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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina met in regular session on Monday, January 15, 1973, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Ruth M. Easterling, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Dr. Thomas A. Jenkins, Pastor of Statesville Avenue United Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on Monday, January 8, 1973 were approved as submitted.

JANUARY 15, 1973 PROCLAIMED AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.

As everyone stood, Councilman Alexander presented the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, the cause of brotherhood is the goal of mankind; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to the goals of brotherhood and peace; and

WHEREAS, he was the central figure in many non-violent demonstrations throughout the nation which culminated in the march of 200,000 people on Washington, D. C. in August, 1963; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the formation of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. King's efforts toward peace and racial equality were recognized worldwide in 1964 when he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, from the day of his birth on January 15, 1929, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John M. Belk, Mayor of Charlotte, do hereby proclaim January 15, 1973 as

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

WITNESS my hand and the official Seal of the City of Charlotte, this 15th day of January, 1973.

John M. Belk
Mayor

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Mayor Belk stated the original of the proclamation will go the Martin Luther King, Jr. Foundation in Atlanta, Georgia. He presented a signed copy of the proclamation to Dr. Greenfield, President of Johnson C. Smith University.

Dr. Greenfield, President of Johnson C. Smith University, stated he is very honored to be the guest of City Council today. This he know today is a day that many young people throughout the land witnessed the tremendous services and dedications. He stated at Johnson C. Smith they are proud to be a part of this city and to see the City of Charlotte play an active role in this dedication.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE PRESENTED THE U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT MINUTE MAN AWARD.

Mr. Carl Horn of Duke Power Company and Chairman of the "Take Stock in America Campaign" introduced Mr. Lewis G. Rogers, Jr., Sales Representative for the U. S. Treasury Department for the western half of North Carolina. Mr. Horn stated this year, the Charlotte area firms, campaigned for increased sales of Series E. Government Bonds through payroll deduction reached 150% of it quote; both city and county governments were a part of this. The City has about a two percent participation, and the county a nine percent participation. That he hopes both governments will conduct another campaign during the coming year. This record of 150% of new savers or increased savings by Charlotte-Mecklenburg firms entitles the City of Charlotte to the United States Treasury Department Minute Man Award.

Mr. Horn presented the Mayor and City Council with the Minute Man Award

Mr. Rogers stated the Treasury Department is very grateful to Mr. Horn and Duke Power Company for the support which they gave to the Campaign; they signed up in excess of 1,000 new savers this past year, which is almost a 500 increase.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUES PRESENTED.

Mayor Belk recognized the following City employees and presented each with a retirement plaque:

Mr. Clegg Alexander Helms, Radio Engineer, Traffic Engineering Department who was employed January 15, 1944 and retired December 26, 1972. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated last week the City of Charlotte Employee of the Year was honored with the Chamber of Commerce Award and some people misunderstood some of the award in that case. That man operated the system of communication, but the man who invented it, installed it and dreamed it up was Mr. Helms.

Mr. Eugene Gerard Murphy, Police Record Clerk, Ploice Department, employed January 21, 1954 and retired December 26, 1972.

Mr. Willie Reed, Laborer I Cemeteries Department, employed April 1, 1937 and retired December 29, 1972.

MAYOR LEAVES MEETING.

Mayor Belk left the meeting during the following discussion, and Mayor pro tem Alexander presided for the remainder of the Session.

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CONSIDERATION OF TRANSFER OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22 AND JANUARY 30, AND CONFERENCE SESSION TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 22.

Mr. Sam Street of Cable Television Company stated they have sent a brochure to each member of Council, and today he requests that next week they be placed on the agenda to approve the sale of their assets to American Television and Communications Corporation out of Denver, Colorado. He stated this is the company that purchased Jefferson-Carolina Corporation, which has many systems in North Carolina, and they have made an agreement with them to buy their company. Mr. Street stated 18 months ago he came before Council and asked that they be able to purchase the assets of Cox-Cosmos Corporation. At that time this was allowed, and he made three promises. One they would improve the service, which he believes they have done; two they would attempt to pull the city together so there would be one franchise company CATV business in Charlotte, and he thinks they have done this; they were unsuccessful in buying out Jefferson-Carolina, financially unable to do so. A new company then came to them and they made an agreement to sell to them. The third promise made was to do "cable casting", their own local origination. They have done some of that on an experimental basis, but not as much as he would have liked. They wanted to do a lot more, but they have been involved in negotiations with TV Communications for the past six months and they decided to wait until they came in.

Mr. Street stated two representatives from American TV Communications are with him today. One is Bob Nelson, the General Manager, and the other is Jimmy Dolittle, the Regional Manager in charge of North Carolina.

Councilman Withrow asked if this can wait until they are sure the merger is going through; if there are any complications; or if the Council is being asked to do something before it happens? Mr. Street replied they are getting the legalities worked out. They do have an agreement which states the City Council must approve the transfer.

During the discussion, Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the selling company in this case desires to sell its assets to the buying company; the city code requires before this can be done that City Council must give its approval to this transactions. The Council has issued a franchise to this company to operate a CATV system. What is involved is there will be one CATV operation where there has been two. It will not change the terms of the ordinance that governs CATV operations in Charlotte. The new CATV company will still be bound by the CATV ordinance. In approving this transaction, nothing will change any of the provisions of the ordinance. He stated there is nothing to prevent the City Council from reviewing the provisions of the City Code at any time.

After further discussion, Councilman Whittington moved that the request of Mr. Street be placed on the agenda two weeks from today, and that the City Manager and City Attorney set up a conference with the Council to orient Council on all the facts needed before passing on the request two weeks from today. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie.

Councilman McDuffie stated this will fall on the night Council is meeting on Educational TV, and Council will need a conference session before hand. That this is not community antenna anymore; it is a communications system. Council needs to know exactly where it stands when it approves this transfer.

Mr. Carlton Fleming, Attorney, stated this transaction requires two readings by Council before the action becomes effective. He requested Council to consider the first reading at its next meeting on the 22nd of January.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to set up the conference so that Council will have all the facts and be ready to finalize it on the 30th. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied he will set up the conference for the next meeting on the 22nd.

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

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CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED OSCAR BROWN.

Mayor pro tem Alexander recognized Mr. Oscar Brown, Automotive Servieman, Charlotte Police Department, who was employed January 18, 1960 and retired December 26, 1972, and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque. Each member of Council wished Mr. Brown well in his retirement, and thanked him for the services he rendered to the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 716-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED WEST OF PARKWAY AVENUE AND NORTH OF SEABOARD COASTLINE RAILROAD ON PETITION OF ATLANTIC LAND AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning of property from I-1 to I-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is redorded in full in Ordinance Book 19, at Page 480.

AGREEMENT WITH BOEING COMPUTER SEVICES, INC. TO DESIGN REFUSE COLLECTION ROUTE STRUCTURE FOR PROPOSED ANNEXATION AREAS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman McDuffie to approve the subject agreement with Boeing Computer Services, Inc. to design an optimum refuse collection route structure for the proposed annexation areas in the amount of \$31,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Mayor pro tem Alexander asked if the factors that can be garnered together through this service are nothing that the city can provide through the regular established personnel? Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied some of it can; but some of it is a new technique the city has not developed and we are running short of time. This Company will show the city how to do this, and then the city will use it for the remainder of the city. This is a highly skilled technique that has been developed to scientifically determine how many houses you can serve with a truck, and the route it will use to get the optimum use of the piece of equipment and manpower.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated on many occasions he has been called upon to explain the constant use of various services that come to Council with surveys and it is being inferred that many of these services could be done within the city operation far cheaper than it is being done. Mr. Burkhalter stated the city can do this with its own manpower but it would be wasteful and it would take much longer to do it. This is not a consultant service to say what you should be doing, but is a service to tell how to get the best utilization out of the equipment and manpower.

Councilman Withrow stated the city paid for some type of service about a year ago to go through the city and realign the routes. He asked what happened to that study? The City Manager replied the information was not on the area to be annexed; this study involves knocking on doors and checking to see how much garbage is involved in the household; the number of people living in the household. Someone will check every house in the area. Some of the city people will be involved and the others will be from Boeing Computer Service. The study Mr. Withrow is referring to was on the disposal of waste; the method of picking up waste, and the number of men to be used. That study did not include the depth of this study.

Councilman Withrow stated this should have been included in the other study. That we have the same problems in the city now they will have out there.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers McDuffie, Short, Easterling and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilman Withrow.

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MOTIONS ON ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 1972-73 BUDGET TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATION FOR CARRYING OUT TWO LEAA PROJECTS FAIL TO CARRY FOR LACK OF FOUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

Councilman McDuffie moved adoption of an ordinance to amend the 1972-73 Budget Ordinance to establish an appropriation for the purpose of carrying out the following LEAA Projects:

Model Neighborhood Branch Facilities - \$74,112.
Silent Surveillance Detector Study - 7,500

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling.

Councilman Short asked if the city is buying a silent surveillance detector study or equipment? Chief Goodman replied the total grant is for \$10,000 with the city's share being \$2,500 to determine what type of equipment we are talking about; that it is really both. Councilman Short stated as he sees this it is two basic situations. One would be where the equipment such as the video camera or the "bugs" would be used at the request of some property owner, and the other would be where it would be used without the knowledge of the property owner or person in charge of the property with the camera being set up across the street or somewhere. He asked who determines to go out and inflict this on someone's home? Chief Goodman stated this would be with the knowledge of the merchant or banker who explained to them the building had been broken into 12 times in one year. This would be the type of location they would monitor with their consent. That they would not ask the numbers operator for consent to monitor him. Councilman Short asked if this would involve a telescopic lens? Chief Goodman replied it could; the study will determine this. The idea is not to zero in on law abiding people; but is to observe criminal activities. They would have to decide strict control on how the equipment would be used.

Councilman Whittington stated he is not against the program; he just does not understand it. He asked if this is not some of the same things that Senator Ervin is talking about in connection with what the CIA and other organizations are doing in this country against the constitutional rights of the people? Chief Goodman replied he does not think it is the same type of activity. That the police department is talking about criminal activities and not civil matters

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he is not sure he is satisfied on how they will guarantee that this equipment will not be used other than strictly criminal surveillance. Chief Goodman replied he does not think this could be used in a court of law. The City Manager stated this will not do anything that we are not doing today; it just does it in a more economical manner where you do not have to have men. The same man making the judgement today will be making the judgement on these mechanics.

After further discussion, Councilman Short made a substitute motion that this be placed on the agenda next week as to the silent surveillance detector and that the model neighborhood branch facility be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and failed to carry for the lack of four affirmative votes, as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Short, Whittington and Easterling.
NAYS: Councilmen Withrow and McDuffie.

The vote was then taken on the original motion to approve the ordinance and failed to carry for the lack of four affirmative votes, as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers McDuffie, Easterling and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilmen Short and Whittington.

Councilman Short requested that the item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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ORDINANCE NO. 717-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 520-X, THE 1972-73 BUDGET ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR LEAA PROJECT. (MODEL CITIES NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH FACILITY.)

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance appropriating \$74,112 for the Model Cities Neighborhood Branch Facility.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 19, at Page 481.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR TOPICS PROJECTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried four resolutions were adopted approving Municipal Agreements with the North Carolina State Highway Commission for the following TOPICS Projects:

- (1) Project No. 8.6100305 for the widening of Hawthorne Lane at Independence Boulevard to install a right turn lane with the city's share estimated at \$6,250.00.
- (2) Project No. 8.6100311 for improvements at five intersections on North Tryon Street - Eastway, Craighead Road, 24th Street, Dalton Avenue and 16th Street-with the city's share estimated at \$28,750.00.
- (3) Project No. 8.6100308 for improvements at West Boulevard and Remount Road including a right turn lane from the left on West Boulevard and an additional left turn lane from the south on Remount Road with the city's share estimated at \$4,700.00.
- (4) Project No. 8.6100310 for improvements at Remount Road and West Boulevard including left turn lane from the north on Remount Road, with the city's share estimated at \$6,300.00.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 8, beginning at Page 496 and ending at Resolutions Book 9, Page 4.

Councilman McDuffie stated one of the best intersections in the city is Sugar Creek Road at Eastway where there is a merge lane and you do not have to stop. That he assumes this will have a double left turn going out Eastway and double left turn coming in. Mr. Hoose, Traffic Director, replied there will be a double left turn in and a single left turn out; there will be two additional lanes on Tryon Street for left turns with two straight through.

Councilman Whittington asked when the Traffic Engineering will be under way on the extra lane at Hawthorne Lane and Independence? Mr. Hoose replied all the projects submitted the last State Highway Commission will be bid by the State. As soon as the bids come in and they are canvassed they will probably be awarded in February at the next Commission meeting.

Councilman McDuffie asked if the Traffic Engineering can give Council a statement on Independence Boulevard on any suggestions or recommendations they see that can be made before we get the state's study that is not underway at present. He asked the schedule for the Northwest Expressway to open by Sears Roebuck? Mr. Hoose replied that is scheduled for sometime this summer. That they have a parcel study of some improvements at Hawthorne which they will present to city council in several weeks to take care of some of the problems right away.

Councilman McDuffie stated he had in mind for Mr. Hoose to suggest what possibly could be done to get some of the traffic to use 7th Street; it appears we might put a priority on widening 7th Street out to where it is already widened and a number of people would use that rather than Independence Boulevard. That he does not know why capital improvements has never had the widening of that part of the street. Council needs the Traffic Director to tell them what changes can be made and how much money it will cost to do 7th Street. Council should have

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a plan on the overflow that will be at Hawthorne Lane. He stated he has suggested making 7th Street one way and 5th Street one way to Hawthorne then turning right at Krispy Kreme and back onto Independence coming into town. That someone should be saying this cannot be done or another street could be opened up into 7th Street. The problem is \$25.0 million to do what needs to be done to get eastern traffic out to the city limits. That it would be good if Council asked Mr. Hoose to give a brief summary of what can be done in the next three, four or five years.

Mayor pro tem Alexander asked if the City has any projects that will be affected by the statement which was in the paper about projects being held up until the new Commission is going? Mr. Hoose replied as far as he could find out everything that is not under contract or not out to bid will be held up. This is not something new as it is something that happens ever four years.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated the transportation study will give a lot of this information. He asked Mr. Hoose to give a report on this?

Mr. Hoose stated they had a meeting with the committee last week and they are shooting for a target date in July for a preliminary up-date of the thoroughfare plan which will also take in the long range on roads and transit. The state and the city together is doing the survey along with the consultants. They will have something on the total state concept by July or September. This will set the corridors of the street needs along with the proposed transit needs.

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Hoose is referring to a transportation or transit committee report that will be ready in July, and Mr. Burkhalter mentioned this to Council in his memorandum information sheet number 22. That he would like to know what committee Mr. Hoose is talking about and what committee Mr. Burkhalter has been talking about. That for over six months he has been trying to get a committee activated here in the City of Charlotte and he cannot even get a chairman appointed. Mr. Hoose replied the first phase was the short range; the copies of that are available right now; they have met with a part of the committee to set up sub-committees within a committee. That he is talking about the city council committee. The committee has not elected a chairman but he is representing the city as chairman at the moment. The sub-committees have a copy of the report and a digest of the reports of the immediate plans. The second phase is the long range up-date thoroughfare plan which they have been working for 2 1/2 years. The mass transit will be included in the report. Council will get a package deal of the long range transit; they should be implementing the short range in steps.

Councilman Whittington stated he is sorry the Mayor is not present. That he thinks the Manager and Mr. Hoose are wrong is not keeping the Council apprised of the activities of this committee because it was Council's idea and Council appointed the committee and has been trying for well over six months to get a chairman appointed. There is nothing discussed in this city anymore right now than the aggravation and the inconvenience people have to go from one place to the other. In the last campaign held in Mecklenburg County, of all the items discussed, number four on everybody's mind was what is the city, state and other agencies doing about mass transit - buses, trains and such. Here today it comes up what has been done and what is going on and the man who proposed it did not know anything was being done except that one meeting was held last July with some state people who were here. It is embarrassing for him to have a department head give a report when he initiated it and did not know anything about it when he is asked these questions every day. The City Manager stated that committee is not going to answer the mass transit problems; they are not qualified to do this and they are not suppose to do this. Councilman Whittington stated the transportation committee this council appointed has been alluded to by Mr. Hoose today, and this is not criticism. That he thinks if Council is going to be a part of the team they should know what is going on.

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Mayor pro tem Alexander asked if the transportation committee appointed was not to cover a broader scope of the transportation problems in this community? Mr. Hoose replied at the first combined meeting with the Planning Commission and the consultant the committee appointed by Council was there with the exception of two members. There has not been a combined meeting as he has had nothing to give to them. The report was a preliminary tentative report. It was not a final document. In the meantime, he has been meeting individually with some of the committee members on certain facts to set up sub-committees because that many people cannot meet that often, but sub-committees can meet. The committee will have the report and the digest which they have made as no one will have time to read the entire report. He stated then they will have the committee together and bring in a member of the consultant firm for any questions. He stated this is just first phase transit.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he is talking about transit, and he thinks the general idea was the total concept of transportation in this community - transit, vehicular and everything. Mr. Hoose replied he thought it was transit - because we were dealing with transit. Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Alexander is right. It is in the minutes what Council wanted this committee to do, and Mr. McIntyre was in on the original request of what this committee would put together. He stated he would appreciate being apprised of what is going on in the future as it relates to this committee. This is a concern of the citizens, and he is delighted Mr. Hoose is the chairman; but he wants to know as a councilman what is going on.

During the discussion, Mayor pro tem Alexander stated it would be good to call this committee to do nothing but to hear a progress report. Mr. Hoose replied they will have their first meeting in February.

Councilman Short asked if the committee Mr. Hoose is speaking of is what has been called the technical coordinating committee? Mr. Hoose replied no; the technical coordinating committee is the one that is preparing and helping with other plans and furnishing data and working with the state and federal government. That the committee he has been talking about is the one appointed by Council.

Mayor pro tem Alexander requested the city manager to arrange a meeting of this committee to get a progress report.

Councilman Short asked if it is not true that the technical coordinating committee and the various staff people have been meeting for several years and have made large progress towards all kind of planning for this sort of thing. The committee which has been appointed will be a citizens committee to try to carry this forward. Mr. Hoose stated the first phase is the first phase they will receive.

Councilman Short stated he does not want to leave the impression that some committee is going to start meeting in February for the purpose of doing the kind of planning that we should have been doing. That he knows we have a committee that for perhaps four years or more has been working on this sort of thing very intensely.

Councilman McDuffie stated when the Northwest Expressway opens up and that traffic backup is intolerable that we have a plan, or we have discussed four or five alternates for unbottling that. In the meantime he wants somebody to give him a plan of either widening 7th Street, opening up 8th Street, one way to Hawthorne; but to do something. That he is going to be right out there with a sign that this is the world's greatest traffic jam in the City of Charlotte, and City Council has not done one thing about it and has not offered the first plan. He stated he wants to see something in writing that says we can do step one, step two and step three; that he has not seen the first thing we are going to do except to ask the state to do a study, and that may be three years away. Councilman Short stated he is telling Council there is more than asking the state to do a study. That in this event, Mr. McDuffie's sign would not be accurate.

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Mayor pro tem Alexander suggested that a meeting of this committee be called to get a progress report. That this should bring everything to a point where we can get started in the right direction.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BETWEEN CITY OF CHARLOTTE MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE JOBS FOR EX-OFFENDERS PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and after discussion the vote was taken and carried unanimously authorizing approval of the subject contract in the amount of \$35,712.00.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED BETWEEN THE MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE WESTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR NIGHT MEDICAL SERVICES-WESTSIDE PROFESSIONAL.

Councilman McDuffie moved approval of the subject contract in the amount of \$29,120.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF GRANT FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES CENTER IN THE BELMONT NEIGHBORHOOD ON PARKWOOD AVENUE.

Councilman McDuffie moved adoption of the subject resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short asked if this is the location that was selected as was contrasted with another proposed location which was over at the Hawthorne High School area. Mr. Charles Cross, Director of Neighborhood Centers, replied the original site for this regional center was in First Ward area. Several problems developed and this is the reason it is being moved to the Belmont area. The location is bounded by Parkwood Avenue and McDowell Street, and it will be connected with the open parks area.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated in constructing this facility on Parkwood what are we looking forward to with the Alexander Street Center? Mr. Cross replied at present the Alexander Street Center is the only center operating and is currently serving as the regional center. It will continue to be the regional center until the new regional center is built in Belmont; that is the center we are discussing now. Mayor pro tem Alexander asked if the Alexander Street Center will be done away with, and Mr. Cross replied the decision has not been made on that; there are several options. He stated it will no longer be the regional center.

During the discussion, Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he wants the record to show so that it will be clearly understood, that the head center will be transferred to the Belmont Neighborhood on Parkwood Avenue with the construction of the center.

After further discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 5.

Councilman Whittington asked when the city is going to do something about the development of the area along the creek where the city has been buying property for the past two or three years? Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, replied the purchase of the property is complete and the city is now in the process of trying to find its portion of the share - this is the Fifth Street area up to Cordelia Park. The city has sufficient funds in hand from the federal government. The next step will be to retain an architect.

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Mr. Burkhalter stated Council has approved the building of a new center. The great expense the city will have is in connection with the operating programs after model cities is over. Mayor pro tem Alexander replied this is a part of the community development program that is absolutely needed, and the cost should be borne by the community. Mr. Burkhalter stated Council will probably find this is one of the finest things that model cities has done, but he wants Council to know it will have to bear this cost. Councilman Whittington stated when that time comes this should be a function of the park and recreation commission. Councilman McDuffie stated it is good for Council to establish it and then give it to park and recreation to operate.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated the city itself on its own determination, is not making this change; this grows out of the fact that government constraints have so directed that this change come about. He stated this should be strictly understood and be a part of the record so the community will not think that the Council or the Model Cities directors themselves initiated this change and made it so. It was either to have the wisdom to see this being done or not have anything because of government constraints.

Councilman McDuffie stated the model neighborhood centers and in effect the centers the park and recreation operates are buildings that provide the opportunity for the most service in these neighborhoods. In the eastern part of the city where he lives there is a basketball league that has no place to practice. The schools cooperate to a degree; but their multi-purpose lunch rooms are not big enough for the basketball practice needed with 600 children in the league. That he is saying the need for this type of building is more than just in the model neighborhood areas; they are needed all over the city and that gets back to park and recreation having funds they need. Council needs to be doing something about making park and recreation county-wide. That he thinks it should be like the redevelopment which was passed last week and have it placed under either the city or county government and make the park and recreation commission an advisory committee. Eventually Council will have to get down to making these things coordinate. All these agencies we have are not coordinated and they do not get the job done. Councilman Short replied the citizens had a tremendous input into this. In fact the model cities board had placed it elsewhere and it was a citizen uprising that resulted in it being in this location as well as it being designed the way it is now.

Councilman Short asked if the city owns the old Alexander Street school property? Mr. Cross replied it is under lease from the school board. Mayor pro tem Alexander stated model cities has not turned it loose yet; they are still operating there and they hope to continue certain services from the same place.

Mr. Burkhalter stated several things are being confused. These centers being talked about are nothing like the park and recreation centers; this is a service oriented multi-purpose center which involves all activities in the neighborhood and not just recreational activities.

After further discussion, Mr. Cross stated in about six weeks staff is planning to present to City Council the full story on these centers. Dr. Travland, Model Cities Director, invited the Council to go out to the Alexander Street Center at 901 North Alexander Street, and observe the work that is being done.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried approving the following encroachment agreements:

- (a) Agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch C. I. water main in SR2803 (Plaza Road) from McBride Street to Plaza Lane.
- (b) Agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch water main in Nations Ford Road east of Crompton Street.

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SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH A. R. LANKFORD, 1132 ELIZABETH AVENUE.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of settlement to Mr. A. R. Lankford, in the amount of \$4,000.00 as recommended by the City Attorney for damages when a sewer line backed up on his premises at 1132 Elizabeth Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 1,036.29' of easement at 6200-6700 block of Orr Road, from R. H. Bouligny, Incorporated, at \$1,000.00, for sanitary sewer to serve WICA Chemical Company.
- (b) Acquisition of 10' x 130' of construction easement at 1834 Sharon Lane, from Gene W. McGarity and wife, Ann W., in the amount of \$300.00, for the Sharon Lane Widening Project.
- (c) Acquisition of 95' x 115' x 65' x 110' of easement at 2348-2360 Sharon Road, from Frederick A. Bruton and wife, Jean J., John K. Gilbert, Jr. and wife, Jean F. and Ralph B. Williams and wife, Marion F., in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the Sharon Road Culvert Project.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR DRIVEWAY PURPOSES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, GRANTOR, TO EDITH C. WERTS (WIDOW), GRANTEE, AT 2327 SHARON ROAD, FOR THE SHARON ROAD CULVERT PROJECT.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 6.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 2327 SHARON ROAD, FROM EDITH C. WERTS, FOR THE SHARON ROAD CULVERT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to acquire 53.0' x 20.48' x 56.61' x 40.25', plus construction easement of 48 feet, at 2327 Sharon Road, from Edith C. Werts, widow, in the amount of \$8,800.00, for the Sharon Road Culvert. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO CABEL HOWARD SMITH AND WIFE, MABLE H. SMITH, LOCATED AT 2323 SHARON ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHARON ROAD CULVERT PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property of Cabel Howard Smith and wife, Mabel H. Smith at 2323 Sharon Road Culvert Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 7.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried approving the issuance of special officer permits for a period of one year each, as follows:

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- (a) Issuance of permit to Alfred D. Davis, for use on the premises of Stroupe Security Patrol, Inc., at 413 South Cedar Street.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Woodrow Freeman for use on the premises of Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Alvin D. Sides, Sr. for use on the premises of Northwood Park and Eastbrook Woods Subdivision.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER FACILITIES TO SERVE CHESAPEAKE DRIVE.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, in the amount of \$79,764.05 on a unit price basis for construction of sanitary sewer facilities to serve Chesapeake Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Bros. Company	\$ 79,764.05
Ben B. Propst	90,044.50
Crowder Construction Co.	105,841.00
L. A. Reynolds Co.	108,581.00
Thomas Structure Co.	109,513.00
Sanders Brothers	111,198.70
Dickerson, Inc.	112,215.35
Bell Construction Co.	115,117.50
Joe R. Abernethy	117,944.00
Dellinger, Inc.	131,762.55

NOMINATION OF MRS. JOHN (MARTHA) SHAW TO FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Councilman Short stated on the pending matters is an appointment to the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees. This Board is set up to aid needed firemen's widows and dependents, as well as the firemen themselves in certain situations of need. That Mr. W. T. Covington has been on the Board to his knowledge for quite a number of years, and has given a great service.

Councilman Short stated he believes it is in order to place someone else on this Board and he placed in nomination the name of Mrs. John (Martha) Shaw for a two year term and asked that the nomination lie on the table. He stated there is not a woman on this Board; but the factor of the relief to the widows and dependents would seem to make an excellent place where a woman could serve particularly well. Councilwoman Easterling stated she would like to second the nomination.

PETITION NO. 72-59 BY JACK D. FARR FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF LAND AT THE SOUTH-WEST CORNER OF THE PLAZA AND BLACKWOOD AVENUE TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

Councilman McDuffie moved that consideration of Petition No. 72-59 for a zoning change be placed back on the agenda for the next council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS AND DENSITY OF APARTMENTS.

Councilman McDuffie stated in yesterday's paper there was an article about apartment houses in Charlotte and the number to be built in different places. One item caught his attention. It stated that out-of-state investors were snapping up area land; then it goes into detail talking about how much land is purchased by out-of-state people.

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He stated this reminded him that for some time now we have talked about the zoning classification for apartments. That he is happy Charlotte-Mecklenburg is growing to the extent that out-of-state investors would like to put their money in Charlotte. At the same time he is concerned that because of our liberal zoning classifications for apartment that maybe it is a good place to put money because the return is so good they can build apartment houses and get their money back in a short period of time and dispose of them. That he is convinced our zoning classifications are too liberal and we can put too many houses and too many units per acres of land and he thinks we are building communities that are not liveable, at least not desirable for long-time living and the people who live in them will not stay for a long period of time.

Councilman McDuffie stated again he is calling on this Council to take some positive actions to review the zoning classifications to the extent that the Planning Commission is asked to bring Council pictures of and some general descriptions of R-6, R-9, R-12 and R-15 of examples that are already there. When he rides by and sees so much asphalt this is not what was envisioned when Council said it would have good planning and open space in the apartment complexes. He stated Council needs to do something right away and make a decision on whether it will ever be changed. He would hope we could have a resolution asking for some review.

Councilman Short asked if Council has not already proceeded this way? Councilman Withrow replied he asked for it some time ago and they are studying this now.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to get to the possibility of upgrading that which is already zoned R-6 and R-9 because we will never be able to change those that are there. His question is whether Council has the legal right to change the density of what is on the books now. After a hearing if Council wants to say that in R-6 and R-9 that is already zoned henceforth the number of units to be built on an acre will be (x) number and will be fewer than allowed now. Councilman Short replied beyond any question this is what is being considered.

Councilman McDuffie stated what he wants now is for the City Manager to have the Planning Commission to tell Council a positive date when we will get this information. Mayor pro tem Alexander stated instead of going at it piece meal, he would like for Council to look at the whole housing problem in the City of Charlotte and then determine which direction we want to go with housing. Then we will know what to do with the various zoning ordinances in conformance with the responsibility before us based on need. We are waiting on the study Mr. Seldon is making; then we can put together all this housing knowledge we have from all the levels and tie in. Councilman McDuffie stated that is good but he does not want every piece of land that is already zoned for R-6 and R-9 fully developed before we get to it. That in his judgement we should be able to make a determination of whether we are allowing too many units per acres now - nothing else, just that question. That he is saying they will all be developed before we get to it inside the city limits, and then in the perimeter area.

After further discussion, Councilman McDuffie moved that Council ask the Planning Commission to give an up-date report on the zoning classification and reaffirm that we are not building too many units per acres and that Council have a chance to have an input in whether it wants to change it or leave it as it is. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Short stated he cannot second the motion as we have all agreed this way and all instructed them to proceed this way, and they have repeatedly stated they are.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO TALK WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEERING ABOUT CLOSING CERTAIN STREETS FOR SLEDDING DURING TIME OF ICE AND SNOW AND HAVE A PLAN THAT CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT.

Councilman Withrow stated during the snow and ice recently, he was approached

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by citizens with request that the city set aside certain areas for slidding; even close certain streets. He stated we should be prepared if we have another snow to close certain streets. That someone who lives on the street could come and get signs to close the streets at certain hours for the children to sled.

He requested the City Manager to think about this and talk to the traffic engineering about what streets could be closed, and have some plan when ice and snow comes to put into effect.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO WRITE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO GOVERNOR SCOTT, CHARLES K. MAXWELL AND LAUCH FAIRCLOTH: ALSO TO INVITE PERRIN ANDERSON TO MEET WITH MAYOR, COUNCIL AND STAFF TO GO OVER THE STREET PROGRAMS.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager write a letter to Governor Scott thanking him for his contributions to North Carolina in the four years he was in office and more particular for what he has done for Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Also write a letter to Mr. Charles K. Maxwell, the immediate past Highway Commissioner, and thank him for his contributions and also to Mr. Lauch Faircloth as Chairman of the Highway Commission.

Councilman Whittington stated in the same light he also requests that the Mayor and City Council with staff invite Mr. Perrin Anderson to meet with them at a luncheon meeting to go over the city's street programs and bond issues and what the State has agreed to in the past to help in the road program.

MOTION ADOPTED TO INCLUDE BRIDGE OVER STARBROOK DRIVE OVER SUGAR CREEK IN THE 1973-74 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council put the bridge on Starbrook Drive over Sugar Creek in the next capital improvement budget for 1973-74. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie.

Councilman Whittington requested the news media to please indicate the Council has done this today so that the people in the area will know that it is being put in the capital improvement budget for 1973-74.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

REQUEST THAT RECOMMENDATIONS BE GIVEN TO COUNCIL IN SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE ON STREETS THAT DEAD END AT CREEKS OR BRANCHES.

Councilman Whittington stated some two months ago he made a motion that the Council be given in a subdivision ordinance something to eliminate these deadend street at creeks or culverts. That he understands the Department of Public Works and Engineering have all these streets plotted. That he is not talking about going back and doing something about subdivisions that have already been approved or developed. But as we go down the road towards annexation and new subdivisions in the future, it just makes good sense for the Planning Commission to give Council something so that we will not have all these streets deadending at some creek or branch. He stated Mr. McIntyre is aware of this and Mr. Hopson, City Council and Planning Commission need something to make decisions on in the future.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied they are working on this and they will have a recommendation shortly.

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CITY MANAGER AND PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR REQUESTED TO SET UP PROGRAM WITH CIVIC CLUBS ON THE BOND PACKAGE WHICH WILL BE BEFORE THE PUBLIC ON APRIL 10, 1973.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager and Mr. Guerrant make an effort to set up programs with civic clubs, garden clubs, PTAs and any other organizations that we can between now and April 10 on the bond issue. These people are not going to ask the city to come to them; that we need to be aggressive and go out into these areas with this bond package. He stated this can be arranged either night or day. That he is sure every member of the Council would go, and certainly staff would go. This needs to be done right away.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL SOME SPECIFICS ON LOCATIONS THAT WILL NEVER RECEIVE WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICE BECAUSE OF THE COST.

Councilman Short requested the City Manager to arrange with the Utility Department to let Council have the specifics on some of the cases in the city where there is no sewer service or water service to some one or two given properties because of the expense involved. He stated it is easy to say that in some instances it is rather expensive under the city's extension policies. But what we really need to defend these situations is actually the specifics of some one or two of them. He stated he has been presented with this question several times over the years as to why they do not get sewer service in their neighborhood.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated this program is being worked on now, and they hope to submit it to council at budget time with the capital improvement program.

Councilman Short stated he is thinking of an area that will never be eliminated even in such a program as Mr. Bobo mentioned.

Councilwoman Easterling stated in talking about annexation the question has come up on how we can provide services for newly annexed areas when we have not serviced the entire area that we annexed the last time. That specific examples have been given to her over the telephone. If she could have the answers to these maybe it would give the answers to people who are objecting to annexation.

Councilman Short replied this is exactly what he is talking about.

ELEVEN ITEMS PROPOSED FOR LEGISLATION FOR 1973, APPROVED.

Councilman Short stated on January 5, Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, gave Council the most recent version of the legislative proposals and included in it eleven items which he believes all members of Council have indicated they favor.

Councilman Short moved that Council adopt these eleven items so the legal office can proceed to write the necessary legislation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The eleven items are as follows:

1. Legislation requiring all governmental agencies in Mecklenburg County, including independent boards and authorities, to refer all capital projects, together with acquisition and sale of real property, to the Planning Commission for review and comment.
2. Amend the Charter to delete the requirement that canvassing of both election returns must be done in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse, and to lengthen the time for publishing the results of the canvass.

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3. Amend the Charter to permit the use of Chapter 136 condemnation procedure to acquire land for off-street parking, parks and open space projects.
4. Amend the General Statutes by adopting the Uniform False Fire Alarm Code making it a felony for a person previously convicted of turning in a false fire alarm to be subsequently convicted of the same offense.
5. Increase the monetary limits in the State's bidding and contract statutes for contracts that may be done with City work crews without the necessity of bidding.
6. Enact legislation to require mesh covering of trucks transporting poultry and livestock.
7. Amend the Charter provision relative to city contracts that must be in writing to change the limit from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
8. Amend Firemen's Retirement Act to allow the purchase of the first four bond ratings for convertible debentures. The system has been prevented from buying investment grade convertibles of companies whose common stock it holds.
9. Amend the Firemen's Retirement Act to extend the limit of common stock held in a fund from a 45% limit to 60% limit of the total assets of the System.
10. Amend the General Statutes to authorize City Councils to establish the length of terms of members of the following Boards:
 - Civil Service Board
 - Park and Recreation Commission
 - Auditorium-Coliseum-Civic Center Authority
 - Boxing and Wrestling Commission
 - Library Board
 - Redevelopment Commission
 - Housing Authority
 - Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees
 - Firemen's Retirement System Board of Trustees
11. Amend the General Statutes to grant to municipalities of 100,000 population or more, a three-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction.

Mr. Underhill asked if Mr. Short meant to include the endorsement of the 1973 League of Municipalities legislative program? Councilman Short replied no. Mr. Underhill stated that is something the Council has done before, but they do not necessarily have to do it today. If Council sees fit to endorse their program it would be advisable to inform the local delegation and place in their hands copies of the League program. Councilman Short stated he thinks Council would want to do that, but he does not have all the details at present; this is something that will come when Council has studied it a little more.

Councilman McDuffie asked if there is any legislation pending that would place these boards and commissions and agencies in the charter without having to get Raleigh's permission to make any changes? Mr. Underhill replied none that he is aware of. His opinion is that the home rule legislation does not allow Council too many options as it relates to those committees and boards set up by the charter. To do something with this you have to go back to the general assembly. Councilman McDuffie stated he wonders in a city club discussion how a Council can defend leaving all these agencies to the will of legislators who know nothing about them, and if council asked for a change they would approve it, why it is left there in the first place. Why not put it in the city charter in a way you can govern it. Why put the burden on Raleigh to make these changes when we have the responsibility of seeing they function.

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Councilman Short stated everything we could possibly ask or thought of has either been arranged or is in the process of being arranged. He asked what specifics Mr. McDuffie has in mind? Councilman McDuffie stated he thinks all these boards and commissions should be under the city council's jurisdiction so the council could change anything about it they wanted without going to Raleigh. He asked if the council can ask for legislation to put all these boards and commissions in the city charter under the council's jurisdiction? Mr. Underhill replied it can be done; but he thinks there would be some problems with the housing authority as it is a creation of a state-wide law that affects cities other than Mecklenburg-Charlotte. Councilman McDuffie stated it would be desirable if City Council was able to control this. Councilman Withrow stated the more things we can do at home without running to the legislature on a home rule basis should be given to Council; if the Council has the authority why should you have to run to the legislature. Mr. Underhill replied because in North Carolina the principal legal theory is that municipalities are creations and creators of the state government; it can be created, altered and abolished at the will of the state; therefore, a municipality has only those powers the state is willing to delegate to it.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ARRANGE MEETING AT NIGHT TO COMPLETE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE AND THEN ARRANGE A MEETING IN RALEIGH WITH THE LOCAL DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THE PACKAGE.

Councilman Whittington stated now that Council has adopted eleven of these items in the legislative package, there are more to be discussed, and he moved that the City Manager arrange for a meeting at night with Council and the City Attorney to complete the legislative package; after that has been done, then set up a meeting with the delegation in Raleigh, and go down there and discuss our package with them in a meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The City Attorney urged the Council members to give him their thoughts and ideas on the things they would like to add to the package.

REQUEST THAT CONFERENCE SESSION BE SET ON URBAN RENEWAL AND THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BE PRESENT ALONG WITH MR. SMITH, MR. SAWYER AND MR. CREASY.

Councilman Short stated Council needs a conference on urban renewal to gear up and educate itself on the subject as this will be functioning as a city department, and Council will have more of a part to play in it. That he hopes a real good conference session can be arranged and invite Mr. Barnwell or some of the federal people to come and explain about the impounding of the funds by Mr. Nixon and explain what might be done, if anything can be done, about the noise suit and whether we can go forward now with First Ward Urban Renewal and what can be done on the NIP programs. Mr. Smith and all the advisory commission should be there along with Mr. Sawyer, Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Tom Creasy. He would hope Council could evolve some sort of plan ahead of what we can hope to do and seek to achieve in urban renewal over the next three or four years.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated in light of the changes that are coming and all the things that will affect what we are going to do with urban renewal, he wonders if Council should not wait until someone has a little clearer picture of what will be the position of federal funding as it applies to all these programs. Then when we call for federal representatives to come in and talk to us then we would know what to talk about and where to start. That he thinks we need to do what Mr. Short is saying to discuss the role now that we are taking over the administration of the urban renewal. He also thinks Council needs to know what to talk about to lead us toward the directions that we will have to take.

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Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated Mr. Creasy and Mr. Sawyer might give Council a program on what is going on today in urban renewal; but there is no one who can tell you what will happen tomorrow. The President has definitely frozen the program. He stated the Mayor is meeting tomorrow with Mr. Barnwell in Greensboro to point out to him the importance of our Third Ward project - the one they cancelled. He stated he is going to bring to Council in conference session, probably at a night session, some reorganization plans for the city for research and development and planning in connection with community development. That this will be a lot more enlightening to Council other than what urban renewal has in mind by itself.

Councilman Short stated he feels he is at a point of almost embarrassment on this subject and not knowing enough about it and yet Council has just voted to take direct control of it. That he is glad to learn anything about community development, but he will stick with his suggestion on the urban renewal.

Mr. Burkhalter stated a report from Mr. Sawyer could be very helpful to Council in this respect. But as for the future of urban redevelopment it will be Council's decision and staff will have plans for community development, and it will be well developed and council will know what it is doing.

He stated all the freeze order on urban redevelopment did was to say there would be no more projects approved effective June 30, 1973. That First Ward has already been approved and funded. It would and could affect Third Ward. This is the reason the Mayor tomorrow will visit with Mr. Barnwell to let them know that the city has promised a lot of people based upon what they had promised us that we would be able to perform. If they do not allow us to do so, then we will lose some confidence with our people in this area. The only reason for cutting back in staff on urban redevelopment at this point would be for the lack of approval of the new Third Ward. He stated they are definitely pushing as hard as they can push the Independence Square block, and the next block below which is the next phase of development. This may be what Council needs to know.

COUNCIL INSTRUCTS MAYOR TO APPOINT A BOND CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN IMMEDIATELY WITH THE REQUEST THAT IT BE A GRASS ROOT CAMPAIGN.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated we are approaching the time for the bond package and he thinks Council should today by motion recognize that fact and instruct the Mayor to proceed immediately to appoint a chairman for the bond campaign.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council instruct the Mayor to proceed immediately to appoint a bond campaign chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.


Councilman Whittington stated he hopes in the selection of this chairman and the committee, that it be a grass root campaign to involve the people who will be affected by these roads. That he wants this to be a grass root campaign, with people from all sections of the city, and not one individual from a particular segment of the business community.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated we need a chairman to be able to put together all the sentiments that have been expressed from time to time about what direction this campaign will take. That we need someone who can head this up and start moving towards how it can be funded.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business before the Council, the Mayor pro tem declared the meeting adjourned.


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk