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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, March 5, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Councilmembers Ruth M. Easterling, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Mayor John M. Belk, Mayor pro tem Fred D. Alexander, and Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Joe D. Withrow.

JAMES B. WHITTINGTON APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEMPORE.

Councilman McDuffie stated since the Mayor and Mayor pro tem are out of the city today, he moved that Council appoint Councilman James B. Whittington as Chairman pro tempore to conduct the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

AWARDS PRESENTED CATHY AND WANDA WALLACE FOR RESCUING SEVEN CHILDREN FROM A FIRE ON FEBRUARY 11, 1973.

Fire Chief Jack Lee stated it is a privilege to bring to the Mayor and Council's attention two young ladies who have performed a very great service to the City of Charlotte in rescuing seven young children whom they had become accustomed to tending to in as much as these youngsters had been their wards on various babysitting opportunities. Chief Lee stated with him is Cathy Wallace, age 15, and Wanda Wallace, age 14, who reside at 1401 Pegram Street. At that place of residence on Sunday morning, February 11, about 8:30, they were aroused by their mother, advising them that a house at 1409 Pegram Street was on fire. Identifying it with the young children, seven of them, ages one through nine, they hurried down there and immediately rushed into the smoke-filled house, and after gathering these seven children together, brought them safely into the outdoors and directed them to a safe refuge in a neighbor's home.

Chief Lee stated those in the fire service know what it is like to work in a smoke-filled atmosphere with the best of equipment; and they have found out on occasion what it is like to work in this atmosphere without the best, and that is the condition these girls worked in. He stated he wishes to express the appreciation of the Department and to ask that Cathy and Wanda receive the blessings of Council for this brave service.

Chairman pro tem Whittington presented Cathy and Wanda awards signed by Mayor Belk in appreciation of their efforts in bringing these young children out of this fire. He stated both these girls are very young themselves, and to rescue one is quite an accomplishment and quite a deed, but to rescue seven is an even greater accomplishment. He stated all the citizens of Charlotte, and particularly the Mayor and the City Council, and the parents of those seven children are grateful to Cathy and Wanda. He presented each with an award and thanked them for a job well done. He stated these are brave little girls.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, February 26, were approved as submitted.

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PETITION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO OPERATE A TAXICAB,
DENIED.

Council was advised that on January 25, 1973, Mr. Jerry Honeycutt filed a petition to operate a taxicab in the City of Charlotte. The petition has been reviewed by the Taxicab Inspector and the City Attorney. Both have identified several contradictory statements in the petition which are not in keeping with the Statutes of the City Code, and recommended the petition be denied.

No one appeared to speak for or against the petition.

Councilman Short moved that the petition be denied as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 1972-73 BUDGET
ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE BUILDING INSPECTION, FIRE,
NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS, POLICE AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he would like to thank Mr. Earle, Personnel Director, for the information he furnished Council on this request. This is the information he asked for at the last Council Meeting.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the resolution amending the pay plan and the ordinance amending the budget ordinance as listed on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 56 and the ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 13.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO REQUEST A GRANT FROM HUD TO ASSIST IN URBAN
BEAUTIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF OPEN SPACE AND OTHER PUBLIC URBAN LAND.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated this is the same program submitted last year and which did not get approval because of insufficient funds. He stated it is hoped that it will be approved this year, and funds can be found to go forth with this program. He stated the people who serve the Mint Museum are very interested in the Biblical Gardens; there have been favorable comments in the community on the project.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the resolution authorizing the City to request a 50% grant from HUD in the amount of \$141,824 to assist in urban beautification and improvement of open space and other public urban land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short stated he has not known of any of the beautification projects over the last seven years, with one minor exception, that has not been a complete success, and apparently approved and liked by all the citizens.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated the thing that impresses him about these projects are the street medians are not just in one section of the city; it appears they are on the west side and all over the city. This is one of the things he has talked about in Hoskins and other places where there should be the same type of projects. Apparently we will if this money is approved.

Mr. Bobo stated there is no way to know if or when this will be approved; but he would say within 60 to 90 days there should be an indication if there is a possibility of getting these funds.

Councilman Short stated when the city first went into the beautification program \$5,000 was allocated; and the Councilmembers were wondering if the citizens would object; and we have gone into it more and more, and now it is up to \$141,000. That he almost has the feeling we could go quite some distance in this and the citizens would really love it. Mr. Bobo stated that has been the experience from the staff's point of view. The citizens have responded and like what is being done. Every effort is being made to put a project in the various parts of the city.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 58.

ORDINANCE NO. 737-X AMENDING THE 1972-73 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A LEGISLATIVE LIAISON POSITION WITH THE MECKLENBURG DELEGATION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated this item is in keeping with the agreement between the City and County and Mr. Campbell, paying for the expenses involved in this legislative program. The County today appropriated funds for their share.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted amending the 1972-73 Budget Ordinance, transferring \$3,600 to provide an appropriation for a legislative liaison positions with the Mecklenburg Delegation to the North Carolina General Assembly.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 17.

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

No one appeared to speak for or against the orders declaring housing unfit for human habitation.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and unanimously carried, adopting the following two ordinances affecting housing declared "unfit" for human habitation:

- (a) Ordinance No. 738-X ordering dwelling at 1135 N. College Street to be demolished and removed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 739-X ordering dwelling at 2737 Mayfair Avenue to be demolished and removed.

The above ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 18.

Councilman McDuffie stated in North Charlotte there is a row of buildings against the railroad tracks and they have not been able to get them demolished. This is just past Davidson Street and 36th Street, back at the railroad tracks. The front of the building has been knocked down by a car, and it is open and it should be boarded up, or have it torn down. Mr. Molyneux, Assistant Superintendent of the Inspection Department, stated it will be looked into right away.

CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, APPROVED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the following contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with The Kenway Corporation for the construction of approximately 9,075 linear feet of 8-inch main and trunk to serve Five Knolls Subdivision, off Rea Road, near Highway #51, Phase I and II, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$88,000.00. The applicant will finance the entire project and will be refunded as per the agreement.

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- (b) Contract with Godley Construction Company, Inc. for the construction of approximately 600 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer line, beginning off Rozzells Ferry Road, on Godley Lane, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. The applicant owns and maintains the private lift station to which this gravity line will flow. This line will be a private line owned and maintained by the applicant until such time as the lift station can be eliminated. At this time, the City will own and maintain all gravity lines at no cost to the City.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 162.32' of easement at 7515 Pineville Road, from Redman Development Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Hunters Glen Apartments.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 390.00' of easement at 7601 Pineville Road, from Redman Development Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Hunters Glen Apartments.
- (c) Acquisition of 15' x 311.52' of easement at 7701 Pineville Road, from Redman Development Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Hunters Glen Apartments.
- (d) Acquisition of 15' x 1,215.28' of easement at 4735 Carmel Road, from Carmel Country Club, Inc., easement owned by Kenway Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 5 Knolls Estates.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 80.38' of easement at 6105 Bentway Drive, from J. A. Monroe and wife, Mabel H., at \$81.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 5 Knolls Estates.
- (f) Acquisition of 25' x 155' of easement at 3100 Pinehurst Drive, from C. D. Stampley, Jr. and wife, Zella, at \$745.00, for 24" water line, Woodlawn Road, Selwyn Road and Barclay Downs Road Area.
- (g) Acquisition of three tracts (1) 25' x 239'; (2) 12.5' x 15'; (3) 25' x 63.50' of easement at 2003 Woodlawn Road, from C. D. Stampley, Jr., and S. C. Walden, at \$997.50, for 24" water line - Woodlawn Road, Selwyn Road and Barclay Downs Road Area.
- (h) Acquisition of 15' x 62.37' of easement at 4600 Interstate 85, from W. L. Peterson, Jr. and wife, Betty Jane Peterson, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 4600 Interstate 85 - North.
- (i) Acquisition of 15' x 583.80' of easement at 4600 Interstate 85, from W. L. Peterson and wife, Betty Jane Peterson, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 4600 Interstate 85 - North.
- (j) Acquisition of 236.82' x 179.57' x 224.11' x 180' of property at 6512 and 6518 Monroe Road, from Ed Griffin Company, at \$33,000.00, for Fire Station Site - Monroe Road.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated included in this list is the purchase of the first site for fire stations in the proposed annexed area. This site has been reviewed by the planning staff, and they approved the location.

Councilman Short asked what happens to the Oakhurst Volunteer Fire Department facility? It is a nice building which was built with their own funds, and he does not like to think that it will be rendered useless, and the city not try to help them. Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied Chief Lee and his staff have been talking to the various volunteer fire departments about helping until the city is set up. That he would think the volunteer departments would continue to operate within the city, but serve the area beyond the city limits, until such time as they can move out into the area beyond the city limits.

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Councilman Short stated in this instance the city limits will be on out at McAlpine Creek so they will be a mile or so from their territory. It seems to him if there is some difficulty on their part disposing of that building, the city should think of helping them if we are enabled; and purchase this building from them if they would request it, and the city resell it. Mr. Bobo replied he would not think they would have any problems disposing of the property.

Chairman pro tem Whittington requested Mr. Bobo to look into this and bring Council a recommendation on this. Councilman Short requested that it be broadened to include all six of the stations that will be inside the city, and let Council know what seems to be the future of these buildings and these facilities. Mr. Bobo replied he will look into this and bring it back to Council.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF TAXES WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR AGAINST SIXTEEN TAX ACCOUNTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution authorizing the refund of taxes in the total amount of \$1,186.35 which were levied and collected through clerical error against sixteen (16) tax accounts.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 60.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of an Encroachment Agreement with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line within the right of way of Old Monroe Road, which motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS ON REASON FOR ONLY ONE BIDDER ON THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS.

Councilman Withrow asked why there is only one bidder on the gasoline and fuel oils? Mr. Brown, Purchasing Agent, replied prior to this year it has been a supply and demand situation, and it was considerably different from what it is now. Some cities are not getting any bids at all. Gulf has been the city's supplier for the past two or three years, and all the major companies have participated until this year. That we are in line with the price. This is bid with an escalation clause which is a protection for both sides.

Councilman McDuffie asked if the purchasing agent buys for the coliseum and the park and recreation, and Mr. Brown replied they operate off the city's contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR CITY'S ANNUAL REQUIREMENT OF GASOLINE, #2 FUEL OIL AND DIESEL FUEL FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the only bidder, Gulf Oil Corporation, in the amount of \$434,686.26, for the city's annual requirement of Gasoline, #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel Fuel for all departments, on a unit price basis.

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CONTRACT AWARDED GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR FUEL OIL #2, TANKWAGON DELIVERY, FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Gulf Oil Corporation, for Fuel Oil #2, Tankwagon Delivery, for all departments, in the amount of \$9,396.00, on a unit price basis.

CONTRACT AWARDED UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR MOTOR OILS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman McDuffie moved award of contract to the low bidder, Union Oil Company of California, for motor oils for all departments, in the amount of \$19,630.25, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Union Oil Co. of California	\$19,630.25
Shell Oil Company	21,160.15
Texaco, Inc.	29,700.00

CONTRACT AWARDED UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR GEAR LUBRICANTS FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Easterling, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Union Oil Company of California, for gear lubricants for all departments, in the amount of \$2,115.80, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Union Oil Co. of California	\$2,115.80
Texaco, Inc.	2,212.65

CONTRACT AWARDED UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR CHASSIS LUBRICANTS.

Motion was made by Councilman McDuffie, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Union Oil Company of California, for chassis lubricants for all departments, in the amount of \$1,389.08, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Union Oil Co. of California	\$1,389.08
Texaco, Inc.	1,696.66

CONTRACT AWARDED GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR FUEL OIL #5.

Councilwoman Easterling moved award of contract to the only bidder, Gulf Oil Corporation, for Fuel Oil #5, for all departments, in the amount of \$5,346.00 on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED ASPHALT & PETROLEUM COMPANY FOR FUEL OIL #6.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Asphalt & Petroleum Company, for Fuel Oil #6, for all departments, in the amount of \$9,414.50, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Asphalt & Petroleum Co.	\$9,414.50
Gulf Oil Corporation	9,747.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TEXACO, INC. FOR HYDRAULIC LIFT OIL.

Motion was made by Councilman McDuffie, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, awarding subject contract to the only bidder, Texaco, Inc., for hydraulic lift oil for all departments, in the amount of \$6,593.89, on a unit price basis.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED GEORGE RAY CRISP.

Chairman pro tem Whittington recognized Mr. George Ray Crisp and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque. He stated Mr. Crisp in retiring as of February 20, 1973. That he was employed in the Street Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department November 1952. Each member of Council thanked Mr. Crisp for his services to the city and wished him well in his retirement.

SOUTHERN LIVING SHOW THIRD PLACE AWARD PRESENTED TO CITY FOR BEST HORTICULTURE LANDSCAPE GARDEN EXHIBIT.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated a few minutes ago Council approved a request for a grant from HUD for beautification programs. He stated in the Southern Living Show this past week, the City received third place award in the best Horticulture Landscape Garden Exhibit. He presented the award to Mr. Hopson, Director of Public Works Department, on behalf of Council. He stated this indicates what the city is trying to do for Charlotte and the people who live here - to make it a better and prettier place to live and Mr. Hopson and his Department helped to do this, and Council thanks them.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN AND ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE TO CREATE AN EVALUATION CAPACITY FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE HUD FUNDED 701 PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT GRANT.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated about six weeks ago before Mr. Withrow left for Mexico, Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, proposed to Council that he be given an evaluator in the budget office under Mr. Jerry Coffman, and Council asked that this not be done until Mr. Withrow returned. He stated today Council is ready to act on this.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated in the last two or three weeks, Council has approved other parts of this type of evaluation as it relates to the community development program the President sent to the Congress today.

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He stated it is recommended that an Ordinance be adopted amending the 1972-73 budget ordinance and that a Resolution be adopted amending the pay plan to create an evaluation capacity for the City of Charlotte in accordance with the provisions of the HUD funded 701 Planning and Management Grant approved by City Council on June 26, 1972. That as a part of the City's planning for the receipt of over \$10,000,000 of Community Development Revenue Sharing funds by July 1, 1974, it is recommended that a city-wide evaluation program be established in the Office of Budget and Research so that evaluation can be made a part of the 1973-74 budget process. Using funds supplied under the approved 701 Grant, the City will hire an Evaluation Supervisor as the first step in the process.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he recommends this to Council and encourages them to pass on it.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of a resolution amending the pay plan and an ordinance amending the 1972-73 budget ordinance to create an evaluation capacity for the City of Charlotte in accordance with the provisions of the HUD funded 701 Planning and Management Grant approved by Council on June 26, 1972. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 61, and the ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 13.

COMMENTS IN RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS MADE AT LAST COUNCIL MEETING ON CENTRALINA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT.

Councilman Short stated last week Councilman Alexander commented about the Councils of Government and made the statement that as to housing they have the right to veto any action that this Council takes and the federal government would back up the veto. Actually, it would be his strong belief that the reverse of this is true. Centralina COG, if called upon by this Council, could and would stop the action of the federal government in some federally funded housing program or project in this community, if this was the desire of Council.

Councilman Short stated the more valid point of view is that Centralina COG gives this Council some influence in Washington that it otherwise would not have. This influence is exercised purely for the benefit of this city and this community, and for the other members and their various communities. COGs are created by local government and they are given an ear in Washington purely as advocates of local government and messengers from local government. There has never been an instance of what Mr. Alexander mentioned; there has never been an instance of Centralina stopping a development in this community against the will of the Council, and he does not see how there could be. If there ever was such an effort, he is sure City Council would remove its delegate and would proceed to have its will executed.

Councilman Short stated there have been two instances of Centralina's stopping proposed developments which this Council thought would have perpetuated the ghetto or would have harmed the environment and which the Council had no other way to stop except through Centralina. He stated he would hope the Council members would develop some feeling of trust for this organization just as it trusts any other agency that works for Council. Certainly, Centralina is not going to misuse any trusts or any authority that is placed in it. He does not believe they are any more to be doubted or any more likely to do Council in, or harm it or violate the will of this Council than any other agency that is working for Council, whether it be the Planning Commission or the Airport Committee, or whatever.

Councilman Short stated he thinks Mr. Alexander's comments should more properly be directed at him, and at the rest of the members of this City Council, rather than at the Centralina COG. Four years ago, Council adopted a policy that it would not have further publicly financed low income housing on the west side until some were built in other parts of the city. But in the working out of this it has been a one-sided policy. We have withheld low income housing on the west side, and we have not built it elsewhere. That he would tend to agree with Mr. Alexander's criticism except for the place he is aiming it.

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That Mr. Alexander has mentioned this sort of thing a number of times, and is saying let's build some housing all about the city, and he agrees with him. He stated he thinks Mr. Alexander has actually achieved a little bit of a peeve at the COG because on two occasions the COG has not blocked low income housing on the west side which was the will of the majority of this Council, although not Mr. Alexander's will. Councilman Short stated he thinks Mr. Alexander has a point; he is just directing his feelings at the COG rather than at the Council that made the policy.

Councilman McDuffie stated last week he made the statement that it is important especially that other communities get their share of low income housing so that we do not attract more than our share of low income people. He stated COG can perform a service in doing that, and would in effect retard our growth in low income families.

Councilman Short replied he appreciates his comments. That around the country Councils of Government have done some real good services in this respect. That Mr. Jerry Wones went to Miami, Ohio sometime back to study what the regional agency had done there in dispersing low income housing all around. He stated Centralina has intervened in housing situations in at least one of the other counties to achieve the sort of results and the sort of policy Mr. McDuffie mentioned.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION OFFICER REQUESTED TO PROVIDE MEANS AND WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE CITIZENS.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he appreciates what Mr. Short stated in relation to these televised council meeting. He stated he has never served or worked with people that were any more dedicated than this council is and this Mayor, and this staff. That he can personally say that he knows of no group of people who study any harder and make any more effort to get out and find out what the public is thinking about and what the public wants, than the seven people who sit around this dias with the Mayor. That he appreciates the fact that the Observer last week mentioned that we were making an effort, even if it was not but one televised meeting a month to communicate with the people. But he thinks when an individual councilman answers 25 telephone calls a day and does a great deal of letter writing and makes speeches, and goes out into the neighborhoods and tries to determine what people want and what their problems are, then there is some line of communication between this council and the public. All of the members of Council want to do a better job in this area and will do a better job. He asked the Public Service and Information Officers to give the council the means and the people they can communicate with through television, speaking engagements and neighborhood meetings, or anything else, and he believes the Mayor and the majority of Council will be there. He stated you can only do a good job as a councilmember if the people help you do a good job. That obviously he does not know all the needs in the four quadrants of this city unless the people out there let him know about them. That the seven members of Council riding around the clock, 24 hours a day, cannot cover this city and the needs of the people. When he says needs, whatever they are have to be rated on some priority bases. He stated the record should state that Council is cognizant of this fact, and is trying to do this job, and want to do a better job.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONTACT CHAIRMAN OF THE BOND CAMPAIGN AND ADVISE HIM THAT ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN.

Chairman pro tem Whittington requested Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, to contact Mr. Jim Sommers and tell him Council is delighted he is Chairman of the upcoming Bond Campaign and wants to help him in the campaign; that each and every one is committed to support this bond package. He stated he hopes Mr. Sommers will call on the members of Council individually and ask that each help him with names of people out in the areas that Council believes will do a good job in support of the bond package.

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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ADVISE RESIDENTS OF MONTCLAIR AND STARMOUNT THAT COUNCIL IS HAVING A STUDY MADE ON THEIR REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT OLD PINEVILLE ROAD, PINEVILLE ROAD AND STARBROOK DRIVE.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he spoke to Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, earlier and told him of the communication all members of Council received from the residents of Montclair and Starmount about the need for a traffic signal at Old Pineville Road, Pineville Road and Starbrook Drive. He requested the Assistant City Manager to inform the citizens that this request has been received and Council has asked for the studies, and hopefully they will receive an answer one way or the other as soon as possible.

COPIES OF LETTERS FROM SENATOR ERVIN AND CONGRESSMAN MARTIN IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL'S CONCERN ON FAA REGULATIONS CONCERNING AIRPORT SECURITY GIVEN TO COUNCILMEMBERS.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated at the Council Meeting on January 30, 1973 he was requested to write Congressman Martin, Senator Ervin and Senator Helms on the FAA regulations that required cities to provide airport security and to fund airport security as part of the FAA highjacking measures. A few weeks ago he gave Council a copy of a letter that Senator Helms sent to him in response to Council's request. This morning he received a letter from Senator Ervin and a letter from Congressman Martin in response to Council's concern over the new FAA security regulations. He passed around copies of each letter to the Councilmembers.

COMMENTS ON BILL INTRODUCED INTO STATE LEGISLATURE CONCERNING FUNDS FOR REGIONAL AGENCIES.

Councilman Short stated related to regional agencies, Senator Livingstone Stallings has introduced into the legislature a bill to provide a small degree of state funding for the regional agencies. This bill would produce over \$50,000 for our regional agency here in Region F. He stated he would have wished that Council could have seen fit to support this bill. Some of the financial situations that are placed upon Centralina are right taxing, and right difficult to handle, and some of these happen almost in an emergency situation. As an example, last year in implementing the Older Americans Act, which is a federal program to help the aged, there was a ruling that this would have to be handled and administered regionally. The Feds were unable to deal with all the local governments in America and they wanted it under a regional umbrella. All of a sudden, Centralina found it had to provide the local match of this, and it was hard to do, but it was done. He stated we are in the midst of a similar situation with HEW in connection with the funding of health and hospital planning. That he has a letter in which HEW starts out real politely, but winds up in rather mean terms saying "you have to come under a regional umbrella as this is the only way we are going to try to administer this." They just make it an ultimatum to grant those involved in this kind of activity. When and if this materializes, Centralina will have to provide the local match which is now coming from many sources all around the region, some private and some public. The state's \$50,000 would be a help in this. The only other way out is to come back to City Council as they did in the case of the water and sewer funding and ask for more money.

Most of the states provide some state funds for the Councils of Government, including Georgia, South Carolina and Virginia.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated Mr. Short asked if he could bring this up today, and he told him he could; but he is not going to talk about that today or about the trip to the Legislature last week as a member of the League of Municipalities Executive Committee, or what transpired at that meeting until new week when a whole council is present.

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ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO ADVISE COUNCIL WHEN REPORT FROM GEORGE SELDEN'S COMMITTEE WILL BE RECEIVED.

Councilman Withrow asked when Mr. George Selden's report will be brought to Council? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied one of the delays was on the delay of the census tracts data being presented to them, and that caused a delay in the report. He stated he will check with Mr. Selden and bring a report back to Council on the latest development.

PROGRESS REPORT ON TREE ORDINANCE.

Councilman Withrow asked what has happened to the proposed tree ordinance? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied a revised ordinance will be sent to Council shortly. It has been presented to the various departments, and each has reviewed it and made suggested changes, which are being incorporated in the revised ordinance.

Councilman Withrow stated during his trip to Mexico every city had a tree program. They had big signs on the streets asking people to plant trees and to cooperate with the cities. In each city all the main streets had trees even though they had to be watered every day. He stated he would like to have the tree ordinance passed so that it can be included in the upcoming budget.

COMMENTS ON RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM IN MEXICO CITY, AND PARKING PROBLEMS IN CHARLOTTE

Councilman Withrow stated he checked with Mexico City's rapid transit system. They permit two people to ride the bus for one peso. This is four cents a piece. They can ride anywhere from one end of the city to the other end of the city for four cents per person. He stated he has never seen so many people riding the buses. They are city-owned and they claim even at four cents they are making enough money to come out even.

Councilman Short stated last week in Minneapolis he attended a seminar, and talked to two gentlemen from two different cities, and each of their cities had just recently bought their street transportation systems. He stated they were operating them successfully and had put a slight subsidy in it. They had managed to achieve things which private management just did not want to do because of the expense of it. Also, the fact they had eliminated taxes was a savings to the system. He stated these gentlemen were enthusiastic about what they were doing; this did not constitute an expansion of the system, but a continued operation.

Councilman Withrow stated in Mexico they did not run through the communities; they run up and down the main thoroughfares. This way the people could get on the bus and in a few minutes they were uptown. He stated one reason the people do not ride the buses here is because they wonder through the neighborhoods and it takes an hour and half to get uptown.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated we make it too convenient to use the automobiles here. That he would think it would behoove the city to do everything it can and work with the bus company to keep a healthy bus operation here. He stated anything the city can do to work with them and improve the services he thinks would be well.

Councilman McDuffie asked the city's policy on providing parking for its employees? Mr. Bobo replied a parking lot is provided for approximately 300 cars on Fourth Street; that it operates on a first come, first serve basis. There is not sufficient area to provide parking for all city employees. Councilman

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McDuffie stated he noticed the county is doing away with charging for their lot. It seems to him as Mr. Bobo said, we make it too convenient for people to drive cars, and we have an overcrowded downtown. People should be riding a bus and there should be more than one person in a car. Local governments should take the initiative and set an example. There needs to be a discussion and survey on the obligation of the city to provide parking. He stated if someone rides a bus and is not provided with a parking space they are probably entitled to a \$5.00 a month raise because they are not costing the city a space for parking. That parking lot is worth \$200,000 or such. Rather than providing people a parking space, the police department needs parking right now, and he does not know how we will get around not giving them land over there to park their off-duty cars. Or are we going to change our policy and say that because you ride the bus you are saving the city money. That he personally objects to the county giving free parking where they have been charging for it without giving some consideration to those people who do use the bus. But he cannot criticize the county if the city is doing the same thing. If we are really sincere we should have some arrangements where people ride two in a car and some would receive \$5 or \$15 more a month because they are not provided with a parking space. He stated he is talking about penalizing people for driving a car with one person in it, and talking about requiring the city to buy a parking lot some distance out and providing a shuttle bus so that we do not have all this congestion on the street.

REPORT ON TRAFFIC PROBLEMS ON BELHAVEN BOULEVARD AND INTERSTATE 85 AND FREEWAY.

Councilman McDuffie asked what has been done on his request for police officers at Belhaven Boulevard and I-85 and Freeway? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied the officers are on the job during peak hours. Councilman McDuffie requested a written report telling him what hours these officers are out there.

CITY DEPARTMENTS COMPLIMENTED ON IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN THE AREA OF HOSKINS SCHOOL TO HELP CHILDREN CROSSING THE HIGHWAYS.

Councilwoman Easterling stated in the matter of Hoskins School, she would like to compliment all the departments and people who cooperated in getting something started out there. That she talked with the principal this morning and she said there has been a great deal of activity with some grading of sidewalks, and many people have been out at peak hours of traffic to see how the little children get across the streets, and everyone now is getting concerned. That the principal is very happy about all this response to her request.

Chairman pro tem Whittington asked the city clerk to see that each department receives a copy of Mrs Easterling's statement and thanks for a job well done.

Councilwoman Easterling stated it has not been finished, but it is in the process.

MOTION ADVISING CITY MANAGER THAT COUNCIL IS IN FAVOR OF HAVING ONCE A MONTH TELEVISED MEETINGS ON EDUCATIONAL TV.

Councilman Short stated he would like to endorse what Mr. Whittington said last week about monthly televised council meetings. The previous one about a month ago was well received; and it does represent the best kind of communication and lets the public know what Council is doing whether good or bad.

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He asked if it has been determined or if it is possible to finance that from the Council Chamber? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied the last time this was discussed with them, they stated there is not sufficient room to have all three stations here, plus the fact there is a cost factor involved in trying to transmit from this room. He stated the educational television station will make available to the city any time after 8:00 o'clock p.m. If Council is inclined to do this, he would suggest they use the once a month zoning hearing date as usually this is when the Council Chamber is crowded.

Councilman Short stated he is thinking that the building of a new city hall is years away even if we started tomorrow. That he wishes there was some way to do this through our own doing. There are so many things you think of every day that you would like to do or say or get across to the public, and there is no way to respond; to talk to a civic club occasionally just does not get the message across you would like to give, or the rebuttal you would like to present. That he wishes we could devote more study to this. That he is sure there is not room for all three stations, but are all three stations interested? We cannot expect to pre-empt all that time on commercial stations. If we could do that with our own means even in the afternoon, it would be a great thing. He stated he would like to know how much money we are talking about. Communication with the public and citizen participation is an absolute must. He stated it is awkward to use the educational facilities because we do not have our own forces and own staff. It is like trying to sit down in somebody else's office and do your office work.

Mr. Guerrant, Public Service and Information Officer, stated he has talked to Ms. Donna Davenport at some length about this problem. At one time they sent someone in to check out the facilities and what would be involved in running a remote from this building. It would be in the thousands of dollars to install the necessary cables and equipment, plus their van out back, and the microwave facilities to relay the signals to WTVI. That it would cost approximately \$20,000 just to install the cables; then with two or three cameras and the other additional equipment there would be so little room no one would be able to attend the meetings. He stated the station is very happy and has extended an invitation numerous times to do this. Now that the school board is only holding three meetings a month, they would like to leave this fourth week open for local government meetings such as city council and the county commissioners. At this time it is not feasible to remote from this building.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he thinks City Council would like for the City Manager and staff to go ahead and arrange a monthly televised council meeting in the educational building on educational tv. All of us would like to do this every week, but he does not suppose this can be done. He stated Council wants to go there as often as it can for two reasons: One, where council can receive larger crowds and Two, where it can be televised. He stated he does not agree with Mr. Bobo on the zoning hearings because Council needs to meet when the people can see Council in action and doing a job and not when people just come for zoning and then get up and leave.

He stated Council wants these televised meetings as quickly as it can be arranged.

Councilman McDuffie moved that Council instruct the City Manager to say that it is in favor of once a month meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman McDuffie suggested that Council experiment with quarterly meetings in the neighborhoods at Garinger, Myers Park, Harding and some of these places. Then you get the neighborhood groups to come and talk about their problems.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated that is an excellent suggestion; but he asked that he hold this and bring it at the next council meeting when Mr. Jordan and Mr. Alexander are present, and he is not presiding, and can vote for it.

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REMARKS BY FRANK CARTER, PRESIDENT, CROW, CARTER & ASSOCIATES BEFORE THE
 CENTRAL CHARLOTTE ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 19, 1973.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he thinks all members of Council with the exception of Mr. Withrow were in attendance the day Mr. Frank Carter, President of Crow, Carter & Associates, spoke to the Central Charlotte Association. He asked that Mr. Carter's speech be made a part of the minutes, and that a copy be sent to Mr. Carter.

The speech is as follows:

"In the 1930's one-third of the U. S. population was engaged in agriculture; one-third in industrial production and one-third monkeying around with each other for a profit. Today, 4-1/2 percent of the U. S. population is engaged in agriculture, 24 percent in industrial services and the remainder are dealing in business services. The concentration of population involved in business and government gives rise to a clear demand for urbanization.

By the Year 2,000, the world's population is predicted to top seven billion, and it is believed that nearly six billion will be living in cities. This phenomenon is not brought about by the shortage of land; it is not the growing together of strip cities into a densely populated and crowded existence. For example, according to the Hudson Institute of N.Y., in the world that contains 20 billion people in approximately the Year, 2050, it would be assumed that the United States might have a population of 600 million. By leaving 90 percent of the continental United States vacant and populating the remaining 10 percent, we would reach a density condition equivalent to the present density of Westchester County, N.Y. By way of comparison for you European travelers, this is far less than the present-day density of Holland.

So it seems desire, not requirement, is having its effect on the growth of the urban areas.

Moving from people statistics to people motivation, let's examine the patterns in our citizen profile of today which are pressing toward intensive urban development. Affluence must surely be a dominant factor. Now we talk of the two-home family, not just a two-car family. In hotels, and coming fast in our home design, are his and her bathrooms. People will pay astronomical prices for first class accommodations. There is an accelerated quest for cultural, social and recreational activities. Gourmet cooking and eating is more in vogue than ever before. Togetherness has become a special pattern. Art, sculpture, poetry and music is a positive priority in our lives today. We are people of conversation, discussion and much debating and much politicking - and don't all of these things occur at their high point in the city?!

If these are inherent traits in present-day society, then aren't we interacting between ourselves, becoming a prime force in the development of our cities?

Recently I was in a large city on the Eastern Seaboard and went out to visit the corporate headquarters of one of America's great industries. This headquarters was located about 20 miles out from the central city. On first arrival I was quite impressed with the pastoral setting and with the architecture which went back 100 years or more in America's history. And there were special amenities which this large corporation had built for its headquarters people - a health club, a swimming pool, a basketball court and a pool room, etc. As time went by, I realized that this sort of surrounding would, in a relatively short time, cause one to lose that rapid heartbeat which accompanies everyday business; to lose something of the natural competitive urge and really for the brain waves to slow down.

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Even though we all need some part of every day in total privacy to think creatively and uninterruptedly, I'm convinced that we are more effective if this period is an interlude, rather than the usual thing. Certainly there are advantages to the pastoral setting, the peaceful life, but in our society of free enterprise and the quest for progress, there are great benefits to be derived from the environment and heartbeat of an exciting city.

I should point out here that our Company for several years has placed heavy emphasis on suburban development. We have attempted to transplant the advantages of urban life to the suburbs by combining office space, shopping centers, motels, and other amenities in the prosperous suburban residential areas. We have increasingly begun to realize, however, that suburbs will not prosper indefinitely without strong central cities.

The last two decades have witnessed the largest investment in downtown areas in our country's history. Let's look at that for a moment. We are talking now about the downtown core as opposed to the periphery of our cities. I want to talk about some of the central city challenges and the continuing need for improvement. Some cities have failed to meet their challenges and may well be in for rough sledding. Others, including my own, need to look closely and act promptly.

Today many of us are talking about a new emphasis on the quality of life. Are we, as individuals just giving lip service to some far off dream, or are we, as individuals or as developers or as cities, seriously embarking on new courses?

Not too many years ago, it was unheard of to develop a downtown parcel of real estate unless one covered every square foot of ground. The value of downtown land was thought to be too prohibitive for the development of walkways or garden areas devoted to sculpture or art and consequently we have created rows of buildings and even skyscrapers, and the streets are mere canyons between the brick and mortar.

In our joint venture development with the North Carolina National Bank, particular attention has been given to creating open areas. NCNB Plaza development is predicated upon the requirement of having 30 percent of the entire ground area in open space. The corner of Tryon and Trade Streets will become the park, Independence Square. There will be an oasis at this corner beginning with the greenery and the color of shrubbery and flowers and then meandering walks leading to a work of art or sculpture. The pleasant view and the restful sound of the movement of water will become a special feature.

It is our goal to create the contrast of tranquility within the heart of a vibrant city. In miniature it will be more like Tivoli Gardens in Copenhagen...something to walk through and enjoy and to provide that interlude. We don't contemplate a proliferation of benches but rather an experience of visual appeal and perhaps ledges on which one can stop and enjoy a moment of change. But let's move on from site development to a brief recognition of the traffic problems of the central city.

When are we going to realize that turning lanes at primary intersections can speed the flow of traffic by nearly 50 percent. Europeans recognized it long ago. We must recognize the advantage of having an inside turning lane for automobiles which are permitted to turn left so that the turning car can move out of the flow of traffic and permit the oncoming cars to flow smoothly.

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With the increasing cost of downtown property and building costs, surely it is time for us to seriously consider shuttle busses. It is entirely feasible for us to think of leaving automobiles 10 to 20 blocks from the central city area in a large parking lot and gain access to the central city by shuttle bus. Particularly, of our trip to the city is a matter of transportation into work in the morning and at home in the evening, or even a shopping trip. In Atlanta this service is known as the "Town Flyer" and incorporates the use of our stadium parking lot and shuttle busses at low cost and regular intervals.

And how long can we go on with curb parking on principal streets? Certainly the taxpayer should be demanding the flow of traffic and not curbside parking places.

In some urban development today there is talk of eliminating cars altogether and thereby separating pedestrian movement from the vehicular movement. I'm referring, of course, to planning which calls for parking of vehicles at the periphery of an intown development and incorporation of people movers from parking garages into the shopping and office areas. Bus lanes must be a part of our continual thinking.

Central city street lighting is of paramount importance. Intersections as well as access routes from parking areas to work and shopping must be lighted as bright as day. Unfortunately, sometimes even that is not enough.

In Atlanta, we are mounting an attack on crime. Police helicopters, stake-out details, horse patrols in our parks, special weapons and tactic teams, decoy teams are all a part of our present thinking to effect a 15-20 percent reduction in criminal acts in the next 14 months. For the most part, I am talking about city services and my thoughts are directed to all of our central cities, and not just one or two. Of course the cost of these services is high. But, if we are not merely paying lip service to a call for more of the quality of life, then we must be prepared to pay for these services.

Recently in Atlanta the Mayor has proposed a rebate of reduction of the water and sewer bills as a result of federal funds available to us through revenue sharing. I'm against this. As a matter of fact, I'm for taxation beyond our present level to produce the quality of life.

Having carried you through some of today's problems, vis a vis population, trends, human behavior patterns and the currently popular theme of the quality of life, I must offer a solution. I believe the solution is leadership -- leadership both public and private -- an entrepreneurial activity, which I would characterize as leadership combined with risk. This is the key.

In Atlanta we have been bountifully blessed by an anonymous donor, who is not so anonymous to those of us who drink Coca-Cola, who has through his consistent and timely generosity given Atlanta that something extra in hope and in spirit just when we needed it. We have the Atlanta Memorial Arts Center as a result of an 8 million dollar gift and, recently, we were able to obtain an entire block and commence construction of a downtown park which is an integral part of our new downtown plan, and this latter, too, resulted from an 8 million dollar grant. Incidentally, this downtown plan was conceived by the Central Atlanta Progress Association.

Public opinion won't accept increased cost and tax increases, unless balanced methods of taxation are studied out and backed by the business community. It is a time consuming but vital leadership roll. I'm proud of Atlanta for taxing itself to attack its traffic dilemma head on with the passage of Rapid Transit. Personality and productivity of our downtown will be vitally changed by our transit routes and stations, maybe more in the decades of the 80's than in the 70's, but that farsightedness makes it all the more outstanding.

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Mixed drink legislation, in my opinion, was the greatest single influence on Atlanta's growth in the 60's. Previously we had no appeal to the luxury restaurant operation. Now we can go out for dinner every night at a different place for months and have cocktails and dinner at a restaurant which suits our fancy - French, German, Oriental, Swedish, or whatever. High quality food operations, even in these days of frozen foods, just can't cut it without the sale of mixed drinks. This, too, took leadership of the first order and careful ground work to assure that cocktail establishments are not visible from the street must be combined with the food operation and must meet minimum seating requirements.

After mixed drinks and restaurants came hotels, meeting facilities and major league sports - the personality of Atlanta began to crystallize into something exciting and versatile. Convention expenditure has increased from \$45 million in 1967 to \$85 million last year. Think of the share for retail sales alone and how this can raise the per capita retail sales ratio all out of proportion. All of this discussion gets down to broadening the economic base of the city and increasing non-agricultural jobs. This is a must for a continuing and healthy momentum.

What does all this mean for Charlotte?

In the first place, I think Charlotte has what it takes to become an outstanding city, economically and culturally. It is my understanding that the leaders of Charlotte reside within the city limits and that existing annexation laws will keep it that way. Charlotte has the tax base to meet its challenges. The school system is county-wide, rather than city and county, and most of your educational strife is behind you. Charlotte enjoys that special stimulant which only institutional investment can foster. The banks are among the largest and most aggressive in the nation, with two being in the top thirty-five in the nation. The insurance companies and retail institutions are prominent on the skyline. Obviously, sponsorship of dramatic structures of far-reaching implications are off and running and this is the most tangible form of commitment leadership. You have in the Ponte-Travis-Wolf plan for downtown Charlotte a plan which is imaginative and far-reaching in its ultimate effect on this city. Already you are looking at authority parking which I think, coupled with private investment for the same purpose, is the only solution for continued quality growth. And already you have your Coliseum and Trade Mart and soon the Civic Center.

So Trammell Crow, myself and our associates are privileged and proud to be intimately involved in Charlotte as partner-developers with the North Carolina National Bank. We can claim to be foster fathers, at least in a program of development, which, I believe, will be the apex of one of America's rising cities. I believe the 40-story tower that will soon be on the skyline here will be one of this nation's most talked about buildings. We have planned a luxury hotel, a Mall and retail shops which will introduce the same sophistication and excitement as found in the Place Villa Marie of Montreal, Lefant Plaza in Washington and the downtown complex in Hartford. We do intend to create an oasis in our development and dedicate ourselves to a luxury hotel of the highest quality in design and in operational philosophy.

We see the opportunity to add to your strong base of department store commitment through the addition of fashion apparel, multiple restaurant operations, art galleries, boutiques, shops for gourmet foods and wines and the like. Our Mall will be enclosed and climatized for year round comfort and will include escalators for pedestrian convenience. Everyday will be springtime in the NCNB Plaza, a mecca of sophistication, dignity and excitement. Our ultimate goal is to see happy, vibrant people moving about between the Bank Tower and the Mall and the Hotel, for it must be a "people place."

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I am confidently and positively looking forward to our ability to acquire all of the properties in the block, exclusive of the Home Savings and Loan property. The NCNB Plaza development is the nucleus of the wheel into which the axle of the whole Charlotte plan will be inserted. As an analogy, axis may be a better word. East/west, the NCNB is on the axis between the Civic Center and the financial district of Charlotte. North/south, it is on the axis with Belk and the Jefferson First Union Tower, parking in between. I am confident that it will come to pass, as it is destined to be.

In closing, I am glad to be your guest because I love Charlotte. I have always envied the pattern which is found in North Carolina of a number of strong, viable cities, related together and being located close together in an area but not dependent on one central city, as Georgia depends on Atlanta. I enjoy the people of Charlotte and find them to be as warm as they are aggressive. I believe that Charlotte is in a growth era like one we have been enjoying in Atlanta and it will be gratifying to be one of the foster fathers.

I believe that in some ways Charlotte can enjoy its progress more and suffer fewer growth pains than Atlanta had. We have not yet gained a handle on our educational and governmental challenges which would put us on an equal plane with Charlotte. The leaders of your city live in the city limits for the most part, and, therefore, there is a viable base for leadership, as well as tax revenue. We don't have that advantage in Atlanta. You are taking a big first step in your central city with the NCNB Plaza and I urge you to use that to build upon. Even with the plusses you already have, it will take continuous strong leadership to give your central city the strong heartbeat that it needs.

Thank you."

COMMENTS ON AIRPORT BOARDING FEE AND COUNCILMAN MCDUFFIE EXPRESSES INTEREST IN TESTIFYING BEFORE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE FEE.

Councilman McDuffie asked the status of the airport boarding fee that is tied in with the greater participation of federal on local airport funding.

He stated he mentioned to Congressman Martin several weeks ago that he is interested in testifying before the Congressional Committee about not taking away the rights of cities to have a airport boarding fee, and using that as a source of revenue for those cities that wanted to. He stated he hopes the other members of Council will have some thought about it if the opportunity comes as to whether they want to relinquish one more source of revenue.

HAROLD L. COOLER ASSIGNED AS ARCHITECT FOR NEW FIRE STATION TO BE LOCATED ON OLD MONROE ROAD.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated in connection with the purchase of the fire station site on Old Monroe Road, two additional sites will be purchased in the near future. That he thinks the time has come for Council to appoint the architects, not necessarily by assignment by stations, but appoint the architects to be ready for this station on Old Monroe Road, and the other two in the future.

He asked the Councilmembers for nominations and the vote on three architects.

Councilman Short moved the assignment of one of the stations to Architect Harold L. Cooler, one to Architect J. A. Malcolm, one to Architect Charles Wheatley. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

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Councilman Withrow stated he understands none of the three have had a contract to build a governmental building for the City of Charlotte. Chairman pro tem Whittington replied none in the twelve years he has been here; that Mr. Wheatley was the architect for the county office building; but he has never done anything for the City of Charlotte. Councilman Withrow stated he agrees to giving this work to different architects, and not allowing any one architect to do all the work. All the architects in Charlotte pay taxes, and if they are capable, then they should be considered for this type work.

Councilman McDuffie stated based on what Mr. Withrow has said he hopes that in the future in assigning architects that those who have not participated in the past will be given the opportunity to recommend another agency that has not had a contract. Based on that he can support these three assignments today. That he does have reservations about Mr. Wheatley because in the past he has seen his name on a number of school buildings. But he supports spreading it around.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated it is fine to spread it around to the various architects for various projects; but he would think that if one architect becomes familiar with one phase of our needs, such as fire, that it would be better to give him this work and not come in with a new architect each time. Councilman McDuffie asked about the possibility of using the same plan twice, and Mr. Bobo replied this has been done in the past and it did keep the cost down. Councilman McDuffie stated then nothing in this resolution would prevent Council from taking into consideration that it might be more economical to have the same architect on two stations if they are of the same design. That schools are done this way.

After further discussion, Councilman McDuffie requested that the motion be amended to award the Monroe Road site to one of the architects, and hold the other two assignments until the sites are brought to Council.

Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he suggested that Council go ahead with the three architects today because one site was selected; Mr. Bobo has informed Council that two more will be forthcoming. That as has been said, there has been a lot of objections by a lot of people because the city uses one firm as a consultant in one phase of the work, and they use another at the airport, and beyond that the only time we use architects are for fire stations, and the hospital uses one for the Hospital Authority. That he thinks it is proper that these architects be used as widely as we can, as often as we can, trying to give all of them an opportunity to serve. That he does not know but two architects that Council has engaged in the last 10 years, and that was one to build fire stations and ^{the} other one to build the building on Otts Street. That he thinks because the three names have been proposed Council should go ahead and appoint them. That he agrees the work should be divided, and if Mr. McDuffie has a name at the next meeting for something else then he will support that.

Councilman McDuffie stated he does have some reservations about committing three like kind of buildings that could possibly utilize the same plan, and save money, and on that theory alone, and not personality of the three different people because he supports that, but he does not believe that he really wants to commit the other stations. That he would ask that Council consider one of these today, and when the other two stations come up then the other two names can be brought back up. That he would like to have the information about whether it is reasonable to use the same plan, and what is involved.

Councilman Short amended his motion to read that Council select the first name alphabetically and award the Monroe Road station to the first name suggested alphabetically, which will be Howard Cooler. The amendment to the motion was agreed to by Councilman Withrow who seconded the motion.

Councilman Withrow stated he will second this with Chief Lee's endorsement if we are going to one station on all of these sites, then any architect we get hereafter, we will have to get authority from this architect to use the same plan on the others.

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Chief Lee stated the station proposed for Monroe Road will be occupied immediately by a ladder and pump company with provisions for increased apparatus at a later time. It has this distinction from the other two stations. One of the other stations will be a single company house, and the other will be a two company house. There is no turn-type situation between any two of the stations.

The vote was taken on the motion as amended and carried unanimously.

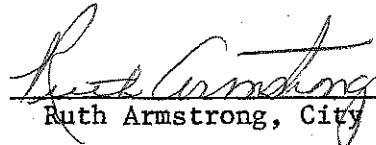
REMINDER OF MEETING WITH LOCAL DELEGATION IN RALEIGH AND MEETING WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER LOCALLY.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, reminded Council of the trip to Raleigh to meet with the local delegation on Tuesday, March 6. Everyone will meet behind City Hall, and will leave promptly at 3:30 p.m.

He also reminded Council of the meeting on Wednesday, March 6 with Mr. Perrin Anderson, the Highway Commissioner. That other representatives from the State Highway Commission will also be present. Chairman pro tem Whittington stated he hopes that at that meeting Mr. Hopson and Mr. Hoose will have the priorities that Council set up as far back as four years ago, and renewed two years ago, and have some sort of program from which to talk to Mr. Perrin about. Mr. Bobo replied a program is planned. Mr. Hoose will present the status report on the state program; Mr. Hopson will present the program on the local streets, and Mr. Birmingham will present the program for access to the airport.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk