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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, October 1, 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 and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman James B. Whittington

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Milton Short.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on September 24, 1973, were approved as submitted.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON ABSENT DUE TO DEATH OF FRIEND.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated Councilman Whittington is absent today due to the death of a friend.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO LEWIS W. BROWN, DISTRICT FIRE CHIEF.

Mr. Lewis W. Brown, Retired District Fire Chief, was present to be recognized by the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Brown stated he worked for the City of Charlotte for 46 years, beginning with the School system, then the Water Department and finally the Fire Department. He recounted his years with the City and expressed appreciation to the many people he worked with over the years.

Mayor Belk presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque for his services to the City and wished him well in his retirement.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON VETERAN'S PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT FOR THE CITY TAKEN UNDER CONSIDERATION AND STUDY.

Mr. Charles M. Harris, Chairman of the North Carolina Veterans' Council, was present and introduced members who were present with him. They were Mr. Horace Silvers, Queen City Chapter Ten of the Disabled American Veterans; Mr. Dwight Leonard, Manager of the local Employment Security Commission Office; Mr. Earl Hewitt, VER Veteran Representative from the local office; and Mr. Jim Howard, Mecklenburg County Service Officer. Mr. Harris stated the North Carolina Veterans' Council consists of all the veteran groups in the state and to date the membership is roughly over 200,000. They represent something over 600,000 veterans in the State. The purpose of the Council is to coordinate resolutions and necessary affairs going to Raleigh or down to the local level to find out what is best for the community, and what is best for the record. He stated out of all the counties in the State, Mecklenburg County has one percent less unemployment than any other county.

Mr. Harris stated there are 56,345 veterans in Mecklenburg County, with 13,000 plus being Vietnam veterans. The disabled veterans are 10,000 plus, with 2,700 plus being Vietnam veterans. In this county alone, there are better than 109,000 veterans and you can see the potential voting power the veterans have in this state alone.

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Mr. Harris stated in the past the City and Mecklenburg County has set an example on jobs, training, schooling and so forth, and they hope this will continue. Mecklenburg County will continue to be the leader in the field when it comes to providing for the veterans. If the veterans can find his rightful place in the community, he will be an asset to us.

Mr. Harris stated they would like for Council to consider the following resolution:

"Be it resolved, that on the 1st day of October, 1973, at a regular meeting of the Charlotte City Council, the following Resolution was adopted in connection with veteran preference employment practices and policy with the city. That veteran preference will be given to veterans of various wars who maybe otherwise qualified when applying to the city for employment. That all future job openings for the City of Charlotte be listed with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission at its office in Charlotte and that employment opportunity be given to veterans desiring to be considered in the recruitment of individuals for positions with the city and all pertinent experience received as a member of the military service be considered as credit in employment selection.

It is the feeling and desire of the Charlotte City Council, that because of the sacrifices and loyalty these veterans have contributed through their loyal devotion to their country that consideration be given to their application for employment with the City when otherwise qualified. This will be the policy and practice of the city to employ those veterans whenever vacancies shall occur."

Mr. Harris then read the following resolution which was proposed by the City administration:

"With the approach of a National Holiday honoring the veterans of all of our wars, it is appropriate for the City Council to affirm its belief that the demonstrated loyalty and sacrifices of the veterans of our armed forces deserve the appreciation of all Americans.

It is our desire that the City of Charlotte continue to be a leading employer of veterans and, by doing so, to set an example for the rest of our community. To this end, the City will continue to publicize employment opportunities for the benefit of all persons seeking employment in our community and to credit relevant military experience in employment selection. All things being equal it is the expressed desire of the Council that veterans be given preference within existing laws.

We have been fortunate that the unemployment rate in our city has been and remains low. Nevertheless, there are still some returning veterans who have been unable to find profitable employment and we urge all of the employers in our city to work to the end of providing meaningful employment for these veterans."

Mr. Harris stated they feel the most important part is left out of the resolution as proposed by the city, and that is that employment positions will be listed with the Employment Security Commission. He stated they would prefer that this be left in the resolution.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, asked Council to permit Staff to study these resolutions, and Mr. Harris stated they would prefer that Council not adopt the resolution as presented by the staff without adding the part about the listing of positions with the Employment Security Commission.

Councilman Jordan stated he would like very much to study both resolutions, and he moved that Council take this under consideration and study both resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Harris asked how soon they will hear from this, and he was advised that the City Manager will be in contact with him very soon.

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RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF HERMAN A. BROWN.

Councilman Jordan stated at this hour, 3:30 o'clock p.m., services are being held for a dear friend and a former City Councilman. He presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, it was with deep regret that the City Council learned of the death of Herman A. Brown on September 29, 1973; and

WHEREAS, Herman A. Brown served the citizens of Charlotte faithfully and conscientiously as a dedicated member of the City Council from 1953 to 1959, having served as Mayor Pro-tem from 1955 to 1959; and

WHEREAS, Herman A. Brown was a leader of men in his church, civic and fraternal organizations, and has left a heritage of highly competent and dedicated public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, in regular session assembled, this 1st day of October, 1973, that this Council does hereby extend its heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family of Herman A. Brown as a testimonial of sincere appreciation for his public service to the citizens of the City of Charlotte; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the family and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting."

After the reading of the resolution, everyone stood in a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Brown.

CORRECT PLACEMENT OF FLAGS ON PODIUM TO BE LOOKED INTO BY CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Withrow stated everytime he comes to Council, the flags bug him; that he believes they are in reverse order. The American Flag should be to the right of the Mayor because we are on a raised podium. That he would like for this to be straightened out. He stated if the Mayor and Council were on the same level as the audience, then the flags would be placed right, but when it is on a raised level, then the American Flag is supposed to be to the right of the Chairman.

The Mayor requested the City Manager to look into this and see what the proper location should be.

PETITION NO. 73-39 BY MARY S. AND SARA LEE CURRIE AND ED GRIFFIN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-1 OF PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF MILTON ROAD, SOUTH OF JOYCE DRIVE, IN THE AREA OPPOSITE PERTH COURT, DEFERRED.

Councilman Alexander moved that consideration of the subject petition be deferred until a full Council is present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, ADOPTING, APPROVING, ACCEPTING AND RATIFYING THE EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT NO. 8-37-0012-05 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION COST FOR STRENGTHENING OF TAXIWAYS "A" AND "C" AND CONNECTING TAXIWAYS.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing, adopting, approving, accepting and ratifying the execution of Grant Agreement for Project No. 8-37-0012-05 between the United States of America and the City of Charlotte, North Carolina for reimbursement of construction cost for strengthening of taxiways "A" and "C" and connecting taxiways. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 320.

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ORDINANCE NO. 956-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE AIRPORT FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ACCOUNT FOR STRENGTHENING TAXIWAYS "A" AND "C" AND THE CONNECTING TAXIWAY AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted transferring funds, in the amount of \$166,750.00, from the Unappropriated Balance of the Airport Fund to the Capital Improvement Project Account for strengthening Taxiways "A" and "C" and the connecting taxiway at Douglas Municipal Airport, to be used for the City's one-quarter share of the total project cost of \$667,000.00.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 283.

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN BELL COMPANY TO RELOCATE CERTAIN AERIAL AND BURIED CABLE FACILITIES, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving the subject agreement with Southern Bell Company to relocate certain aerial and buried cable facilities owned by the company, presently located along Old Dowd Road, which the City is closing, and from New Dixie Road - (NC 160), which the City is closing, to Nannie Price Road across Douglas Airport proposed runway site, in an amount not to exceed \$75,345, for which the City has requested federal aid.

PROPOSAL FROM LAW ENGINEERING TESTING COMPANY TO PERFORM NECESSARY TESTING AND INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SITE PREPARATION, GRADING AND DRAINAGE OF THE NEW PARALLEL RUNWAY, AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECT 8-37-0012-04, MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of the subject proposal from Law Engineering Testing Company to perform necessary testing and inspections in connection with the site preparation, grading and drainage of the New Parallel Runway, in the amount of \$20,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL FROM LAW ENGINEERING TESTING COMPANY TO PERFORM NECESSARY TESTING AND INSPECTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRENGTHENING OF TAXIWAYS "A" AND "C" AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECT 8-37-0012-05 MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject proposal was approved from Law Engineering Testing Company to perform necessary testing and inspections in connection with the strengthening of Taxiways "A" and "C", Airport Development Aid Project 8-37-0012-05, Master Plan Development, in the amount of \$16,000.00.

CHANGE ORDER NO. G-3 IN CONTRACT WITH TRAMMELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ADDITIONS TO THE MCALPINE CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving Change Order No. G-3, in contract with Trammell Construction Company, in the amount of \$4,273.13, for additions to the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CHANGE ORDER NO. E-1 IN CONTRACT WITH AUSTIN ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ADDITIONS TO THE MCALPINE CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of Change Order No. E-1 in contract with Austin Electric Company, in the amount of \$520.00, for additions to the McAlpine Creek Wastewater Treatment Plan, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

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ORDINANCE NO. 957-X TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE UNAPPROPRIATED UTILITY BOND FUNDS TO COMPLETE ADDITIONS TO THE IRWIN CREEK WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, transferring funds, in the amount of \$50,000, from Unappropriated Utility Bond Funds to complete additions to the Irwin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 289.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE - MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR THE OPERATION OF THE LEGAL AID PROGRAM.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, approving the subject Contract Amendment.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the issuance of the following Special Officer Permits for a period of one year, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Murray Lee Blackwell for use on the premises of Southern Railway Company.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Alfred Arthur Davis, Jr. for use on the premises of Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission.
- (c) Issuance of permit to Alfred H. Kitchin, Jr. for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (d) Issuance of permit to Rolland Lee Roy Overturf, Sr. for use on the premises of Charlotte Branch - Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.
- (e) Issuance of permit to James Richard Jenkins for use on the premises of Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission 310 N. Kings Drive.

ORDINANCE NO. 958-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL REVENUE SHARING TRUST FUND UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATION TO COVER SALARY COST FOR 33 ADDITIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending the 1973-74 Budget Ordinance, transferring \$200,000 from the General Revenue Sharing Trust Fund Unappropriated Balance to provide an appropriation to cover salary cost for 33 additional fire department personnel in anticipation of departmental expansion due to annexation.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 290.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAIN AND SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the following contracts for water main and sanitary sewer construction:

- (a) Contract with Touchberry Realty Company for the construction of approximately 6,465 feet of 8", 6" and 2" water mains and five (5) fire hydrants to serve the Montibello Subdivision, Section V, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$29,800.00. Funds will be advanced by applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction.

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- (b) Contract with Foxcroft Estates for the construction of approximately 5,710 feet of 6", 2" and 1½" water main and seven (7) fire hydrants to serve the Foxcroft Hills Subdivision No. 7, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$26,500.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction.
- (c) Contract with Mid-State Homes, Inc. for construction of approximately 239 linear feet of 8-inch street main to serve 911 Wainwright Street, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$2,090.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost and no funds will be required from the City.
- (d) Contract with City Properties for construction of approximately 716 linear feet of 8-inch sewer trunk to serve Section 2C of Sharon South Apartments, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$7,100.00. The applicant is to construct this sewerage system at his own expense and the City is to own, maintain, operate and receive revenue from same.
- (e) Contract with Chips Realty Company for construction of approximately 1,281 linear feet of 8-inch sewer pipe to serve Airport Industrial Center (Phase III), outside the City, at an estimated cost of \$8,875.00. The applicant has deposited 100% of the estimated cost of \$8,875.00. City forces are to construct and will own, maintain and operate. No funds are needed from the city.

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

Council was advised the property owners have indicated they would not protest the orders on the subject ordinances affecting housing declared "unfit".

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of the following ordinances affecting housing declared "unfit" for human habitation under the provisions of the City's Housing Code, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Ordinance No. 959-X ordering the dwelling at 2108 Yadkin Avenue to be vacated and closed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 960-X ordering the dwelling at 2113 Madrid Street to be vacated and closed.
- (c) Ordinance No. 961-X ordering the dwelling at 834 Belmont Avenue to be demolished.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning at Page 291.

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.

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

- (a) Ordinance No. 962-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 2609 East Independence Boulevard.
- (b) Ordinance No. 963-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1914 Double Oaks Road.

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- (c) Ordinance No. 964-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at corner of Newland Road and Gilbert Street.
- (d) Ordinance No. 965-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at rear of 1724 Hawthorne Lane.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning at Page 294.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND HIGHWAY SAFETY, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman McDuffie, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving subject encroachment agreement with the Department of Transportation and Highway Safety, permitting the City to construct an 8-inch VCP sanitary sewer line to serve 8800 Monroe Road.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the following property transactions, which motion was seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Acquisition of 24.78' x 17.86' x 120.60' x 12.24' x 129.86' of property, plus construction easement, at 307-09 Independence Boulevard, from John M. Dwelle and wife, Harriett and Elephare D. Zimmerman and husband, E. Rowe, at \$12,500.00, for Topics - Kings Drive and Independence Boulevard Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 3.52' x 51.46' x 51.48' of property at 331 Kings Drive, from John M. Dwelle and wife, Harriett and Elephare D. Zimmerman and husband, E. Rowe, at \$500.00, for Topics - Kings Drive and Independence Boulevard Project.
- (c) Acquisition of 15' x 1,364.09' of easement at 11203 Johnston Road (near Pineville-Matthews Road and Carmel Road Extension), from The Ervin Company, at \$1.00, for Southern Bell Property and 30-Acre Tract at Walden Project.
- (d) Acquisition of 15' x 160' of easement at 2700 Valencia Terrace (near Sharon View Road), from John Crosland Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer right of way at The Meadows at Foxcroft Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 245' x 220' of easement at 2702 Valencia Terrace (near Sharon View Road), from John Crosland Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer right of way at The Meadows at Foxcroft Project.
- (f) Acquisition of 60' x 920.93' of easement on Eastside U. S. Highway 21, Pineville, North Carolina, from James R. Miller and wife, Rebekah B., at \$6,000.00, for Irwin Creek Crossover Sanitary Sewer Construction Project.
- (g) Acquisition of 60' x 327.55' of easement on Eastside U. S. Highway 21, Pineville, North Carolina, from James Ross Miller and wife, Rebekah B., at \$2,500.00, for Irwin Creek Crossover Sanitary Sewer Construction Project.
- (h) Acquisition of 37.61' x 15' and 6.4' x 7.5' of easement at 6518 Grove Park Boulevard (near Grove Park), from William R. Lawing and wife, Martha H., at \$300.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.

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- (i) Acquisition of 9.15' x 39.68' of easement at 6520 Grove Park Boulevard (near Grove Park), from William R. Lawing and wife, Martha H., at \$200.00, for the Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.
- (j) Acquisition of 15' x 183.97' of easement at 6508 Karenstone Drive, from William F. Ezell and wife, Margaret D. Ezell, at \$500.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.
- (k) Acquisition of 15' x 63.2' of easement at 6500 Karenstone Drive, from William F. Ezell and wife, Margaret D. Ezell, at \$150.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.
- (l) Acquisition of 19.50' x 15' of easement at 6321 Karenstone Drive (near Plaza Road), from Horace Wells and wife, Dorothy M., at \$150.00, for Hickory Grove Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Lines Project.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT, STRENGTHENING TAXIWAYS "A" AND "C" AND CONNECTING TAXIWAYS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the contract was awarded the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$585,648.31, for Master Plan Development, Strengthening Taxiways "A" and "C" and Connecting Taxiways, subject to the following:

- 1. Federal Aviation Administration concurrence in the award to the low bidder, Rea Construction Company.
- 2. Satisfying the Equal Employment Opportunity compliance as determined by the FAA.
- 3. Subject to the FAA Grant Offer and acceptance by the City.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Company	\$585,648.31
Blythe Brothers Company	613,014.58
Dickerson, Inc.	639,679.00

CONTRACT AWARDED VULCAN SIGNS & STAMPINGS, INC. FOR STREET MARKER HARDWARE

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Vulcan Signs & Stampings, Inc., in the amount of \$14,056.00, on a unit price basis, for estimated yearly requirement of street marker hardware for the construction and installation of street name signs within the City.

The following bids were received:

Vulcan Signs & Stampings, Inc.	\$14,056.00
Southeastern Safety Supplies	19,592.00
Rosenblatt & Associates, Inc.	24,602.00
Dave Smith & Co., Inc.	25,829.10

CONTRACT AWARDED ITT GRINNELL CORPORATION FOR TAPPING SLEEVES AND VALVES.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder meeting specifications, ITT Grinnell Corporation, in the amount of \$8,974.25, on a unit price basis, for tapping sleeves and valves, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

ITT Grinnell Corporation	\$8,974.25
U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co.	9,979.55

Bid received not meeting specifications:

B & H Carolinas	\$8,942.04
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CONTRACT AWARDED ALLIED SAFETY SUPPLY COMPANY FOR RUBBER RAINWEAR.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Allied Safety Supply Company, in the amount of \$6,039.05, on a unit price basis, for estimated yearly requirement for rubber rainwear for various departments of the City.

The following bids were received:

Allied Safety Supply Company	\$6,039.05
Goodall Rubber Company	7,180.95
Tidewater Supply Co., Inc.	7,706.85
Southern Rubber Co., Inc.	8,123.53

CONTRACT AWARDED HORNE-WILSON, INC. FOR C. I. SOIL PIPE AND FITTINGS FOR SEWER LATERAL CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Horne-Wilson, Inc., in the amount of \$34,973.29, on a unit price basis, for estimated yearly requirement of C. I. Soil Pipe and Fittings for sewer lateral construction and repairs.

The following bids were received:

Horne-Wilson, Inc.	\$34,973.29
Parnell-Martin Supply Co.	35,699.68
Atlas Supply Company	35,909.52
ITT Grinnell Corporation	38,384.50

REQUEST THAT COUNCIL ASK CONGRESSMAN MARTIN TO SUPPORT THE HOME RULE BILL FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND TO VOTE NO ON THE AMENDMENTS.

Councilman Alexander stated the Bill for Home Rule for the District of Columbia goes before the federal congress, and citizens of the District of Columbia are desirous that governments across the country support home rule for the District of Columbia, and are asking that governments express their desire for their local representatives to support the Home Rule Bill when it comes before the congress, void of the amendments that are attached to it to nullify the bill itself. He stated he sees nothing wrong with our government endorsing Home Rule for the District of Columbia. That he would hate to live in any community where he could not vote for things that govern him and had no representation. He thinks it would be wise if we suggested to our Congressman that he support the Home Rule Bill for the District of Columbia, and not vote for the amendments.

Councilman McDuffie stated without knowing the financial structure and who pays for the government of the city, he would have difficulty in supporting home rule. That he is in sympathy with the people there, but he is not sure from what he knows about it.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like the record to show that support was asked for the Home Rule.

Councilwoman Easterling asked if Councilman Alexander has a copy of the Bill and the amendments and if he can furnish copies for the Council to review. That Council could consider it more intelligently if they could see what is proposed.

Councilman Alexander stated he will try to get copies to the Council members.

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COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER STATES HE IS IN FAVOR OF USING METAL LICENSE TAG RATHER THAN STICKER FOR WINDSHIELD.

Councilman Alexander stated a lot of inconvenience was created when Council thought it was doing something to save the city money in using stickers for the automobile tags. He stated everytime you change cars or everytime your windshield is cracked you lose your sticker as there is no way to transfer it. He stated he is in favor of going back to the metal tags.

COMMENTS ON BEAUTY SHOPS BEING ALLOWED IN RESIDENTIALLY ZONED AREA, AND SUGGESTED ORDINANCE TO BE GIVEN TO PLANNING OFFICE FOR RECOMMENDATIONS.

Councilman Short stated our zoning ordinance is written so that anyone seeking rezoning for a beauty shop has no choice, but to apply for a zone allowing beauty shops, and some thirty other commercial activities. Things like dry cleaners, funeral homes, office buildings, parking lots, telephone substations, and quite a list of other things.

That it seems to be a hardship to require a beautician living in a residentially zoned area who applies for rezoning to have to justify all the many things which the present law says could be introduced into this area once the beautician would vacate this property, or could be introduced into it at any time after the rezoning. The way this law is written, the result is that although we have had a number of such petitions, not one has ever been granted within the memory of present personnel.

He stated he feels this present ordinance makes it difficult for Council and the Planning Commission to find a suitable response to such petitions. That he has a suggested ordinance, prepared by Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, which would put a small beautician business on an individual basis. This would free it from any connection with various other commercial uses. The import of this is that it allows Council to make the decision on the basis of the beauty shop alone.

Councilman Short stated he is placing this ordinance with the Planning Commission, and he expects to follow up behind this.

SUGGESTED LEGISLATION FOR TREE COMMISSION TO BE INCLUDED IN LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL.

Councilman Withrow stated he met with the members of the Tree Commission. That the Commission wants certain things in the ordinance which must have legislative action. That he has passed around a list which they are requesting to be included in the December package to the Legislature for concurrence of the requests as listed.

He requested the City Attorney to draw up the necessary ordinances to be considered.

Mr. Underhill stated each year prior to the General Assembly convening, the City prepares a legislative program. This program comes from a variety of sources - councilmembers, manager's office, department heads, and citizens. That he will put these recommendations on the preliminary legislative program list which will be sent to Council sometime in December so that Council can adopt the official program, and he will have time to prepare the bills to get them to the General Assembly before they convene in January.

Mayor Belk stated there are 44 million trees in Mecklenburg County. Councilman Short stated in the budget document there was a comment that 16 thousand trees will be planted this year.

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DISCUSSION ON COLLECTION OF PROPERTY TAX ON AUTOMOBILES.

Councilman McDuffie stated he heard on the news today that South Carolina License tags are on sale, and apparently you have to produce a form showing that your taxes are paid before you can purchase your license tag. He asked the City Manager to get a copy of the law. That he understands there is some kind of a bill drafted in Raleigh to make this a North Carolina requirement.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated he has a copy of the South Carolina Law. That in connection with the Bill being drafted for North Carolina, the North Carolina Tax Collectors' Association has attempted to get such a Bill passed in the past two or three sessions, but it has never gotten out of the General Assembly. The League of Municipalities has supported that legislation each time; that he believes it has been a part of the League's legislative program; it was last year, and if the Convention approves it in October, it will be a part of their package for this upcoming year.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to be in a position to support a Bill. That perhaps City Council should assist in drafting a simple law and push it.

Councilman Short stated if some arrangement could be hit upon to unify the property tax on automobiles, or some substitute for tax on automobiles, so it would be the same in all communities and all counties throughout the State of North Carolina, then he thinks the State would probably agree to collect whatever this tax would be and return it to the communities. But they are not going to get into this when they have one tax rate in one county and another tax rate in another.

Councilman McDuffie stated he is talking about paying your taxes locally and having a receipt for it, in order to buy a tag.

SUGGESTION BY SPAUGH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT THAT REMAINS OF CAMP GREENE ARMY CAMP BE USED FOR A PARK.

Councilman McDuffie stated he has a letter from David K. Ritch, 2214 Haywood Avenue, a Ninth Grade Student at Spaugh Junior High School, in which he states his sister told him sometime ago about the remains of Camp Greene that still exist somewhere off Ashley Road; that there are ruins of buildings well sheltered, a road and a bridge, and they are located in the midst of a wooded area, bounded by Freedom Drive, Ashley Park and Ashley Road; that it is undeveloped and is only a few blocks from I-85. That the easiest access is through a neighborhood development off Marlborough Road.

That the letter continues - "the other day I walked through these woods, and had an idea. This land would make a beautiful park. Not a park for baseball fields and tennis courts, but a historical park that would honor veterans of all wars, and those who spent some time at Camp Greene. On this park we could put a museum; have bike and nature trails, picnic areas, walkways and gardens. A quiet place for entire families to visit. It could be called Camp Greene Park." That the letter states there has been some talk about the City Council in the past wanting to have a park in the western part of the community, but he has not seen any out there.

Councilman McDuffie stated perhaps the Historical Commission would like to get interested in this kind of involvement. That we all want to preserve past presidents or civil war areas, but no one thinks much about World War I.

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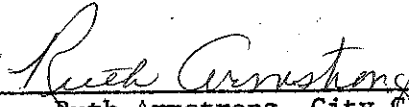
PETITION REQUESTING WARNING SIGNAL ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ABOUT HAZARDOUS
CONDITION AT INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND MORNINGSIDE DRIVE INTERSECTION.

Councilman Jordan stated the people in Chantilly Shopping Center called Cullen Ferguson of the WSOC-TV Action Line after the fatality at the intersection of Morningside and Independence Boulevard; that there have been some 65 accidents at this intersection during the past year, and this prompted the inquiry. That these people asked Mr. Ferguson to contact Mr. Hoose about warning lights at the top of the hill and a possible leading left turn signal at the intersection. He stated the neighborhood then began to collect signatures on petitions requesting overhead flashers on Independence to indicate "signal ahead".

Councilman Jordan filed the petitions with the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk