

SPECIAL MEETING  
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The City Council of the City of Charlotte met in special meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 1974, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem James B. Whittington presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Kenneth R. Harris, Pat Locke, Neil Williams and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Mayor John M. Belk and Councilman Milton Short.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Whittington.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated the purpose of the meeting is to consider and vote upon a motion to hold an executive session of City Council immediately upon the conclusion of the Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the acquisition, lease or alienation of property pursuant to G. S. 143-318.3(a)(1), all as provided under Section 3.22 of the City Charter.

MOTION TO HOLD EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke to hold an Executive Session of City Council immediately upon the conclusion of the Special Meeting for the purpose of considering the acquisition, lease, alienation of property pursuant to G. S. 143-318.3(a)(1). The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris.

Councilman Williams stated he has no question about the legality of the Executive Session, but he wonders about the necessity of it. Perhaps he has not been briefed enough on the subject matter of what will be talked about. If there is some proposition that has already been made and Council is either to accept or reject, that he does not see how it can prejudice us by talking about it here. That he does not want it to cost us any money by talking about it in public.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, replied he knows of no proposition that has been made; that it is up to this Council to decide what it wants to do. There have been conversations with the Bus Company and this can be related to Council.

Councilman Williams stated it takes two to form a contract; but if there has been some offer from the bus company that Council is to act upon, then he does not see how talking about it here would prejudice the Council, unless there is some counter-proposition.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he thinks it is proper for Council to hold the Executive Session; after the proposals are made, and then if Council wants to come back out, then it can do that.

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Councilman Harris asked if there is a possibility that Council will be discussing some financial figures that have been studied by the Staff, and that Council would not actually reach a decision tonight, and it might prejudice our case in the future? Mr. Burkhalter, replied there is a possibility that Council will be dealing with figures that are not finalized. The City Attorney advised that Council can only meet tonight to receive information. Any final decision that will be taken will have to be done openly in public session. That Council can informally discuss the matter.

Councilman Harris stated that is the only question he has concerning it, and if it is answered in the affirmative then he is for the Executive Session. He asked if there is a possibility that Council will discuss figures and not come to a consensus concerning a specific offer and future work will have to be done to come up with a consensus which Council would vote on in open session?

Councilman Alexander replied he does not think we will know until we find out what is to be submitted.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Locke, Harris, Alexander and Withrow.  
NAYS: Councilman Williams

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting adjourned.

*Ruth Armstrong*  
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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk