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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, September 10, 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, Milton Short, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman James D. McDuffie was absent at the beginning of the meeting and came into the meeting as noted in the Minutes.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on Monday, August 27, 1973, were approved with the following correction:

Page 205, add the following at the bottom of the page:

"Councilman Jordan moved approval of the amendment to the Master Plan for Douglas Municipal Airport to incorporate six additional land acquisitions necessary to meet airport expansion needs. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and carried unanimously."

CITY OF CHARLOTTE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO FRANK HAAS.

Mayor Belk recognized Mr. Frank Haas, Superintendent of Cemeteries Department, and presented him with the City of Charlotte Employee Plaque for his services to the city from February 2, 1952 until his retirement August 28, 1973.

Mayor Belk and each member of Council thanked Mr. Haas for his services and wished him well in his retirement.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1973 PROCLAIMED AS DAVID STRAWN DAY FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF IN COMPETITION IN THE NATIONAL AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

Mayor Belk presented a proclamation declaring Monday, September 10, 1973 as David Strawn Day for distinguishing himself in competition in the National Amateur Golf Championship.

COUNCILMAN MCDUFFIE COMES INTO MEETING.

Councilman McDuffie came into the meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the session.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF PROJECT NOTES AND THE EXECUTION OF REQUISITION AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING ALL URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS.

Council was advised the subject resolution is a master resolution which authorizes the advertisement from time to time, and the public sale of project notes with which to continue the project through private financing rather than securing direct federal loans from HUD; the resolution will authorize the sale presently contemplated for three projects, and authorize future sales as needed up to the maximum amount of loans authorized under the Loan and Capital Grant Contracts for each project. That the Master Resolution authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a requisition agreement with the federal government securing one or more series of project notes; it authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute in the name of the City each project note issued in a series which has been awarded to the bidder offering the lowest possible interest rate.

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Mr. Sawyer, Director of Urban Redevelopment Department, stated this is normal procedure as far as the history of the Redevelopment Commission's financing is concerned. The past master resolutions, which were approved by the Redevelopment Commission, authorized the Chairman of that Commission, and the Secretary-Treasurer to sign all of the papers. This is the first financing the Department has gone through since becoming a city department. All this does is to propose a similar resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign in place of the Chairman and the City Clerk to sign in place of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Commission. Mr. Jack Fennell, Finance Director, will do all of the paper work now.

The Master Resolution authorizes the Finance Officer, from time to time as needed, and this is usually done on a nine month to twelve month bases, to advertise for and issue project notes for the amounts of money needed for the project during that period. Prior to this, a resolution authorizing the issuance of project notes in the maximum amount of the loan that HUD has approved for this project has been done, for the three projects which they are preparing to advertise for now. On September 18 they propose to advertise on Downtown, Project 4 in Brooklyn and R-78, the Greenville project, for \$11,530,000 for the three projects.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting a resolution entitled: "Resolution authorizing the sale, issuance and delivery of project notes and the execution of requisition agreements for financing all urban renewal projects."

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 294.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND PROVIDING FOR EXECUTION OF PROPOSED LOAN AND CAPITAL GRANT CONTRACT NUMBERED CONTRACT NO. N. C. R-79(LG) BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO AID IN FINANCING URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NO. N. C. R-79, AND ESTABLISHING A PROJECT EXPENDITURES ACCOUNT AND A PROJECT TEMPORARY LOAN REPAYMENT FUND WITH RESPECT TO SAID PROJECT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, adopting a resolution entitled: "Resolution approving and providing for execution of Proposed Loan and Capital Grant Contract Numbered Contract No. N. C. R-79(LG) between the City of Charlotte and the United States of America to aid in financing Urban Renewal Project No. N. C. R-79, and establishing a project expenditures account and project temporary loan repayment fund with respect to said project and for other purposes."

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 296.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PROJECT LOAN NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT NO. N. C. R-79.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of a resolution entitled: "Resolution authorizing the issuance of project loan notes in connection with Urban Renewal Project No. N. C. R-79." The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 9, beginning at Page 298.

MOTION TO CONSIDER NON-AGENDA ITEM.

The Clerk advised in connection with the urban redevelopment department projects, Council is requested to consider two resolutions pertaining to the Downtown Project. That the items were not received in time to be included on the agenda.

Councilman Alexander moved that Council consider the two resolutions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION OF APPLICANT APPROVING PROGRAM AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED CONTRACT FOR A TEMPORARY LOAN, DEFINITIVE LOAN AND A CAPITAL GRANT TO AID IN FINANCING NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM NO. N. C. A-3.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of a resolution entitled: "Resolution of applicant approving program and providing, for the execution of a proposed contract for a Temporary Loan, definitive loan and a capital grant to aid in financing Neighborhood Development Program No. N. C. A-3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 300.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF PROJECT LOAN NOTES IN CONNECTION WITH N. C. A-3.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of a resolution entitled: "Resolution authorizing the issuance of project loan notes in connection with N. C. A-3." The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, beginning at Page 301.

STAFF AUTHORIZED TO SEEK PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENTAL CENTER PARKING GARAGE.

Councilman Alexander moved that staff be authorized to seek proposals on development of a governmental center parking garage. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Withrow stated this is actually just a probing to find out if private enterprise can build a facility of this type; that it is not letting a contract. This will not preclude Council from going out and trying to see if it can be financed under revenue bonds.

The City Manager, Mr. Burkhalter, replied this tells people that Council is interested in this sort of thing; that it has looked at this and has asked staff to look at it. The man putting it together can now go to the people who own property and obtain short term options. That until this is done, we cannot tell whether it is better this way. The revenues can be estimated; the number of parking spaces can be estimated; and can estimate what you can get. Then when Council makes a decision it will have some facts and figures to make a decision from.

Councilman Withrow stated most members of this Council have been to Minneapolis, and saw the parking facilities built near the inner-loop so that people coming into the center city could park and ride a transit system from there into the inner-city and eliminate some of the traffic within the inner city. That he hopes, this parking facility, being close to our inner-loop will, in the foreseeable future, be a similar situation, and we can use it for people to park and use a transit system into the inner-city without using automobiles.

Councilman Whittington asked if this block is within the governmental plaza? Mr. Sawyer, Director of Urban Redevelopment Department, replied no; that he understand this block is bounded by Trade, Elizabeth, Fourth and McDowell Street. This is close to the inner-loop; there is an entrance and exit to the expressway near there and it is not in urban renewal project.

Councilman Whittington asked if any consideration was given to the governmental center plan as it relates to ramp parking under the plan that was adopted by this Council and the County Commissioners, which he assumes still stands. That is, the School Board was to build an elevated parking facility; the County was to build one and the City is to build one when a new city hall is built? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied yes; the Planning Commission reviewed this in connection with the governmental center plans for all parking. This is not a duplication or to take place of any of that parking. That parking will still be necessary.

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Councilman Whittington stated in Mr. Bobo's memorandum to Mr. Burkhalter it states that Staff should recommend to Council that it proceed with developing this project, and Mr. Withrow has asked the question if these are just proposals? That he is not against this; but Council should know what Mr. Bobo is saying as he says one thing and Mr. Withrow another? Mr. Bobo replied he thinks they are saying the same thing. That Staff will advertise for proposals. It will receive and evaluate them and come back to Council with recommendations which Council will either reject or approve.

Councilman Whittington asked if Staff will be looking at the use of Revenue Bonds to build this? Mr. Bobo replied they can do that also. Councilman Whittington stated Council should have both to consider when the time comes to make a final decision.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Alexander if he will amend his motion to ask staff to advise Council and to inquire into whatever methods are practical or may prove to be helpful and practical in this situation for financing it - not just a lease-back arrangement, but more normal means and more traditional means of financing? Councilman Alexander replied in making his motion, it was made with the understanding that all of these factors being discussed would eventually be brought to Council before or at the time it is submitted for final go ahead. If his motion does not cover that, then he is ready for any amendment that makes it necessary. That he made the motion in the hopes that it did mean that all of these factors would be brought to Council before actual consumation of the project or the submission of the project for final adjudication.

Councilman McDuffie stated everyone recognizes the need for parking down there. That he would like for Mr. Sawyer to expand on the obligation of the School Board and the County to build the parking ramp at the school board facility, and to give the time table. That he does not believe there is any way to look at a three block area and say that any garage the city might build on one corner will not have some effect and influence on who is going to use it across the street from the county parking lot where they are going to build a ramp or a courthouse, and the school board property where they are obligated to ramp. He asked Mr. Sawyer to tell Council the obligation and the agreement of the School Board and the County when they bought urban renewal land.

Mr. Sawyer replied he recalls that the governmental center plan, which was prepared by the architectural firm of J. N. Pease Company, anticipated that all parking would be in structures, to serve each of the buildings proposed. The School Board built the first building. Because they did not have the funds and because of other considerations at the time, the Redevelopment Commission agreed and Council approved the recommendations, that the School Board would build surface parking and by January, 1974 parking would be in a structure. At the same time a draft agreement to review the need of that parking by 1974 was prepared. That the Council, County Commission and School Board approved this agreement in principle, but to his knowledge the agreement was never executed. There is a draft agreement that embodies the spirit of what all were trying to accomplish, but it was never executed.

Mr. Sawyer stated in trying to implement this he communicated with the School Board more than a year ago, but has had no success to date. Time is rapidly approaching when we should require that it be done or amend the redevelopment plan which does require it and change the time schedule.

Councilman McDuffie asked if it is a fair assumption that they got the land on the basis they would have a ramp or covered parking by 1974? Mr. Sawyer replied that was the spirit of the understanding. Councilman McDuffie stated the city sold them the land under urban renewal on that basis, and further were to enter into an agreement between the County, the School Board and the City that it would be done, and that part has never been officially signed? Mr. Sawyer replied not that it would, but the need for it would be reviewed at the time, and that was never signed. There has been no agreement that absolutely required the School Board to perform by 1974. The Redevelopment Plan requires that all parking be constructed by that time, but there is some question about the enforceability of that against another public body. The side agreement never was executed; the side agreement did not require them to do anything; it proposed that the requirement be reviewed.

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Councilman McDuffie stated his position is if the County and School Board build the ramp they supposedly agreed to when they bought the land for the educational center, that part of the parking problem next to the County Office Building would then shift over to the education building and make the walkway useful to some degree; that is the reason it was built in the first place. The land on the corner at the county office building and Fourth Street would then be available for some of the public need that is now required at the police building. That he does not see how Council can proceed and be involved officially on a parking deck, without asking the County to give the City their specific plans. When the public receives the tax bills, they do not understand that one is city and one is county, and you are building a parking deck and they are paying for it directly or indirectly. It should be coordinated.

Councilman McDuffie stated if the Council asks for proposals, he does not see how we can separate saying you can do it with general obligation bonds for so much money, which have the lowest interest rate, or you can do it with revenue bonds, which have a higher interest rate, or you can do it on lease-back which will involve the man getting public money at 8 or 9 percent. Over a 25 year period, the city would pay in the neighborhood of \$4.0 million. He stated there is a need for parking, but Council needs all three options and needs the county staked out a little better than they are. He stated they are obligated to make a statement, a choice or a decision to say they are going to ramp the School Board parking and give the approximate date. All of that has to be done.

Councilman Whittington asked how many spaces the new county office building will have, and the court facility will have for parking? Mr. Bobo replied there will be a parking garage attached to the court building; but it will serve those court rooms; just as the spaces at the educational building serves only the education building. He stated we do have a master plan for the governmental center, and we expect the county to fulfill, in the future, those things that are county oriented such as parking. But the parking facility under discussion is not a duplication of anything that is being built. That the Law Enforcement center was never considered in terms of the need for parking. This is something that developed after the master plan. There is a need right now, and will be in the future, parking for those people who will be using the Law Enforcement building, as well as for those city owned vehicles.

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

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

NAYS: Councilman McDuffie.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC ALLEY WITHIN THE BLOCK BOUNDED BY EAST TRADE STREET, SOUTH COLLEGE STREET, EAST FOURTH STREET AND SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted fixing date of public hearing on Monday, October 15, 1973, on petition of the Urban Redevelopment Department to close a portion of the public alley within the block bounded by East Trade Street, South College Street, East Fourth Street and South Tryon Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, on Page 302.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF FLOOD AREA MAPS FOR THE NORTHERN REACH OF MCMULLEN CREEK.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting the resolution providing for public hearing on Monday, October 1, 1973, in the County Commissioners Room, Fourth Floor, County Office Building, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., to consider the adoption of flood area maps for the northern reach of McMullen Creek.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 304.

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MAYOR BELK LEAVES MEETING AND MAYOR PRO TEM ALEXANDER PRESIDES.

Mayor Belk left the meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Alexander presided for the remainder of the session.

ORDINANCE NO. 924-X APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE AUGUST 1973 BOND SALE TO VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ACCOUNTS TO ALLOW THE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO MAINTAIN ITS SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETING THE APRIL AND JULY 1973 BOND PROJECTS.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance appropriating \$9,845,000 from the August 1973 Bond Sale to various capital improvement project accounts to allow the City Departments to maintain its schedule for completing the April and July 1973 Bond Projects. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, on Page 253.

ORDINANCE NO. 925-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 828-X, the 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES ACCOUNTS FOR FY 74 REVENUE SHARING FUNDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending Ordinance No. 828-X, the 1973-74 Budget Ordinance, establishing revenue and expenditure accounts for FY 74 Revenue Sharing Funds, in the amount of \$5,882,049.00.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, on Page 255.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT BETWEEN MODEL CITIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CHARLOTTE AREA FUND FOR THE OPERATION OF PRE-SCHOOL DAY CARE, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Easterling, and unanimously carried, approving the subject contract amendment between Model Cities Department and The Charlotte Area Fund for the operation of Pre-School Day Care, increasing the budget from \$24,000 to \$52,890, and extending the contract to June 30, 1974.

LEASE WITH BURROUGHS CORPORATION FOR THE RENTAL OF FRONT-END PROCESSOR FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the subject lease with the Burroughs Corporation for the rental of a B2761-1 Front-End Processor for use in the Police Department, at a monthly rate of \$6,259.94.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING THE SALARY OF CLASS NUMBER 454, MUNICIPAL INFORMATION DIRECTOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted amending the Pay Plan of the City of Charlotte by changing the salary of Class Number 454, Municipal Information System Director, from Pay Range 31, \$17,410 - 21,200 to Pay Range 36, \$21,000 - 25,840 annually.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, on Page 305.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PAY PLAN OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND ORDINANCE NO. 926-X, AMENDING THE 1973-74 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE CHARLOTTE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution and ordinance amending the Pay Plan and Table of Organization, as follows:

- (a) Resolution amending the pay plan of the City of Charlotte by deleting Class No. 686, Court Liaison Officer, adding Class No. 203, Street Maintenance Operations Supervisor at Pay Range 25, and adding Class No. 221, Utility Cuts Repair Foreman, at Pay Range 17.

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- (b) Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 828-X, the 1973-74 Budget Ordinance, Amending the Table of Organization for the Charlotte Police Department.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 306.  
The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, at Page 257.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. G-1 IN CONTRACT WITH CROWDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED.**

Councilman Whittington moved approval of Change Order No. G-1 in contract with Crowder Construction, increasing the original contract price of \$139,025.00, by \$10,793.00, for the Wayt Street Park and Double Oaks Road Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 IN CONTRACT WITH HICKORY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STEEL SHEET PILE RETAINING WALL TO PROTECT THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD SWITCHING LEAD TRACK FROM THE CIVIC CENTER EXCAVATION.**

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Change Order No. 2 was approved in contract with Hickory Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,027.70, for steel sheet pile retaining wall to protect the Southern Railroad switching lead track from the Civic Center Excavation.

**CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAINS AND SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED.**

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

- (a) Contract with The Ervin Company for construction of approximately 5,930 feet of 6", 2", 1 1/2" water main and four (4) fire hydrants to serve the Meadowbrook Subdivision outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$24,250.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction.
- (b) Contract with John Crosland Company for construction of approximately 2,165 feet of 8" C. I. water main and one (1) fire hydrant to serve the Ramblewood Apartments, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$12,350.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water mains.
- (c) Contract with Myers and Chapman, Incorporated for construction of approximately 740 feet of 8" C. I. water main and one (1) fire hydrant to serve the Plushbottoms Peabody, Ltd. property, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$4,500.00. Funds will be advanced by the applicant under the terms of existing city policies as related to such water main construction.
- (d) Contract with John Crosland Company for construction of approximately 2,800 linear feet of 10" and 8" sewer trunk to serve Chestnut Hills Subdivision, located adjacent to McAlpine Creek and South Lawyers Road, to serve Chestnut Hills Subdivision, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$60,660.00. The applicant has deposited 10% of estimated construction cost plus the estimated cost of right-of-way. Construction is to be let for bids. No money is needed from the City and refund is as per agreement.
- (e) Contract with Ed Griffin Company for construction of 4,790 linear feet of 8" sewer trunk to serve Parkview East Subdivision, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$12,980.00. The applicant has deposited \$8,980.00 for the City to construct the sewer trunk from Woodberry Road to Parkview Subdivision and is refundable as per agreement. The applicant will construct the sewerage system within the subdivision and this system will become the property of the City at no cost to same. The City will own, maintain and collect all revenue from this system.



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CLAIM FILED BY W. H. HELMS FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved to deny subject claim, filed by Mr. W. H. Helms for property damage, in the amount of \$2,500.00, as recommended by the City Attorney, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

COUNCILMAN SHORT LEAVES MEETING.

Councilman Short left the meeting at this time, and was absent until his return as noted in the minutes.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH ERROR AGAINST FOUR ACCOUNTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing refund of certain taxes, in the total amount of \$4,356.12, which were levied and collected through error against four accounts.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 9, at Page 293.

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

Council was advised that the property owners had indicated they would not contest the orders declaring two houses unfit for human habitation.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman McDuffie, and unanimously carried, to adopt the following ordinances affecting housing declared "unfit" for human habitation under the provisions of the City's Housing Code:

- (a) Ordinance No. 927-X ordering the dwelling at 1916-18 Gibbs Street to be vacated and closed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 928-X ordering the dwelling at 500-02 Keswick Avenue to be vacated and closed.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20, beginning on Page 258.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SELECTION 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.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the following ordinances ordering the removal of weeds and grass, which motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously:

- (a) Ordinance No. 929-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 504 North Brevard Street.
- (b) Ordinance No. 930-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 110 South Gregg Street.
- (c) Ordinance No. 931-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 4000 Rozzelles Ferry Road.
- (d) Ordinance No. 932-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 4624 Hovis Road.
- (e) Ordinance No. 933-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 3913 Plainview Road.
- (f) Ordinance No. 934-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 3925 Plainview Road.
- (g) Ordinance No. 935-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 117 East 9th Street.
- (h) Ordinance No. 936-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 4221 Morris Field Drive.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 20 beginning on Page 260.



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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 57' x 6± x 58±' of construction easement at 2013 Cumberland Avenue, from Mary C. Brown (widow), at \$75.00, for Cumberland Avenue Storm Drainage Project.
- (b) Acquisition of 2.50' x 103.23' x 362.10' x 449.19' x 25±' x 449±' x 163.33' x 192.47' of easement at 6700 Pence Road, from Jean Isom Beckham, William Wells Neal and Theodoric C. Neal, Jr., at \$1,000.00, for McAlpine Creek Outfall Extension.
- (c) Acquisition of 15' x 103.35' of easement at 6722 Lakeside Drive, from Earl D. Fortner and wife, Jean E., at \$153.35, for Hickory Grove Area Trunks Project.
- (d) Acquisition of 15' x 108.08' of easement at 6720 Lakeside Drive, from Fred G. Abernathy and wife, Lillian, at \$108.08, for Hickory Grove Area Trunks Project.
- (e) Acquisition of 15' x 31.38' x 185.57' of easement at 7222 Plott Road, from Jerry Donald Landrum and wife, Jo Ann G., at \$217.00, for Hickory Grove Area Trunks Project.
- (f) Acquisition of 15' x 320.26' of easement at 6701 Robinson Church Road, from Mrs. Bertha Biggers Jordan, (widow), at \$370.00, for Hickory Grove Area Trunks Project.
- (g) Acquisition of 15' x 200.7' of easement at 6700 Linda Lake Drive, from Mrs. Bertha B. Jordan (widow), at \$200.00, from Hickory Grove Area Trunks Project.
- (h) Acquisition of 15' x 264.98' of easement at 3412 Statesville Avenue, from Mid-South Construction Company, at \$1.00, for Trunk Relocation 3412 Statesville Avenue Project.
- (i) Acquisition of 15' x 113.18' x 182.09' x 185.01' of easement at 8201, 8209, 8217 and 8225 Peddlers Road, from The Ervin Company, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Raintree II, Peddlers Road Project.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the following Special Officer Permits for a period of one year:

- (a) Issuance of permit to Herman Gene Baxley for use on the premises of SouthPark Shopping Center.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Robert T. Deese for use on the premises of SouthPark Shopping Center.

CONTRACT AWARDED ATLANTIC ENVELOPE COMPANY FOR ENVELOPES FOR USE BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT BILLING OFFICE.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Atlantic Envelope Company, in the amount of \$6,768.00, on a unit price basis, for 1,800,000 envelopes for use by the Water Department Billing Office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Atlantic Envelope Company	\$6,768.00
Double Envelope Company	7,223.58
Unijax, Inc.	8,190.00
Garrett Products of Carolinas	9,018.00

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COUNCILMAN SHORT RETURNS TO MEETING.

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

CONTRACT AWARDED T. A. SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ON COLONIAL AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, Inc., in the amount of \$76,976.80, on a unit price basis, for street improvements on Colonial Avenue Widening Project.

The following bids were received:

T. A. Sherrill Construction Co., Inc.	\$76,976.80
Crowder Construction Company	79,454.40
Rea Construction Company	80,980.50
Blythe Brothers Company	84,195.50

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CURB IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST BOULEVARD AND THE PLAZA.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$101,037.00, on a unit price basis, for curb improvements at East Boulevard and The Plaza.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Company	\$101,037.00
T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, Inc.	103,078.40
Blythe Brothers Company	110,545.00

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CHARLOTTE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT..

Councilman Whittington stated in the pending matters on the Council Agenda is an item for the appointment of five members to the Charlotte Advisory Commission on Urban Redevelopment. That on the initial appointments, two members are to be appointed for one year, two members for two years, and one member for three years.

Councilman Whittington moved that the following appointments be made to the Charlotte Advisory Commission on Urban Redevelopment; which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

- (1) W. J. Veeder for a three year term.
- (2) Ray Farris for a two year term.
- (3) Walter S. Tucker for a two year term.
- (4) W. J. Smith for a one year term.

Councilman Whittington stated this will leave one appointment to be made for a one year term.

SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVISION FOR B-1SCD DEVELOPMENT PLAN ON MORRISON BOULEVARD, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the proposed revision to the James J. Harris B-1SCD Development Plan on Morrison Boulevard, across from SouthPark Shopping Center be approved as submitted in the conference session. That the area involved is east of Roxborough Road, and involves moving one office building, enlarging another and building a parking deck. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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COMMENTS BY JIM RUMLEY ON CONDITIONS AT SANITATION DEPARTMENT, WITH REQUEST FOR COUNCIL TO TAKE ACTION ON TWO MATTERS.

Mr. Jim Rumley stated he would like to speak about a generally forbidden topic in this chamber - the working class of the city. He stated they are organized nationally against the processes of speed-up which is rampant in the United States today.

Mr. Rumley stated an absolute plantation situation exists among the city sanitation workers. They are road over, pushed around, fired - everything possible to speed them up. He stated they are aware that a decision has been made to speed-up the sanitation workers. This is being carried out, not by laying them off directly, but rather over a period of time, beginning with the first of this year, you began to run them out of the barn, or discharge them under false pretenses, or in other ways of getting rid of them.

He stated they think two actions need to be taken right away. (1) Direct your department head to send out to the workers who have been discharged since the first of the year, letters of recall, notifying them they will be reinstated with full seniority and with back pay. (2) Direct your department head to cease the practice of forcing injured workers and sick workers to work despite their injuries and sickness, or be docked or laid off, or fired, or in some other way discriminate against them because they happen to get ill or are injured on the job.

Mr. Rumley stated they think this can be remedied and the records of these men who have been unjustly dismissed can be cleared. He stated they are calling on Council to utilize the police force. Instead of breaking strikes - as it has done since the City of Charlotte existed, to protect the strikers rights to picket, and to stop all scabs, or as common thieves, who are crossing the picket line and take the jobs of these workers who are trying to protect their rights.

He stated they expect that Council will look into this matter within a week's time. It is their intention to be back in a week with a few of the people who have been discriminated against, and see just how much has been done.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to give Mr. Rumley a copy of an item he has which compares wages of our refuse collectors with other cities in the United States.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FUNDS FOR SCOUTING IN MODEL CITIES AREA TO BE SENT TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Whittington stated with the Council agenda was a letter to the City Manager from Wylie Williams, Administrative Assistant, about a City Explorer Scout Post. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied this was sent to Council as information.

Councilman Whittington stated on two or three occasions, he and other members of Council and Staff have had a direct request that something be done about the funds for the Mecklenburg County Council of Boy Scouts of America in the Model Cities area. That these funds will run out or have run out; and they have asked on three occasions for these funds. He stated scouting runs on a very limited budget, and they have hired people on the premises they would be taken care of by the Model Cities program. He stated to his knowledge they have not had an answer. He asked that an answer be given to the Reverend James Fogartie, the Vice President, and to the Scout Executive Director, Mr. Tom Warren, on when this money will be available.

Mr. Burkhalter replied it is his understanding the money will be cut off the first of the year. Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he understands that this is one of the items that is not recommended for continuation. That whatever the cutoff date is he would assume, if the date is July 31, it would be cut off at that time. Mr. Burkhalter stated he will check into this, and let him know what action the Board took.

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INFORMATION ON "DIAL A RIDE" PROGRAM TO BE OBTAINED AND SENT TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO MEETING WITH BUS COMPANY.

Councilman Whittington stated on television last week there was a program about Haddonfield, New Jersey where there is a bus service called "Dial A Ride". He requested the City Manager to get this information to Council before meeting with the local bus company.

Councilman Whittington asked when Council is going to meet with the bus company, and Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied on October 2.

INFORMATION ON ALUMINUM CAN RECYCLING GIVEN TO CITY MANAGER FOR COMMENT TO BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Whittington stated Orlando, Florida has a program called "Aluminum Can Recycling". Civic organizations are earning about \$11,000 a year in that City in recycling something like 112,000 pounds of aluminum cans which brings money into Civic Groups, and is an excellent way to raise money, and to clean up the community. He stated he is going to turn all this information over to Mr. Burkhalter, and ask that he bring this information back to Charlotte, and see what we can do to promote it.

CITY MANAGER TO GATHER INFORMATION ON ALL SIDES OF ISSUE CONCERNING CUTTING TIMBER FROM WILDERNESS AREA IN GRAHAM COUNTY.

Councilman Whittington stated in the Charlotte Observer on Sunday, there was an article called "Speak Now Or" in a column of Kays Gary's. In some of the Churches this past Sunday, petitions were being circulated to be sent to Senator Jesse Helms about his position on the Graham County's Joyce Kilmer Memorial Park, and the Slick Rock Wilderness. He stated some members of Council may want to read the article and send Senator Helms a telegram asking him not to allow this Wilderness to be cut for timber. That it will ruin it as a wilderness if that takes place.

After discussion, the City Manager was requested to get information on all sides of the issue from the Senator, and bring it to Council.

COUNCIL ADVISED THAT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PARKING ON FRONT LAWNS IS BEING PREPARED FOR COUNCIL.

Councilman Whittington stated sometime ago he asked that the Planning Commission develop an ordinance to prevent people from parking on lawns. He asked when Council will receive this report. He stated he proposed this ordinance and discussed it with the Planning Commission staff. This can be done in the zoning ordinance, but it does not have this provision now. It is a question of whether this is something we want to have in an attempt to preserve neighborhoods. At best, it would be a controversial subject; at the same time it might be very helpful in the preservation of neighborhoods if you did not allow someone to use their lawn for a parking area. Councilman Whittington stated he is asking staff to study this and give Council a recommendation. If they concur that an ordinance would be the thing to do, then bring it to Council and Council will decide what to do with it.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he can see the wisdom of preventing people driving off the street across the curb, and parking on the sidewalk and planting strips. But he cannot see himself voting for an ordinance that tells him he cannot drive up in his own yard if he wants to do it. That he would be against that just as he is against the right the zoning permits now for someone to zone someone's property across town. That he cannot see going that far and taking away the right of an individual to park his own car on his own property. He agrees something should be done to stop a person parking his car across a curb that is a city right of way, and that should be stopped.

Councilman Jordan stated many people do not have the parking area in their own driveway, and they must use part of their yard for parking.

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Councilman Whittington stated he appreciates what has been said. But if you go into the neighborhood where this parking takes place on the front lawns, then you have no front lawn, and this is nothing but a contributing factor to a deteriorating neighborhood. He stated this is the reason he brought it up, and it was his understanding that it could be made a part of the zoning ordinance, and that it would be presented to Council. That he is only asking if they are going to present it.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied they are working on it, and it will be brought to Council.

RULES FOR REAPPOINTMENT TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAIVED AND BEN E. DOUGLAS REAPPOINTED FOR A THREE YEAR TERM.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated the Airport Advisory Committee is established by resolution, and the resolution has a provision limiting the number of terms a member may serve. They used to serve five year terms. As a result of Council's action last year, they now serve three year terms. But the prohibition against any member serving more than two consecutive terms still remains in the resolution that created the Airport Advisory Committee. If Mr. Ben Douglas who has served two consecutive terms, is reappointed the rules will have to be waived.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council waived the requirement on reappointments to the Airport Advisory Committee, and that Mr. Ben E. Douglas be reappointed for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

After discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried as follows:

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

RESOLUTION EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Short moved adoption of a Resolution to expand the membership of the Airport Advisory Committee from five (5) to six (6) members. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

The motion will remain on the table until the next Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF LITTER PROBLEMS AND WAYS TO COMBAT THE PROBLEMS.

Councilman Withrow stated he has asked a number of times about policemen catching people littering our streets. That he would like for some of these people's names to appear in the newspapers so that people in Charlotte will know we are looking for people who are littering our streets.

He stated recently there were two articles in the papers on this subject. If we want to instill pride in our people, this is something we will have to continue to stress.

He stated one lady wrote to the paper about seeing two city policemen throwing out cans and bags of trash in a drive-in lot.

Councilman McDuffie stated there was an article in the paper last week about a city hiring a specific officer to give tickets for littering.

Councilman Withrow stated he would not want people to think this is being done to collect money, but it is being done to clean up the city, and stop littering.

Mayor pro tem Alexander asked if it would be discriminatory if the City made a special effort to publicize the names of litter violaters? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied you could run into some problems on this.

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Councilman Withrow stated he has received a lot of calls about the condition of the state highways that go through the city. He asked who is responsible for cleaning these roads and cutting the grass. If it is the State's responsibility they are not doing it. Because of his concern with litter he is receiving these calls from people. The City Manager replied the city has assumed some of the responsibility because they are not cleaned to the city's standards. Councilman Withrow asked if an ordinance or a resolution can be drawn that will require the people who litter to put in two hours of work along the road? The City attorney replied that would be a part of the sentencing process and that would be up to the judge.

Councilman McDuffie stated two or three police officers should be appointed each month to a litter detail and see how they do. That we will not make a dent in this until something is done.

Councilman Withrow stated this is a serious problem and something needs to be done.

Mr. Burkhalter stated this has gone to the police department over and over, and he feels they are making an effort to combat the littering. They are conscious of this.

Councilman Short suggested that Mr. Hopson and Mr. Griffin give Council a report on their activities in the Community Improvement section of Public Works.

**SUGGESTION THAT CITIZENS TIE AND BUNDLE PAPERS AND PLACE AT CURB SIDE FOR CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS TO PICK UP AND SELL.**

Councilman Withrow stated about a year ago the Public Works Department said the sanitation department was picking up about 75% of the trash and paper. That he asked at that time if people could tie their papers in bundles, and set it out on the road, and the Boy Scouts, PTAs' and such organizations could send trucks through a neighborhood and pick up truck loads of paper for sale. This would recycle paper and empty our landfills of this type of fill. He asked that this idea be studied.

Councilman Jordan stated he does this now, but they give it to their neighbor for a Sunday School Class. Councilman McDuffie stated in Winston-Salem you can tie it up and leave it at a fire station.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated if this is an effort to save money, this is going about it the wrong way, because to alter the city's pick-up schedule would cost more money. But encouraging people and groups to save paper and collect the paper is worth the effort. Councilman Withrow replied he does not mean for the city to do anything; he is suggesting that these different organizations make the pick ups.

**COUNCIL ADVISED THAT ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO BICYCLE REGISTRATION WILL BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL SOON.**

Councilman McDuffie stated some time ago he asked for comments on why the bicycle ordinance is not enforced, and what can be done to get it enforced. That the city ordinance requires those people selling bicycles to keep a list and register them with the police department.

Mr. Stradinger, Administrative Assistant, stated an ordinance is being prepared by the Police Department's Attorney; that he has gone over the ordinance and there are still several points to be worked out; that he should be back with it next week.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to talk to him about this as a number of the big shops, especially the Eastway shop, would not object to collecting the fees and sending it all in, and doing the registration.

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COMMENTS ON POLICE OFFICERS NOT ISSUING TRAFFIC CITATIONS WHEN VEHICLES ARE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Councilman McDuffie stated he would like to talk about the police policy of not enforcing traffic violations where there are accidents involved. When he asked about it before, he was told that nothing had changed. Apparently this comes from two items - the policeman's time in court, and the solicitor's office says it crowds the court docket. He stated it is not consistent to issue tickets for running a light where no accident is involved, and failing to yield or some other violation of law; and then our police department systematically not citing people who obviously violate the law. In his opinion this encourages laxity in driving and is another step away from driving as a privilege and a right. He stated he would like to have something in writing from the police department on how they are involved in this, and something from the solicitor's office on how they came to this decision. Perhaps the solicitor does not have all the help he needs, and perhaps the courts need to operate at night, and need more courts for people with traffic violations. If you do not give traffic citations, it has been pointed out by some news articles that you increase the number of cases in civil court because of disagreements over whose fault the accident was. Either we need to have the police investigate and determine whose fault it is, or change to an investigative system and charge for accident violations and let it pay its own way.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO BE SENT TO GRANT WHITNEY AND CITY EMPLOYEES FOR SERVICES RENDERED IN THE CIVIC CENTER DEDICATION.

Councilman Jordan stated the City people did so much work and did a beautiful job in the Civic Center opening yesterday. That such people as the Public Relations Department, and Gene Williamson of the Public Works Maintenance Department, and many, many city employees worked long hours getting it ready for the opening.

Councilman Jordan moved that a letter be written to Mr. Grant Whitney thanking him for the time and effort he put into this opening; and that the city employees receive the special thanks of the Mayor and Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated that Councilman Jordan had a lot to do with what took place yesterday in arranging for all the music.

Councilman Whittington moved that Councilman Jordan be thanked for his services in providing the music for the Civic Center Dedication. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

COMMENTS ON A PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON AIMED AT REGULATING QUALITY OF WORK OF ALMOST ALL REPAIR BUSINESSES, AND RIGHT RESERVED TO BRING THIS BACK TO COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE.

Councilman Short stated recently in the Washington Post there was an article in the editorial section which reads as follows: "Washington City Council will consider a Bill today that is aimed at regulating the quality of work of almost all repair businesses in the city. The proposed regulations, six months in drafting, would cover repairs of dozens of items, including automobiles, television sets, clocks, kitchen appliances, and air conditioners. Each repair shop in the city would be required to have at least one certified employee to oversee the work of that shop. To be certified the individual would have to pass written, oral and on the job test administered by, in effect, a Board. This person would then be responsible for certifying the quality of work at the shop. The examinations would be administered by a five member board of consumer goods repair services; which members would be nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council. The Board would be made up of two private citizens, one repair shop owner, one certified repair shop employee, and one employee of city government, specializing in consumer affairs. In addition all repair shops would be required to give each customer a written copy of repairs to be made and the cost of the repairs. This Committee would be staffed by the City's office of consumer affairs which was recently approved



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by Congress. The Board would hear complaints against repair shops, and if it found a persistent pattern of conduct that violated established standards it could revoke the license of the one certified employee in the shop, which in effect would make it impossible for the shop to continue its work."

He stated the editorial also states that the Council Bill being considered represents a careful effort to protect not only the consumer, but also honest repair firms. In requiring that only one person in a firm be certified, the proposal avoids the cumbersome and expensive business of testing and licensing every worker. If reasonably administered, the regulations should provide greater relief for those firms that pride themselves on quality service and be a great help to all those who from time to time have to engage in a war trying to get repairs made.

Councilman Short stated back in February there was an article in the Observer about some of the difficulties of this sort in Charlotte. There were detailed statements prepared by some reporters who went into this matter.

Councilman Short stated he would like to have the cooperation of the City Attorney in talking to him about this at a later date, and like to reserve the right to bring this up at some future Council Meeting.

DISCUSSION OF PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS IN FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND COUNCIL ADVISED THERE IS A LETTER IN MAIL TO THEM CONCERNING THE LETTER FROM THE FIREMEN'S ATTORNEY.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated all members of Council have received letters from firemen regarding the fire promotional examinations. That he thinks the complaint has some merit, and is a simple request which can be resolved through administrative procedures.

He suggested that Council ask the administrators to consider the problem and see what can be done to resolve it. That he sees nothing that cannot be resolved. He asked Council to concur with him in asking the administrators to see what can be done to make some resolve of this matter.

Councilman Withrow stated he agrees and thinks this should be looked into. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated he has sent a letter to Council, which each should receive tomorrow, explaining this, and laying the facts on the table about the matter which the attorney wrote. He stated most of the information in the hands of the attorney is incorrect.

Mr. Burkhalter stated something is being done about this now; both Personnel and the Fire Chief are unhappy with part of this. This is something that was set up by Council in 1967. Legally you cannot stop this in mid air. But after they receive his letter, and if they have any questions, he will be glad to answer them.

Councilman Short stated it seems for the future, the three year period stipulated is a little bit short, and a little bit difficult for these men who have given many years of experience to this department. That this is something Council set up and should consider it.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated he does not think the intent was that the application of it be as it seems to be now. It does look rather strange that a man who has spent ten years in firefighting can suddenly be washed out of any consideration, when a man who has not spent five years in firefighting passes an examination where he has no real experience in the techniques of firefighting. These are the type of factors Council should give consideration to. Council should recognize this fact, and let the record show that the Administrators are requested to do whatever is necessary.

Councilman Whittington asked if they have reached a decision on whether a fireman is given his seniority points before taking the examination? That he is talking about future examinations. The City Attorney replied yes. In future examinations the procedures will be changed as to whether a fireman takes his seniority points with him or whether they are awarded after the written examination.

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Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to have a conference with Mr. Earle and the Fire Chief based on the letter from the fireman's attorney, Mr. Rush, about some of the things he has discussed with him to see if it is necessary or reasonable to have an executive session to discuss these things.

Mr. Burkhalter stated he can assure Council now that no one opposes some of these changes; there cannot be changes in mid action. Before the future is done, Council will be advised of any change to be made, and there will be some changes made.

MAYOR REQUESTED TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNTY REGARDING COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING.

Mayor pro tem Alexander stated both the County and the City need a new administrative building. That he thinks some consideration should be given to whether or not any discussion can be advanced toward the possibility of a structure to take care of both governments. That he cannot see the wisdom at this time of the county building an administrative facility and the city building an administrative facility, and we end up one day, if consolidation takes place, with two administrative facilities.

He stated Council should initiate some discussion with the County that would lead toward a possibility of a joint administrative city-county structure to take care of the needs of government as we may find in the foreseeable future.

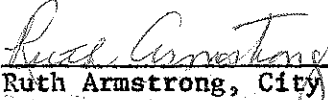
Councilman Jordan stated for years he has been advocating a high rise building on this location that would take care of both the city and county facilities, as well as other people that do business with the city.

Councilman Withrow stated Council has asked the Mayor to coordinate this with the county commissioners. Councilman Short stated that is correct; the county has trimmed its sails to a court building at this point; that he does not believe Mr. Alexander has in mind a cooperation on the court building. Mayor pro tem Alexander replied he is not talking about the court building; that he is talking about the administrative building, which he understands they are talking about.

Mayor pro tem Alexander asked that Mayor Belk update Council on where we are on this.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk