontal passenger elevator. You come aboard an air-conditioned 21-passenger car, push a button for your stop, the door closes and you are carried away at 30-MPH. It says there are engineering schemes available to work on other answers for other cities. He thought this was interesting; the pictures are interesting; it shows decking type effects with the people mover operating.

Councilman Short suggested the Councilmembers discuss this among themselves and think about making a trip to see this at their own expense.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, APRIL 12 TO CANVASS BOND ELECTION RETURNS.

Councilman Jordan moved that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, April 12, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., in the County Commissioners Board Room, County Office Building, to canvass the returns of the bond election of April 10, 1973.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk