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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, November 26, 1973, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Ruth M. Easterling, Sandy R. Jordan, James D. McDuffie, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman James B. Whittington.

1972-73 ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PRESENTED.

Mr. Hopson, Director of Public Works Department, presented members of Council with copies of the 1972-73 annual report for the Public Works Department.

PETITION NO. 72-44 BY ASHLEY PARK, WESTERLY HILLS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF ASHLEY ROAD AND NORTH OF THE REAR OF LOTS ON KEMPTON PLACE, MANTEO COURT, MARLBOROUGH ROAD AND ROYSTON ROAD, POSTPONED.

Councilman Withrow stated the Lawyer for the opposition and the Representatives of the Westerly Hills Association called and asked that Council postpone this petition. He stated he has talked to the City Attorney and he says this can be postponed without action today and go over for action by the new Council at a later date.

Councilman Withrow moved that Petition No. 72-44 for zoning change be postponed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilman McDuffie.

Mayor Belk stated when something sits on the agenda for over a year there is something wrong with the way the agenda is being worked.

Councilman Withrow stated the people are trying to work out something with the lawyer and the property owners out there, and they feel if we give them a little more time they can work it out together. That he thinks it is better if they can work it out together.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY IN AN AREA KNOWN AS DRUID HILLS AND BOUNDED GENERALLY BY STATESVILLE AVENUE, NORRIS AVENUE, OLANDO AVENUE AND CARTER AVENUE ON PETITION OF DRUID HILLS ACTION COMMITTEE.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to R-6 of property in an area known as Druid Hills and bounded generally by Statesville Avenue, Norris Avenue, Olando Avenue and Carter Avenue, as amended by recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 11-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF COLONADE DRIVE, BETWEEN MONROE ROAD AND BRIAR CREEK ROAD, AS PETITIONED BY D. L. PHILLIPS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, changing the zoning from O-6 to B-1 of 2.16 acres of land on the southeast side of Colonnade Drive, between Monroe Road and Briar Creek Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 353.

COUNCILMAN WITHROW LEAVES MEETING.

Councilman Withrow left the meeting at this time, and was absent during the discussion and action on the following item:

PETITION NO. 73-45 BY WOODLAWN REZONING COMMITTEE FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF WOODLAWN ROAD, EXTENDING FROM PARK ROAD TO SOUTH BOULEVARD, DENIED.

The subject petition was presented for Council's decision. Council was advised that a protest petition sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring six (6) affirmative votes of the Mayor and City Council in order to rezone the property has been filed; also that the Planning Commission recommends the petition be denied.

Councilman Whittington moved that the petition be denied, as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling.

Councilman Alexander stated he does not question the professionalism of the report submitted to Council by the Planning Commission. In situations like this where people's properties are concerned, and these are properties they have worked all their life to establish, that more consideration should be given than he has seen in the report which says or implies that at some time, something will be thought out that can take care of property owners and some of their complaints. He stated it is a fact that people who live on Woodlawn Road do have some problems, and whenever these problems come before the community, they grow out of official actions, that, he may say in the long run benefit the community as a whole, he does not think they need to be looked at and exclude consideration of many of the people who are involved at no fault of their own. If the city has not planned soon enough, that is not the responsibility of these citizens who purchased their homes long before any planning begun. He does not think Council should consider a petition that is going to leave people in a position they are going to be left in growing out of traffic problems that they did not create and he thinks Council can do something about it.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like to hear some discussion as to what is meant in this proposal that considerations would be given to some of their problems. What could be done to enable these people to get out of their properties a little better and things of that sort? Do we need more traffic lights placed on this road or what would be the results if that happened? That he would like to hear some comment from our professionals as to what is the consideration to be given to these people or what can they talk about that will give them some relief.

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Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated he can speak to the concern which he and the Planning Commission had concerning this situation, and he agrees that any situation like the Woodlawn area presents problems to the residents along the street. The Planning Commission in discussing this matter and the comments contained in the recommendations were directed along the line that first of all the recommendation is a very strong one based on very strong factors dealing with what type of development you are going to have eventually along major arteries. He stated we have all seen the fact that strip commercial usage is not the answer to this problem. The comments relative to steps that could be taken to give some help to the situation primarily along the line they wanted to suggest is that all of the departments of city government take a look at this sort of problem with their own particular expertise and perhaps be able to offer some help to some solutions along the way. One of the things discussed was to increase the attention of landscaping, tree planting or anything else that could be done to help not only visually screen residences from the road, but at the same time some type of planting screen that could minimize noise as well.

Mr. Bryant stated the matter of traffic control throughout the entire length of the street could be looked at; something could be done to make the traffic in and out of driveways a little more suitable than it is at present. In general, they wanted to call attention to the fact that they recognize there is a problem for these people and they do not have the answer. They felt some attention needed to be given the problem and they want to give what assistance they can in their expertise. It is something that needs to be approached from several different directions and several different fronts. He stated he would emphasize the answer is not by strip commercialization that has been tried in other locations.

Councilman Alexander stated rather than to vote to deny the petitioners' request to see if this can be worked out, he offered a substitute motion that action on the petition be deferred and referred back to the Planning Commission so they can come back to Council with more defined suggestions that would offer some type of relief. The motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie on the basis that Council is going to get concrete recommendations.

Councilman McDuffie suggested the Planning Commission with its expertise recommend that the speed limit be decreased to 40 MPH and with that recommendation hopefully the speed limit would be enforced. Second, that the truck ban on these streets be strictly enforced, which is not done now. Also the people complain about the noise from mufflers and motorcycles that create the noise and they are not ticketed. That we do not have a street and anti-noise ordinance and that should be a part of helping these particular streets to become livable. Third, the distribution of traffic on streets like Woodlawn can only be helped by implementing the road plan which calls for Tyvola Road to be opened. The only thing that will help the traffic on Woodlawn Road will be opening of Tyvola, then a good portion of traffic coming off I-77 will go Tyvola Road and they will see a lessening of the problem, but that is two years off.

Councilman McDuffie stated he is seconding the motion with the idea, if we do not make some steps in helping this kind of street, that rezoning is reasonable for those who live on it, although it is not good for the entire city to come up with strip zoning. He stated Council should consider the city participating in cement for turn-arounds in the front yards somewhat like we do on sidewalks where the city agrees to do the work if the property owner pays for the cement.

Councilman Whittington stated he agrees with what Councilman Alexander has said and what Councilman McDuffie has said. If you check the minutes, time and time again he has brought up the fact that trucks, speeding on Woodlawn Road and on Eastway Drive are a general nuisance. The petitioners for the rezoning stated that 253 tractor-trailers went down Woodlawn Road, from Park Road to South Boulevard in an hour and half on a given day, and nothing is done about this, and the only people who can stop this are the police department. Councilman

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Whittington stated he lives out there and he sees these trucks and sees police cars right there at the time, and nothing is done. He stated he has talked to other people about it and they say these roads have to be used for tractor-trailers; but this is not true as this is not what Council told the citizens when we asked for the roads to be widened and the funds to be provided to widen and improve the road.

He stated all these things need to be done but he does not think they should be considered in whether you are going to deny or approve this petition. To leave this street hanging in the balance, and come back to consider to rezone it for commercial zoning would be a gross mistake, and you might just as well not have the road there at all. It is Council's responsibility to pass on what the Planning Commission recommended, and then tell the Staff to make these improvements. He stated he has discussed with Mr. Hopson the idea of reverse frontage on such roads as this that will be built in the future, such as the Planning Commission did on I-85 where they had the property reversed with the rear of the homes facing the road, and the front facing the streets off the interstate. This can be done in the future. These are problems we have now, and we can do something about them if we tell staff to go ahead and do it. But he does not think that should be involved in what decision is made on the zoning petition.

Councilman Alexander stated he is not going to sit here and vote to deny this petition, and then the people not receive any relief. If the petition is denied, the situation remains the same as far as the people are concerned, and he thinks they deserve some consideration, not only on Woodlawn, but Council has to begin now to give consideration to the fact that we have to make these types of changes. When they come they have to come with some consideration for the people who are there. These people have invested their life-time earnings in property and all of a sudden it is snatched from under them so to speak, or value-wise anyway. He stated he sees nothing wrong in telling Staff, whoever they may be, that this will be a good example to find out just what is needed and defer action on this petition until they can come back with these things they say they hope they can do.

Councilman Short stated the Planning Commission's recommendation has several valid points. One is the expenditures that have been made to build this road. Another is that we would be transferring these problems to other properties one step back. The most pertinent point may be their reference to the many, many miles of such major roads with all of this traffic on them that now exists throughout the city. He stated he thinks it would be unfair to the people on Woodlawn Road to give them the implication that if we do not find some other way to rescue them, we are going to rescue them by approving this zoning petition.

Councilman Short stated he would suggest to Councilman Whittington, or he will make a motion immediately, that Council ask the Planning Commission to present a means that might be used to screen and protect and aid any of these many, many miles of major roads mentioned.

Councilman Alexander stated Council has not taken an example from Independence Boulevard. Look what Council did to the people on Independence Boulevard, and we have not learned anything from this experience. We are coming back and doing the same thing to people who live on Woodlawn Road.

After further discussion, the vote was taken on the substitute motion and lost by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Alexander and McDuffie.

NAYS: Councilmembers Easterling, Jordan, Short and Whittington, and Mayor Belk.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Easterling, Jordan, Short and Mayor Belk.

NAYS: Councilmembers Alexander and McDuffie.

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COUNCILMAN WITHROW RETURNS TO MEETING.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO CONSIDER MEANS OF PROTECTING HEAVILY TRAVELED ARTERIAL STREETS WHICH HAVE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES ABUTTING.

Councilman Short moved that Council ask the Planning Commission to consider, intensely and promptly, means of protecting heavily traveled arterial streets which have residential properties abutting from the various difficulties they have, including landscaping and any other means they can think of, and including speed and noise. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE APPROVING SALE OF LAND TO PROFESSIONAL A & E ASSOCIATES, LTD., A LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-43, BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Mr. Vernon Sawyer, Director of the Urban Redevelopment Department, explained the location of the property and what is to be built.

He stated this is in Brooklyn Project No. 4. Across from this property on South McDowell Street is the Executive Park Development and the Duncan Parnell Engineering firm development. This is in the Blue Heaven Project and fronts on McDowell Street and Baxter Street; it is right next to Gordon Motor Company.

Mr. Sawyer stated this parcel of land involves 162,017 square feet; it was advertised at a minimum price of \$1.54 per square foot and they received a bid from the Professional A & E Associates, Ltd., at a bid of \$1.60 per square foot, which is six cents over the minimum and \$9,694.00 in dollars. Only one bid was received. He stated Jack Hill, Architect, Ralph Whitehead & Associates, Engineers, are principals in the Professional A & E Associates, Ltd.

He stated they plan a five story office building which will be located almost at the extreme end of the property against the Pearl Street Park at Baxter Street, and a restaurant which will be located on the McDowell Street end of the property. The office building will cost an estimated \$1,250,000 and the restaurant, which will seat 180 patrons, will cost \$250,000 for a total development cost of \$1,500,000. The construction will be precast concrete panels and glass curtain walls. The proposal meets all bid requirements, and they think it is an excellent use of this parcel of land. The land has an easement which dictates that the building be located that far apart.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short asked what is left in Section 4 now? Mr. Sawyer replied Parcel No 1, across Baxter Street on the north side has not been sold; it was advertised but no bids were received.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 343.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP) AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, the Neighborhood Assistance Program, was authorized as follows:

- (1) Council authorized implementation of a Neighborhood Assistance Program in portions of Dilworth, Wilmore and North Charlotte.
- (2) City Manager authorized to expand the project areas of the NAP Program provided said areas can be treated within the approved budget.
- (3) City Manager's office authorized to attempt to locate additional funds that may be required to complete public improvements in all these areas.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, called Council's attention to Item (3) which says the Manager's office will attempt to locate additional funds. He stated this attempt will be made, but it is not necessary that all this will be funded in this fiscal year; it is possible that it will be in the budget in the next fiscal year.

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CONTRACT FOR RELOCATION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MR. H. L. MCKEE, FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH RELOCATION OF TENANTS IN THE DOWNTOWN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NO. N. C. A-3.

Councilman Short asked why Mr. Waddell does not handle this relocation, and Mr. Sawyer, Director of Urban Redevelopment, replied these services are needed to supplement the services that his staff is able to give. They discovered that the Downtown Merchants really needed different services than the relocation staff has been used to rendering. This will not replace Mr. Waddell's staff, it will supplement it.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the subject contract, as recommended by the Urban Redevelopment Commission.

CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF LABOR FOR A CAMPS GRANT, APPROVED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the subject contract with the Department of Labor for a CAMPS Grant, for the period October 16, 1973 through October 15, 1974, in the amount of \$43,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances were adopted for the Airport:

- (a) Ordinance No. 12-X transferring ^{\$250,000}~~\$25,000~~ from the Unappropriated Balance of the Airport Fund to cover the cost of the contract with Arnold Thompson Associates, Inc. for the Airport Master Plan Development, which contract was approved by Council on July 16, 1973.
- (b) Ordinance No. 13-X transferring \$480,000 from the Unencumbered Balance of the Airport Fund as an advance to acquire land for the Master Plan Development.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 354.

AGREEMENT WITH NORFOLK AND SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINE, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving the subject agreement with Norfolk and Southern Railway Company permitting the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line under their tracks 284.94 feet from the main line point of switch at Railway's Charlotte Industrial property to serve 4400 Dillard Drive, in the amount of \$75.00.

AGREEMENT WITH THE ERVIN COMPANY FOR ACCEPTANCE OF A DEED FOR THE QUAIL RUN SEWER SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of an agreement between the City of Charlotte and The Ervin Company for the Acceptance of a Deed for the Quail Run Sewer System, with estimated cost of this system established at \$95,000 and no city funds will be used on this project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT WITH THE CHARLOTTE MOTOR SPEEDWAY FOR OPERATION OF SANITARY LANDFILL BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, contract was approved with the Charlotte Motor Speedway for the operation of a 19-acre sanitary landfill by the City of Charlotte, in accordance with State Board of Health Rules and Regulations. Contract provides that the 19-acre infield landfill site will be available for 230 work days per year, in the amount of \$100.00 per year.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, APPROVED.

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

- (a) Contract with Chips Realty Company for the construction of 600 linear feet of 8-inch sewer in Commander Road West, to serve Airport Industrial Center - Phase IV, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$4,710.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost which is non-refundable. The City will own, maintain and operate the sewerage system. No monies are needed from the City.
- (b) Contract with Day Realty of Charlotte, Inc. for the construction of 62 linear feet of 8-inch pipe in Albright Avenue, inside the City, at an estimated cost of \$600.00. The applicant is to construct this extension at his own proper cost. The City will own sewer line at no cost to the City. No monies are needed from the City.
- (c) Contract with Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission for the construction of 600 linear feet of 8-inch sewer main in Tuckaseegee Road, to serve 4820 Tuckseegee Road Park, inside the City, at an estimated cost of \$4,130.00. The Park & Recreation Commission has deposited 100% of the estimated cost and city forces are to construct. Refund is as per agreement.
- (d) Contract with Gulf Oil Company - U. S. for the construction of 200 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer to serve 5051 East Independence Boulevard, inside the City, at an estimated cost of \$1,820.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost and the City is to construct. No monies are needed from the city and refund is as per agreement.

EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR SUITE 410 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUILDING FOR THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, APPROVED.

Councilwoman Easterling moved approval of an extension of a lease from January 1, 1974 through June 30, 1974, for Suite 410 of the Executive Building for the Community Relations Department of the City of Charlotte, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

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

No one appeared to contest the orders declaring housing "unfit" for human habitation.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances were adopted:

- (a) Ordinance No. 14-X ordering the dwelling at 105 W. Liddell St. to be vacated, demolished and removed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 15-X ordering the dwelling at 728 Hawthorne Lane to be vacated and closed.
- (c) Ordinance No. 16-X ordering the dwelling at 718 Jackson Avenue to be vacated, demolished and removed.

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- (d) Ordinance No. 17-X ordering the demolition and removal of the dwelling at 720 Jackson Avenue.
- (e) Ordinance No. 18-X ordering the demolition and removal of the dwelling at 726 East 15th Street.
- (f) Ordinance No. 19-X ordering the demolition and removal of the dwelling at 2005-07 Gibbs Street.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 356.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTION 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160A-193 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinances ordering the removal of weeds and grass:

- (a) Ordinance No. 20-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 2733 LaSalle Street.
- (b) Ordinance No. 21-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 4141 Morris Field Drive.
- (c) Ordinance No. 22-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1825 LaSalle Street.
- (d) Ordinance No. 23-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of East Morehead Street and Myrtle Avenue.
- (e) Ordinance No. 24-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1401 Parker Drive.
- (f) Ordinance No. 25-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 902 West 5th Street.
- (g) Ordinance No. 26-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass across from 601 South Kings Drive.
- (h) Ordinance No. 27-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 232 Scofield Road.
- (i) Ordinance No. 28-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 4339 Monroe Road.
- (j) Ordinance No. 29-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 501 Bascom Street, v/lot.
- (k) Ordinance No. 30-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 400 North Myers Street.
- (l) Ordinance No. 31-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2022 Garnett Place.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 362.

SETTLEMENT IN CITY v. W. M. BUTLER AND WIFE, LOUISE S. BUTLER, FOR PARCELS 2 AND 3, SOUTH MCDOWELL STREET WIDENING PROJECT, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of proposed settlement in the case of City v. W. M. Butler and wife, Louise S. Butler, for Parcels 2 and 3, South McDowell Street Widening Project, in the amount of \$80,000.00, as recommended by the City Attorney, which motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

SETTLEMENT IN CITY v. JOE MCLAIN HEIRS FOR PARCEL 140, AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Easterling, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, settlement was approved for Parcel 140, Airport Expansion Project, in the amount of \$88,700.00, as recommended by the City Attorney.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 120' x 200' x 183' x 209' of property, with a one-story brick residence, on Pineallas Drive, from Margaret C. Sloan (widow), in the amount of \$32,000.00, for the Master Plan - Land Acquisition Project at Douglas Municipal Airport.
- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 253.05' of easement at 226 Shenandoah Circle, off Robinson Church Road, from William R. Easteridge and wife, Barbara R., at \$900.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunks Project.
- (c) Acquisition of 168.76' x 10' x 121.30' x 9' of easement at 2719 Interstate Street, from Henry L. Harkey and wife, Elizabeth A., in the amount of \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Executive Street Project.
- (d) Acquisition of 15' x 83.12' of easement at 1708 Lumarka Drive, off Monroe Road, from Woodberry Forest, Inc., at \$85.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) Monroe Road Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 189.75' of easement at 1719 Woodberry Road, off Monroe Road, from Woodberry Forest, Inc., at \$190.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) Monroe Road Project.
- (f) Acquisition of 15' x 1,770.89' of easement at 8001 Monroe Road, from Golden Eagle Industries, at \$1,770.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) Monroe Road Project.
- (g) Acquisition of 20' x 405.00' of easement at 3100 Piper Lane (off Wilmont Road), from Chips Realty Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Piper Lane Project.
- (h) Acquisition of 15' x 184.60' of easement at 1805 Summerhill Drive (off Monroe Road), from Fred Graham Davis and wife, Francis G., at \$335.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Annexation Area I (4) Monroe Road Project.
- (i) Acquisition of 15' x 639.02' of easement at 11203 Johnston Road and Carmel Road, near Pineville-Matthews Road, from The Ervin Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Southern Bell property and 30 acre tract in Walden Project.
- (j) Acquisition of 15' x 725.07' of easement at 11203 Johnston Road Extension (off Carmel Road), from RIM Development Corporation, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Southern Bell Property and 30 acre tract in Walden Project.
- (k) Acquisition of 66.58' x 200.00' of property on west side of Nations Ford Road, from John Crosland Company, at \$3,500.00, for proposed fire station site - Nations Ford Road (addition to a fire station site).

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Councilman Short moved approval of the following Special Officer Permits, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Issuance of permit to William R. Belk for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Brevard H. Knox for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (c) Issuance of permit to Harold Keith Gebhart for use on the premises of Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission.

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- (d) Renewal of permit to Coleman Green for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza - 308 S. Tryon Street.
- (e) Renewal of permit to Herbert Nolan Threatt for use on the premises of Jefferson Standard Building - 301 South Tryon Street.
- (f) Renewal of permit to Erlyn R. Weeks for use on the premises of Belk Brothers Company.
- (g) Renewal of permit to W. Y. Henderson for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (h) Renewal of permit to John H. Miller for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (i) Renewal of permit to W. Paul Watson for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-X AMENDING THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE TO ADD ONE CLERK-STENO I POSITION.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending the 1973-74 Budget Ordinance amending the Table of Organization for the City Manager's Office, to add one Clerk-Steno I Position.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 364.

OFFER BY INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ASSOCIATES OF A GIFT TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ACCEPTED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the acceptance of a gift by Independence Square Associates for the construction, at no cost to the city, of public amenities, and historical commemorative plaque on Independence Square, as explained to Council in Meeting on November 16, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Belk expressed the appreciation of Council to Mr. Hodges of NCNB, and requested the City Manager to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Addison Reece, of NCNB, on behalf of City Council.

Councilwoman Easterling stated this is one example of the type of thing Council saw in Minneapolis, of business people in the business area working to improve the city. She stated this is a very good thing and should be an example for many others.

LEASE WITH INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ASSOCIATES FOR SPACE BENEATH THE PARCEL OF LAND ON WHICH INDEPENDENCE SQUARE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving subject lease for space beneath the parcel of land on which Independence Square will be constructed to Independence Square Associates and authorized the terms of the lease to be advertised as required by Chapter 160A of the General Statutes.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Belk asked if it is necessary to go any further on this. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied Council had to take this action today as the State Law requires that before a city can enter into any lease of city-owned property, it has to give notice of intent to do so, and that would be advertising the terms of the lease. The actual approval of the lease will have to follow at a later Council Meeting.

Mayor Belk asked the City Attorney if he foresees any problems as it will require action of the new Council. Mr. Underhill replied all this Council has done is to give notice of its intent to consider the approval of such lease. Because of the requirement in the law, this is as quickly as it can be done. It has to be advertised once before action can be taken.

Mayor Belk stated he wanted to bring this up as it will have to be brought back again.

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CONTRACT AWARDED PROPST CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN CARMEL ROAD EXTENSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded to the low bidder, Propst Construction Company, in the amount of \$62,689.70, on a unit price basis, for construction of 12" water main in Carmel Road Extension.

The following bids were received:

Propst Construction Company	\$62,689.70
Ben B. Propst	69,585.00
The Ervin Company	71,860.00
R. H. Wiggins	73,885.00
Sanders Brothers	74,685.00
Thomas Structure Company	77,790.00
A. P. White & Associates	85,900.00

CONTRACT AWARDED DATA FORMS COMPANY FOR CUSTOM CONTINUOUS FORMS FOR USE BY THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding subject contract to the low bidder, Data Forms Company, in the amount of \$7,535.69, on a unit price basis, for custom continuous forms for use by the Data Processing Department.

The following bids were received:

Data Forms Company	7,535.69
Precision Business Forms	9,662.25
Wallace Business Forms	10,550.25
Baltimore Business Forms	10,611.50
Moore Business Form	10,971.25
Standard Register Co.	11,514.25

CONTRACT AWARDED M B COMPANY FOR PAVEMENT MARKING MACHINE.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, M B Company, in the amount of \$58,352.00, for pavement marking machine, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Prismo Universal Corporation	64,350.00
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CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS, DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, N. C. A-3, PHASE II.

Councilman Whittington asked for an explanation on the intersections that will be improved under the subject contract.

Mr. Hopson, Public Works Director, stated this is mostly an Urban Redevelopment Program. Everything between College and Tryon and Trade will be replaced with concrete and new sidewalks on both sides. On Tryon, they will put in new curbs and sidewalks and resurface that one block between Fourth and Trade Streets. The contract with Crowder will extend over one year as Mr. Sawyer will have some problems in getting right-of-entry to some of these areas; it will actually

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be effective in January, but they will not tear up any of the streets until Spring when they can move more rapidly.

Councilman Whittington asked if the City is going in and put in new sidewalks while NCNB Plaza is being constructed and then they will be torn up again during construction with heavy equipment running over them? Mr. Hopson replied no; that NCNB is proposing that the City put in a new type of granite sidewalk - a very beautiful granite - all the way around the corner, and possibly all the way down Fourth Street and Trade Street. This will be worked as a cooperative project with NCNB and the city engineers.

Mr. Hopson stated on Fourth Street, they will continue the sidewalks around to College from Tryon Street with some new curb and gutter; then drop down to Brevard Street and do the same thing there on the one side toward the redevelopment area between Trade and Fourth Streets. They will swing around the corner and complete the improvement in front of the current seafood establishment once the problems there are alleviated.

The City Manager stated this is Urban Redevelopment money and he wants everyone to understand the proposal with the Bank that Council has agreed to in the lease-agreement. One of the parts of the discussion of their development of the park, and one of the good reasons for doing it is because they can tie the development of the park into the development of their Plaza, and the sidewalks which can all be one development. That is why they were anxious to develop the park with their development. In addition, see if they can get Home Federal, which own the only individually owned piece of property in this block, to agree that they would put this uniform granite sidewalk completely around the whole block.

Mr. Hopson stated the city's share of the cost will only be what it would normally be if it was pouring sidewalks there. The City will bring a base in and they will put the granite on top of it.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$265,556.44, on a unit price basis, for site improvements in Downtown Neighborhood Development Program, N. C. A-3, Phase II.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Company	265,556.44
Rea Construction Company	288,866.00
Blythe Brothers, Inc.	297,184.63
Dickerson, Inc.	301,159.50

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REQUESTED TO HAVE SOMEONE CHECK SOUTHWEST CORNER OF COLVILLE AND RANDOLPH ROAD WHERE THERE IS A HOLE IN THE GROUND.

Mayor Belk requested that Public Works Director have someone check the southwest corner of Colville Road and Randolph Road as there is a big hole in the ground.

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STATEMENT BY RETIRING COUNCILMAN SANDY R. JORDAN.

Councilman Jordan stated this is the day he has been looking forward to for a long time; now that it is here, he is not so sure he is going to like it. Since 1947 he has been a part of this City Hall and its business. So much has passed, times have changed and so many things accomplished. Yet, government must move on, and its elected officials as well. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served with so many fine public servants during his years here. Mayors, Councilmen and Women and the many city employees - there are none better nor more dedicated. He stated he feels as a person would leaving his home and family; that he has tried in every way and to the best of his ability to serve his city and its people. Not only large requests have been studied but the smallest also. Each decision has been made on an equal basis regardless of what made the request, or from what part of the city.

He stated it has been an enjoyable position in many ways, and yet trying and soul-searching at times, especially on many of the important matters that have been before Council. He stated he is grateful to have been privileged to serve this city and its people for such a long time. That he hopes he has been worthy of their trust and he feels he has since they continued to support and vote for him through the years. He stated he would sincerely miss each one.

Councilman Alexander stated he does not think he can improve on the statement he made to Council when Sandy Jordan first announced that he would not run for re-election; the only thing he can say is if he had it to say again, he would say it today like he said it then, and he does say so.

SUGGESTION THAT STAFF BRING TOGETHER ALL THE MAJOR PROJECTS BEFORE COUNCIL, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT WILL REQUIRE FUNDING.

Councilman Alexander stated since we are moving into a new Council, this would be a good time to bring together all the major projects we have before us. Especially the projects that require funding from revenue sharing and/or any source of funds where Council is going to have to make some decisions so they can be explained and we can put some priorities on what we are doing.

He stated there are many projects before Council and when it comes to distributing funds Council should have some information that would lead it to priorities so it would know how to allocate funds and not come up to the day where it has short-changed itself from doing something one day for one program without giving consideration to what it has before it in other programs.

One of the problems he can foresee is in connection with the action today on NAP and that is unless some firm values are not determined, we can easily see ourselves shipping and missing and coming short on the completion of some of these things we hope we are going to get done by what we have done today.

He stated he makes this as a suggestion, hoping it will be given concern, and Staff will come back to Council with a report that will give everyone a briefing on what projects are before Council, and give an opportunity to be able to have some discussion and to be able to make some firm valuable judgements as to the allocation of funds.

The City Manager stated Staff has already scheduled meetings for the new Councilmembers to bring them up to date on these items. If the old Councilmembers would like to review, or to be brought up to date on some of these discussions, staff will be glad to do it, but they are trying to make them primarily for the convenience of the new Councilmembers. If others want to come, they will be invited. Councilman Alexander replied he thinks it would be a good refresher for all members of Council.

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TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND OTHERS REQUESTED TO STUDY SUGGESTION OF BIKE TRAILS ON THIRD STREET, BETWEEN INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND MCDOWELL STREET.

Councilman Short stated last week he indicated that he might want to make a motion about bike trails, but the Mayor has rightly pointed out that we have Mr. Hoose and others studying this subject, and outside efforts would perhaps be out of order. The suggestion was that the sidewalks on one side of Third Street, between Independence Boulevard and McDowell Street be set aside as an experimental bike trail. This would involve nothing because the land is vacant at this time, and very few pedestrians use either one of the sidewalks on either side of the street, so one side would be appropriate for this purpose.

He stated a number of cyclists are using this to go from out in the Myers Park Area into town. About the only thing necessary would be a little bit of wedging at the curbs.

Councilman Short requested that Mr. Hoose and the others involved study to his suggestion.

CITY ATTORNEY TO STUDY SUGGESTION REQUIRING PETITIONERS REQUESTING ZONING CHANGES OF PEOPLES' PROPERTY WITHOUT THEIR CONSENT TO DEPOSIT LEGAL FEE TO COVER PART OF DEFENSE OF PERSONS OPPOSING THE REZONING OF THEIR PROPERTY.

Councilman Short passed around a written copy of a suggestion he has for consideration by Mr. Underhill, City Attorney.

He stated it is a suggestion along the lines that we would require a deposit for legal defense where a petitioner seeks to rezone property, more restrictively, without the consent of the owner. The idea of the suggestion is that a person petitioning to rezone property to a more restrictive category against the will of the owner would be required to deposit a certified check at the time of filing the petition to cover a part of the legal defense of the owner who would be protesting the petition. He stated there are certain details suggested in the written copy. There is to be some limitation on this. For example, if one petition calls for rezoning a number of properties against the will of a number of owners as in Elizabeth, there would be a limitation on the total deposit required and that is \$1,500.00. Any owners who did not wish to avail themselves to this fund could avoid using it and it would be returned to the petitioner.

Councilman Short stated he hopes Mr. Underhill will consider this suggestion and react to it soon. This proposal would add some difficulty to citizens with the best of motives seeking to help their neighborhoods as in North Charlotte. It would mean they would have to raise \$1,500.00 for legal fee in addition to the \$100.00 filing fee.

REPORT ON SUGGESTION OF ASSIGNING COUNCILMEMBERS TO NINE STUDY TEAMS.

Councilman Short stated under the rules which require that a Councilmember, wishing to make a motion must give notice at an earlier meeting, he would like to give notice, and reserve the opportunity to make a motion at the Council Meeting, on December 10th. He stated the motion relates to organizing the new Council into study teams. Study teams are not committees. It does amount to giving Councilmembers assignments relating to some of the functions of city government.

Councilman Short passed out copies of his motion, which he plans to present at the December 10 meeting, and is as follows:

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"The motion is that the Mayor and Council have a called meeting at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 13, 1973. They will function as a Committee-of-the-whole, and the Committee will have the name "Committee on Study Treams" and will be a permanent committee.

The purpose of the meeting is to assign Councilmembers to nine study teams (below) or to plan some other way of assigning Councilmembers to duties on a functional basis.

The Mayor will be a member of all study teams, or may limit his participation as he may decide.

Councilmembers would be initially assigned to teams as follows:

- 1. Emergency services 3 members
 - 2. Fire Department 2 members
 - 3. Housing 2 members
 - 4. Police Department 3 members
 - 5. Revenues; Computer Problems 2 members
 - 6. Streets and Public Works 2 members
 - 7. Transit 3 members
 - 8. Water and Sewer 2 members
 - 9. Zoning; Growth Management 2 members
- 21 members

Each Councilmember will have three assignments. Groups will be referred to as Study Teams, not as Committees. Teams will not have chairman. It will be the duty of team members to contact each other and agree how they will proceed with their business. Each team may designate a lead member if it so desires. Lead members will have no additional authority, but may offer initiative in scheduling meetings, suggesting visitors who will appear, keeping minutes, and other housekeeping and arrangements. A lead member shall not be considered the sole or official spokesman for the Team and shall not be addressed as chairman.

The City Manager will, if requested by a Team, assign to it at least one appropriate city employee as staff, which shall be in addition to other city duties.

Also the City Manager will make available to all study teams any city employee at reasonable times and places for questioning, conferencing, research, preparation of documents and reports, and other pertinent activities.

The Teams on Transit and on Emergency Services will work with, respectively, the Braswell Committee and the Health and Hospital Staff, who are already pursuing these subjects. These teams will provide liason, consultation, and interpretation, and will avoid pursuing a parallel independent effort unless specifically so instructed by Council.

The Teams on Housing, Zoning and Growth Management, and Water and Sewer, will work with, respectively, the Housing Authority, the Planning Commission, and the Community Facilities Committee, and will provide liaison, consultation, and interpretation, and will avoid pursuing a parallel independent effort unless specifically so instructed by Council.

All Study Teams will, from time to time, advise and confer with the Mayor, City Manager, Budget Officer, and appropriate department heads, and will avoid surprising them with unexpected action at Council Meetings.

Meetings of Study Teams held on public property will be open to public and media, except for discussion of subjects exempt from the North Carolina Open Meetings Law. Meetings on private property will be open to the media as space at the meeting place allows. The Public Information Officer will be notified in advance of all meetings of study teams, and will have the duty of notifying the media, with the proviso that if personnel of the Public Relations Office cannot be reached after reasonable effort, the Study Team may proceed to meet.

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Study Teams will not be deemed to pre-empt their assigned fields from other Councilmembers. Any Councilmember may offer comment, motions, recommendations, studies, inquiries, and other input in these fields without prejudice, in keeping with the spirit of the City Charter which puts all minds to work on all problems.

All Study Teams will be entitled (but not required) to make a one-hour report to Council at a conference session, prior to June 1, 1974. The City Manager will schedule conference sessions accordingly. Study Teams may have additional reporting time by arrangement with the Mayor, or if so instructed, by a majority of Council.

The Committee on Study Teams (Committee of the Whole) may be convened at any time by the Mayor, or by a majority of Council. A meeting will be held in June 1974 to evaluate the Study Team System.

The Committee on Study Teams shall not assign Councilmembers to the subject of City-County Consolidation."

Councilman Withrow stated in connection with the suggestion of Mr. Short, in 1969, he made a motion to Council, which is included in the minutes of 1969, a similar proposal that "everybody's business was nobody's business", and that Council should divide up the activities of the City. That some members should attend the Housing Authority meetings, some attend the Airport Advisory Committee meetings, but it fell on deaf ears, and nothing was ever done.

He stated he hopes Council will move ahead with a similar type function; not necessarily the way it is proposed by Mr. Short, but a similar proposal where the new Councilmembers will go to some of these meetings, along with the older Councilmembers, and bring back information to the total Council.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REQUESTED TO CONSIDER PURCHASE OF STRIP OF LAND ON MILTON ROAD, NEAR PLAZA ROAD INTERSECTION, FOR BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM.

Councilman Whittington stated in the rezoning of a piece of property on Milton Road, Councilmembers visited the area prior to making a decision and this was just beyond the intersection of Milton Road and Plaza Road, where Shakey's Pizza Parlor was located.

He stated those of Council who visited the area realized the terrible congestion at this intersection, and that the school in that area is completely closed off by commercial development on Milton Road and Plaza Road, and ingress and egress is almost an impossibility.

He stated there is a strip of land on Milton Road which is not developed commercially which he would hope that Mr. Hopson, or whatever department is concerned with this, would go out and see if we can purchase this for a beautification program, and do something about saving that intersection from complete commercialization and the deterioration of the neighborhood. This land can be purchased now, and it would be a help to the school and the neighborhood if Council would do something about it.

COMMENTS BY COUNCILMEMBERS WITHROW AND WHITTINGTON TO RETIRING COUNCILMEMBERS.

Councilman Withrow stated this has been a good Council. We have all worked together even though we did not have the same opinions. We have done a good job in the past year. He stated to Mr. Jordan, Mr. McDuffie and Mrs. Easterling that he has enjoyed working with each of them very much; that he thinks they have done a service to this City, and they have been very good Councilmembers.

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Councilman Whittington stated he has already said one time his feelings for Sandy Jordan. That he expressed the same feeling on the west side of town Sunday afternoon before the election when he mentioned his name, and all the candidates were there.

He stated he and Mr. Jordan have been in the American Legion together and in a lot of other endeavors since coming back here from World War II, in 1946, when they ran on a ticket called the G. I. Ticket, and Mr. Jordan was successful and he was not. Through the years, they have been good friends. Mr. Jordan has been a real fine Councilman, and has made a real contribution to this City, not only as a Councilman, but as a citizen and a leader in many activities. That he just wants to say "Thank you, Sandy, for having the opportunity to serve with you, and thank you for being my friend."

Councilman Whittington stated to Mr. McDuffie he has said before that he thought he "shot from the hip" too many times, too fast, and he is sorry that he did not get elected to the Council. He stated he has enjoyed working with him. He stated he has made a contribution, and he hopes in the future, he will make others.

Councilman Whittington stated to Mrs. Easterling, who has been his wife's friend for a long time, and his since, that she has made a great contribution, and he is sure she will be back also.

He wished for all three of the Councilmembers the best of luck in the future, and he hopes they will come back and help him and the other members of Council as they try to do the best they can for the City in the future.

PLANNING STAFF REQUESTED TO MAKE SURVEY OF WHERE PEOPLE LIVE WHO WORK IN CHARLOTTE TO BE USED BY TRANSIT STUDY COMMITTEE, AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Councilman Withrow stated he would like to purpose that the Planning Department Staff take an inventory of people working throughout the City of Charlotte, and find out where they live, how many live inside the city, how many outside the city, and how many in other counties.

Some of this information can be obtained from the recent computerized car pooling attempt being made now of the city employees. The banks can probably run a similar computer system on their employees to find out where they live; Southern Bell, Duke Power, all the office buildings, and manufacturing plants can furnish this information.

He stated this information would be invaluable to the Transit Study Committee to see how many people live in the city and how we can go about our traffic system. That he thinks consideration of a payroll tax should be presented to the Legislature, and this same information will be needed.

He stated he would like to have this survey made immediately so that it can be used for these different things.

STATEMENT BY RETIRING COUNCILMAN JAMES D. MCDUFFIE.

Councilman McDuffie made the following statement:

"How do you begin a swan song? It has been said in sports there is no substitute for winning and I suppose that one could say that for politics. Personally, my philosophy leans toward another statement that is not whether you win or lose, but rather how you play the game. It seems to me the requirement is, and I haven't been here as long as Sandy, so I don't deserve this. That if one gives good efforts, then that is the most important thing. I think one needs enthusiasts to serve in local government and I am saying this for the benefit of you folks who are still going to be here. One needs the dedication to see that the system works rather than having personalities involved, hence the efforts to spread representation on boards and commissions. The City would benefit, I believe, if there was a little

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more expression that the city's business is really the public's business, and a little more effort made toward being accessible like regular night meetings, or at least monthly educational TV meetings. Possibly a larger meeting room, or a new office building, that would have a new Council room and then there is Fred's position that we need consolidation which would take care of that particular need and have a city-county office building. Those things keep laying on the shelf and hoping that some day somehow they will come about. But without dedication, it is not likely that they will.

Just today, I have thought about the many City Councilmembers who have served, many of them deceased, but the work or the plans they participated in still exist. Or, one could say in some cases, like the Woodlawn Road proposition today, that the lack of planning, or the deficiency of plans still goes on, and you can see the work or lack of work that previous Councils have done. But little will be remembered about individual Councilmembers. I know that my name might appear on the Civic Center and Marshall Park, and if they put a little 'no' by the Civic Center, on that placard, it will suit me.

But being the swing vote for the Police and Fire Training Center means more to me than anything else that has happened here. Having helped to get \$800,000 for sidewalks and participating in the first vote for condemnation of land for city parks, I think was significant. Opportunities for service are great for the City and its citizens as City Councilmembers, and if new and old City Councilmembers will treat these two years as though they will not have an opportunity beyond these two years, they and the City, I think, will benefit.

I wish you and City Government, God Speed."

STATEMENT BY RETIRING COUNCILWOMAN RUTH M. EASTERLING.

Councilwoman Easterling made the following statement:

"Many of the things I have notes on here have already been said, but I want to say them again. For one thing, I just realized, while Mr. Jordan was speaking, that I have served 1/10 as long as he has - 20 months, instead of 20 years. This is not a day I have looked forward to. There has never been a time in my life when I have felt that what I am doing means so much. I feel just about like Mr. McDuffie does, that it is hard to express it. But to the Mayor and City Councilmembers, I want to express appreciation for your helping me to be a good member of Council, and I think I have done good work. It has been hard for me - it has been harder for me to learn so fast what you have already learned, say through 20 years, 10 years or 12 years. But there has never been a time when I have called any of you and received anything but courtesy and willingness to help me understand.

Another thing, there never has been any undue pressure on me to vote anyway a particular Councilman wanted me to vote. Everytime I have called you, you have been careful to point out both sides of the question, and have said 'this is your decision'. Several times it has been an awesome thing to sit here and realize that voting on a question is lined up three one way and three another way, and that my vote is going to make the difference. That Mr. McDuffie remembers the particular issues, but I do not remember those. But sometimes when it came to the point I knew my vote would make the difference, and I did not know enough about it, so I would ask to defer it to give me a little more time to study it.

I hope that my service on Council has confirmed the confidence of the six men who appointed me; that it has maybe vindicated their appointment.

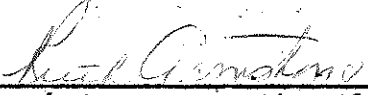
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I have tried to spread my interest and concern over the entire City, and not just women's concerns; but I have felt frustrated and disappointed sometimes when appointments I wanted to make of women on authorities and commissions and committees did not quite go through. I have never been satisfied with just a token appointment of a woman to serve in any position in this city. I feel that appointments should be made on the basis of qualifications - men and women, too. I hope that future Councils will use the woman-power in this city to improve the quality of life for the entire city in substantial numbers and not just be satisfied with 'a' woman on every committee, or every commission, or every authority. But, if there are ten members, why can't it be half and half. I am not interested in quotas, but I think it will finally end up that we will have plenty of women, many women, serving in many places in this city if appointments are based on qualifications.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my service on City Council. I am available to serve you in any way that I can."

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth-Armstrong, City Clerk