The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 1975, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Harvey Gantt, Kenneth Harris, Pat Locke, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, Neil C. Williams and Joe D. Withrow present. 263

ABSENT: None.

HEARING TO CONSIDER AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER TO INCREASE THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

The scheduled hearing was held to consider an ordinance which would amend Section 3.01 and Section 3.61 of the City Charter in one of the following methods:

- 1. By increasing the terms of office of the Mayor and members of City Council from two-year terms to four-year terms.
- 2. By increasing the terms of office of the Mayor and members of City Council from two-year terms to four-year terms, and by providing for staggered terms for Councilmembers.

Reverend Paul Horne spoke in favor of the four year terms, recommending that City Council members be elected for four-year terms. On this basis those elected will be able to give more concentrated service, more dedicated service to the people who vote them into office. Also, continued service of this kind will allow for continued coordinating programs through experience. The two-year terms allow the councilmembers to just begin to know what it is all about, then they are up for re-election. By being allowed to continue the programs instituted, it will enable the members of council to become more experienced and knowledgeable of the needs for the programs and practices necessary to serve with the best possible leadership and with the most economical necessary programs.

He stated in order to do this fairly, it should be done on a rotating basis. He would recommend that the Mayor and three councilmembers be elected at one time to a four year term and the other four councilmembers be elected at the next election. He would suggest and recommend that in 1977, the Mayor and three councilmembers be elected for four year terms and in 1979, the remaining councilmembers be up for election. The determination of which councilmembers would run in 1977 should be determined by a drawing.

Mr. L. W. Brown stated he would like to see the staggered terms. He would go along with three councilmembers and the Mayor being elected this coming election. He agrees it takes at least two years for a person to get their feet on the ground and, it would be a wise move to go to the staggered system.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated he would like to speak in favor of the present terms of office. A lot of people would not mind two years, but when it comes to signing up for four they would hesitate. If they quit at the end of two years then we get into the hassle of the council having to make an appointment. Some people say it takes four years to learn. If you go into something like this with your eyes closed, not knowing what it is all about, it does take a while; but we should not pass a four-year term just for slow learners. An example is what has happened to the School Board in the last few years. They have staggered terms; they have four year terms, and he does not think it has increased the stability of the School Board to handle the situation.

Mr. Pearson stated he is not critizing people who are trying to make it easier for councilmembers to stay in office, but he thinks they should think about this. Councilmembers may have a program the people do not want, and they should have the opportunity to clean house at the end of two years. That the timing for this is wrong also as we go to the partisan elections. He asked Council to give this serious consideration before changing it.

Councilman Harris stated he would like to see the amendment under Number 2 - the staggered terms, rather than the Mayor and Council being elected for four years and running concurrent. This would give the voters a chance every two years to vote and elect three or four councilmembers. The way he would see it would be to elect the Mayor and the three top councilmembers for four years in November, and the other four would be elected for two years. In 1977, the four that were elected for two years would then run for four year terms, and this would get us on the staggered basis and then every two years thereafter, we would have an election, having four members of the combined Mayor and Council running for office.

He stated he thinks the principle thing he is concerned with is running a city as large as this city is, with some congeniality and having some experience always available to carry over programs. When we have consolidations, some of these things will be resolved. Until then, maybe we can set an example for the County Commissioners as well as from the standpoint of having four year terms and having them staggered.

Councilwoman Locke stated she concurs with Councilman Harris, and thinks it is an excellent idea. She stated they sent out a survey to a number of cities and 25 were returned; that six out of the 25 were for two-year terms and the others were four-year terms.

Councilman Withrow asked if there has been talk with the County Commissioners, and how do we stand with consolidation? Councilman Harris replied he has talked with three members informally, and they know about the proposal, but there was no expression one way or the other. Councilman Withrow stated he agrees with Mr. Harris on the four year staggered terms, but he would hate for anything to interfer with consolidation if we have a chance of getting consolidation.

Councilman Short stated we can arrange this at any time between now and August 1, and it would still be applicable to the next election; and that is five months away. Councilwoman Locke stated it has to be done within 90 days.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated there are two proposed amendments before Council today, and Council can take action on them not earlier than the next regular meeting, and not later than 60 days of the date of the hearing. If Council decides to adopt the ordinance to make an amendment, it has to be published first, and in order for terms of the City Council to be elected in November is concerned, you have to take this action prior to 90 days before the first election. That he would consider that to be the general election in November, rather than the primary. On the matters before them today, Council has 60 days from today to put them into effect without the need for another public hearing.

Councilman Short asked what if Council held a public hearing 60 days before June 1, and then the 90 days would fall later? Mr. Underhill replied it could be done. If the question is can Council take some action in the next couple of weeks, or postpone it, Council does not have to make a decision on this until 60 days from today. After that, they would have to re-start the process. If a change is made, it has to be finally adopted and approved 90 days before the November 4 election.

Councilman Short stated we could give the County plenty of time to work on consolidation by having another public hearing around the first of April. Councilman Harris stated he thinks we can get some feedback. What he wanted to do today was to have the hearing, and then let it lie on the table about 30 days to get some feedback from the county. If there is no effect there, then by the end of April, we should have some feeling about what is occuring this year.

Councilman Harris suggested that it be placed on the next Council agenda, which is scheduled for March 10.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no other business before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned until 3:00 p.m.

The City Council reconvened at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with the Mayor and all members of Council present.

Also present during the public hearings on zoning petitions were the following members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission: Chairman Tate, and Commission members Finley, Ross, Turner, Jolly, Boyce, Ervin, Kratt and Royal.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Paul Horne.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Council meeting on Monday, February 10, and Tuesday February 18, 1975 were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 75-1 BY LUCINDA C. AND VERONICA LEE BLACKMON FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF PROPERTY AT 1109 FAIRMONT STREET.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed and found sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring six (6) affirmative votes of the Mayor and City Council in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, explained the location and the zoning of the property. He stated there is single family use to the north, and across Fairmont to the east there is vacant land to the south coming out to Oaklawn Avenue. That there is business zoning on two sides of the subject property, multi-family zoning on one side and single family across the street.

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Mr. Calvin Brown, representing the petitioners, stated it adjoins property now zoned B-1; they now own a lot that fronts on Oaklawn Avenue. They have a restaurant at the corner of Beatties Ford Road and Oaklawn Avenue, and that restaurant is the reason for this request. Because of the widening of Oaklawn Avenue at its intersection of Beatties Ford Road, the restaurant, which is a drive-in, is being forced to close. The city has taken 36 feet of their parking lot and now there is insufficient parking. What they propose to do is to rebuild a new drive-in restaurant in the same block. The lot which the owner now has on Oaklawn is too small to support the restaurant. The rezoning of the subject property would give them sufficient room for parking.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Brown if they have considered the conditional parking for the back lot rather than the rezoning? Mr. Brown replied he knows the plans for the building are in the process of being negotiated, but he is not familiar with the location of the building on the lot or the size of the building. He does know they want to remain in business and they would like to remain in this area. If there are some conditions that they could remain in the area and put up a building, they would agree to it. Councilman Whittington suggested that he talk with the City Attorney and Mr. Bryant before he leaves about changing his request, and whether the owner would agree to these conditions.

Mrs. Gladys Feimster, 2025 Oaklawn Avenue, stated she owns the house that is being moved back on Oaklawn Avenue because of the street widening; that she lives there with her three teenage daughters; that it cost \$7,250 to have this house moved so that she could stay in the area. If the restaurant is allowed there, she would still have to find somewhere else to go. With the noise and traffic from the restaurant it would be bad for her children. She works and they are at home most of the time by themselves; she is concerned not just for herself and her home, but the community at large. With one business moving in, then another one will move in beside that and so on down the street. She stated this is all she has and she cannot afford to buy another house. She stated this restaurant would be directly across the street from her house. Her property faces Oaklawn and runs down Fairmont Street about 228 feet.

Mrs. Moore stated she lives next door to the property requested rezoned. That she is in the process of remodeling; she does not want to walk out her door and look at the back of a restaurant. That she gets up early in the morning and this type of restaurant will be open until all hours of the night. Also, this type of restaurant brings in a lot of undesirables, all different kinds of people. She stated she does not think they should be allowed to move into a little community like that.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission,

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 75-3 BY C. D. SPANGLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6 TO I-1 OF A 12.24 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF MAGNOLIA AVENUE AND LYNDHURST AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed and found sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring six affirmative votes of the Mayor and City C⁹uncil in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, explained the location and zoning of the property. He stated this involves land that has for a number of years been utilized as a baseball field - Griffith Stadium.

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He stated the property involves frontage on Magnolia Avenue, Winthrop Avenue, Dorothy Drive, Iverson Way, and on Lyndhurst. It still has on it the facilities related to the baseball activities.

The area is generally surrounded by single family residential usage with the exception of the portion at Meacham Street and Iverson which is primarily light industrial use.

He stated the zoning pattern in the area reflects about the same pattern as the usage. The area, between Meacham and Iverson, coming out to South Boulevard is zoned for I-1, and the remainder is residential throughout the area.

Councilman Gantt asked what is available in the area in the way of parks? Mr. Bryant replied there are several different ones in the area; the one most assessible is Latta Park; down Ideal Way and off McDonald is Sedgefield Park. That the Planning Staff has made some fairly extensive park analyses recently. This was not identified as an area that is critical in the need for a park. That he is not saying that some small neighborhood facilities would not be desirable; but it has not been identified as critical.

Mr. Robert Perry, Attorney representing C. D. Spangler Construction Company stated this is a special property with a special problem. This is a wooden ballpark on a 12 acre tract which is slowly deteriorating, and has absolutely no potential for use at all.

He stated they propose to build warehouses on the property. He does not mean those big tremendous warehouses; they are going to be small; they would not qualify as mini-warehouses, but the largest size would be 2550 feet. They would have a small office in them and customarily are used by manufacturers' agents - people who need to store goods they sell on their premises in small quantities.

Mr. Perry stated Spangler will put plenty of screening around the edge of the property. This will not attract any traffic - retail sales will not be conducted on the property. The people who come and park there will come early in the morning, perhaps go out and back at lunch, and then stay until the end of the business; there will be perhaps two cars per unit. There will be no activity on the property to disturb the neighborhood. They will be good neighbors while they are open, and perfect neighbors when closed. This project will employ people; they will be people that need to be employed to come there to load and unload in these small warehouses, working in the offices and they will be a great addition to the area in employment. People who rent space in there will be able to live in the neighborhood, and they may opt for Dilworth as their place of residence so they will be in walking distance. Also this will employ a substantial number of people in the construction industry for a while. The cost will be about \$2.0 million. The tax base of this property is very low. The city and county together received \$1807 in ad valorem taxes last year. If the warehouses are built, that could result in \$24,000 worth of taxes to the city and county.

Mr. Perry stated of the 37 lots eligible to sign the petition invoking the 3/4 Rule, only 15 owners signed. He has no way of knowing whether the other 22 owners were approached or not. Ten to twelve of the properties are rental properties. He passed around pictures showing Griffith Park and the type of warehouses that would be constructed.

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Councilman Gantt stated he is not sure of how the warehouses will function in terms of what kinds of trucks will be coming in there at 6 o'clock in the morning; and also the problem of egress and ingress. Mr. Perry replied if you have small warehouses, you do not have the big tractor trailer traffic; what you have is the two-ton trucks. Also the property is only one long block off South Boulevard, and that would be the logical accessingress and egress - to the property. Councilman Gantt asked if he thought it would stimulate the preservation of the neighborhood, and at the same time the community? Mr. Perry replied he would certainly say that it would.

Councilman Short asked if they considered the distribution zone? Mr. Perry replied they did consider it; but they would prefer not to have it; but they could live with it.

Speaking in opposition was Gloria Colthrap, 450 Magnolia Avenue. She stated she bought and moved there less than six months ago; that she chose to move back into Dilworth. That she was a teacher at the Dilworth School and the most impressive observation about Dilworth was the widespread economic and racial mixture of people living together in Charlotte. She decided then she wanted to live in Dilworth because it is a good example of what can happen to an old community when its members care. Last July she found a house across the street from Griffith Stadium. She made a telephone call to the Planning Office and found the property was zoned for people and she proceeded to buy the house. Now, six months later she is horrified to hear that they want to build a number of warehouses across the street from her. She is here to complain about what this will do to her property. She asked Council to consider those of them who have high hopes of improving the neighborhood, the entire neighborhood of Dilworth; help them make it a better place to live rather than a better industrial area.

Mr. Jim Keener, 426 Iverson Way, stated he lives here with his wife and child; they came to Charlotte a year ago to buy a house; they looked around in different neighborhoods, and he called the police department to get some information about this particular neighborhood. They told him that the area he was considering was a very quiet, very peaceful area; they gave him the exact crime figures, and also gave his personal feelings. Since buying, he has made improvements and he would like to continue to do so. There are many children in the neighborhood, and because of the lack of sidewalks, these children must walk to school, play and travel in the street. So they do not need trucks, more vehicles and other types of traffic moving into the area. He hopes Council will consider the neighborhood and the single family units around it in making their decision.

Mr. T. A. Little, Jr., 2201 Springdale Avenue, passed around some additional information for council to view, stating they have other petitions which contain approximately 100 names each. As they passed the petitions around they found a growing spirit of enthusiasm about what was happening in their neighborhood. There was a meeting the other night about the rezoning of the property, and the feeling was really something because they tended to be shy at first but more and more became to identify with each other, and to see what was going on in their neighborhood. It was hard to keep the people talking about opposing the warehouses. They wanted to talk about alternatives. They talked about parks; they talked about housing for the elderly; they talked about six different ideas at once. It was difficult to get them back on the subject of opposing the petition. He stated they understand that something is happening, not just in the glossier section of Dilworth where the big houses are, but even in this neighborhood. The young people are moving in, and they are investing money. A contractor in the neighborhood said he has done \$175,000 worth of improvements in the general Dilworth area; a great deal of it in homes near this ballpark. They believe they can come up with alternative ideas, and can do something better than build warehouses and turn this into an industrial area.

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Mr. Little stated he picks/in a lot of places, a kind of guarded, enthusian about the new directions the City of Charlotte seems to be going. The big cities up north, down south even, have gone past where we are and have made all the mistakes they can. Here we are with some opportunities to do alternative and imaginative thinking. The reason people in Charlotte are getting excited is to no small extent because this present City Council has begun to think alternatively and imaginatively, and they believe Council will be with them in this.

Also speaking in opposition was Michael Finch, Chairman of the Planning Counsellors for the Dilworth Community Homes Association. He stated as a group of architects, buyers and other professionals they are opposed to the change because it represents the expansion of the already extensive strip of industrial zoning along South Boulevard. They oppose it because the buffer zone potential office zone, in most areas, protect residential areas from the greater industrial pattern. They feel the rezoning of Griffith Park would open up this entire area on the basis of continuous use to zoning as industrial land. They as a community organization like to encourage each part of their community to be creative in their thinking about how vacant property can be used in their areas. Rezoning of this property would preclude at this point any further community thinking on the part of residents in this area.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 75-2 BY PI KAPPA PHI FRATERNITY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO 0-6 OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF NATIONS FORD ROAD, APPROXIMATELY 525 FEET SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF ECHODALE DRIVE AND NATIONS FORD ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this petition relates to the size of the parcel and the factors that pertain to why it is being requested for rezoning is rather unusual. The property is a very narrow strip of land located on the east side of Nations Ford Road, and is only 60 feet wide beginning at Nations Ford Road and extending back to Interstate 77, back to the existing 0-15 zoning, which is located adjacent to I-77. The property is vacant and a great deal of the property around it is vacant. The nearest land uses are several single family houses that exist along Nations Ford Road, south of the property, and another one across Nations Ford Road on the west side.

The Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity owns the parcel of land that is zoned 0-15 and they have no direct frontage relationship to a public street. In order to get a building permit for the site, a public street would have to be built from Nations Ford Road back into the property to give it frontage on a street. If this property is strictly 60 feet wide and were rezoned for office classification, presumably to be owned by the Fraternity, then they would have their access to Nations Ford Road and would be able to build only a driveway access into the property. Mr. Bryant stated I-77 has limited access, and the only way they could have access is through this property.

Mr. Ernest DeLaney, Jr., Attorney, stated he is a member of this Fraternity; that they have this tract of land where they plan to build, or would like to build a National Headquarters for the Fraternity. They have an architect who has prepared the plans, which will be a very attractive building; they have the contractor who went down to get the building permit, and found they could not build unless they has this access.

As he understands the zoning regulations, you cannot use this for access to an office if it is zoned residential. The land is vacant on either side and it would never be used for anything except this access. This will be an office building for not more than four or five people. In his opinion, it would not violate the zoning plan for this area, but would make useful a tract of land which at present is completely unused insofar as the Fraternity is concerned. They have their plans; they have the contractor ready to go, and this will do something to ease the unemployment just as soon as they can get started. Mr. DeLaney stated he understands Ms. Helen Terry owns the land on either side of the request and she joined in with the petition.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation of the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 539-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AD-JACENT TO SUGAR CREEK AND EXTENDING BACK TO INCLUDE THE EXISTING PARKING FACILITY IN FRONT OF THE FLORENCE CRITTENTON HOME OF CHARLOTTE CHAPEL AS WELL AS THE REAR OF THE TRACT EXTENDING TO ROMNEY.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-2 on the portion of the request located adjacent to Sugar Creek and extending back to include the existing parking facility in front of the Chapel as well as property at the rear of the tract extending to Romney, and that the remainder of the property including the actual area occupied by the buildings of Florence Crittenton Home be denied, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 469.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, ON PETITIONS NO. 75-4 THROUGH 75-7 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the subject resolution providing for hearings on Monday, March 17, at 8:00 o'clock p.m., in the Educational Center, on Petitions No. 75-4 through 75-7 for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 335.

UNNAMED STREED LOCATED EAST OF SOUTH BOULEVARD AND SOUTH OF STARBROOK DRIVE NAMED MUDDY POND LANE, ON PETITION OF MRS. B. F. PRESSON AND OTHERS.

Councilman Gantt moved approval of the petition filed by Mrs. B. F. Presson to name an unnamed street located east of South Boulevard and south of Starbrook Drive to Muddy Pond Lane, as recommended by the Planning Staff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, UNITED STATED OF AMERICA, FOR AN OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANT UNDER THE URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1964, AS AMENDED.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried a resolution was adopted authorizing the filing of an application with the Department of Transportation, United States of America, for an operational assistance grant under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 336.

POLICE DEPARTMENT RECLASSIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried approving the Police Department Reclassification requests as follows:

(a) Resolution amending the Pay Plan of the City of Charlotte by adding Class No. 665, Police Administrative Services Director to Pay Range 28, Pay Steps A through F, and changing the Title of Class No. 670, from Police Data Processing Officer to Police Data Processing Supervisor and assigning the Class to Pay Range 23, Pay Steps A through F.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 338.

(b) Ordinance No. 540-X amending the 1974-75 Budget Ordinance, amending the Table of Organization for the Charlotte Police Department, by deleting two positions from Class No. 666, Police Captain, one position from Class 670, Police Data Processing Officer, one position from Class 036 Computer Programmer I, and one position from Class 016, Clerk II, and adding one position to Class No. 665, Police Administrative Services Director, one position to Class No. 678, Police Major, one position to Class No. 670 Data Processing Supervisor, one position to Class No. 038, Computer Programmer II, and one position to Class No. 028, Clerk Typist II.

The ordinance is recorded in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 470.

ORDINANCE NO. 541-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 209-X, THE 1974-75 MANPOWER ORDINANCE, AMENDING REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES TO PROVIDE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

Councilman Gantt moved adoption of the ordinance amending the Manpower ordinance amending revenues and expenditures to provide a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$154,481.00 for the Emergency Employment Program which will provide 17 additional jobs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 471.

ORDINANCES TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR THE UTILITY DEPARTMENT, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following four (4) ordinances were adopted transferring funds for the Utility Department:

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(a) Ordinance No. 542-X, amending Ordinance No. 214-X, the 1974-75 Budget Ordinance, to transfer \$18,000 from the Utilities Fund Contigency to provide a supplemental appropriation for the operation of the Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plant for six months.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 472.

(b) Ordinance No. 543-X, transferring \$50,000 from the Unappropriated Balance of the Utilities fund to provide an appropriation to increase the capacity of the Steel Creek Lift Station.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 473.

(c) Ordinance No. 544-X, transferring \$2,522,063 from the unappropriated balance of several Utilities Bond Funds to provide a continuing appropriation to construct sanitary sewers to serve the Annexation Areas.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 474.

(d) Ordinance No. 545-X, transferring \$580,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Utilities Bond Fund to provide appropriations for three Utilities Capital Improvement Accounts, as follows:

(1) Water System Relocation for Street\$100,000(2) 20-inch and 16-inch water main in North Tryon Street300,000(3) Vest filter plant rehabilitation180,000

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 475.

ORDINANCE AFFECTING HOUSING DECLARED "UNFIT" FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting seven (7) ordinances declaring the following housing "unfit" for human habitation under the provision of the City's Housing Code:

- (a) Ordinance No. 546-X ordering the dwelling at 2215-17 Fairway Lane to be vacated, demolished and removed.
- (b) Ordinance No. 547-X ordering the dwelling at 2211-13 Fairway Lane to be vacated, demolished and removed.
- (c) Ordinance No. 548-X ordering the dwelling at 1538 Cliffwood Place to be vacated, demolished and removed.
- (d) Ordinance No. 549-X ordering the dwelling at 3817 Durham Lane to be vacated, demolished and removed.
- (e) Ordinance No. 550-X ordering the dwelling at 1314-16 West Sixth Street to be vacated and closed.
- (f) Ordinance No. 551-X ordering the dwelling at 1235-37 Effingham Road to be vacated and closed.
- (g) Ordinance No. 552-X ordering the dwelling at 1925 Union Street to be demolished and removed.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, beginning at Page 476 and ending at Page 482.

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, adopting a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to Korbler Development Corporation, located at 6700 Old Pineville Road, in the City of Charlotte for the Annexation Area I (11), Sanitary Sewer Trunk Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 339.

Councilwoman Locke moved adoption of a resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to R. F. Shelby and wife, Ivy H. Shelby, located at 7300 block of Lockmont Drive (off Idlewild Road), in the City of Charlotte, for the Campbell Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 340.

SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS FOR ANNEXATION AREA, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried approving the following twelve (12) parcels for Sanitary Sewer Easements for the annexed areas.

- (a) <u>Annexation Area I (2) Sanitary Sewer Additions</u> 8
- (b) <u>Annexation Area I (4) Sanitary Sewer Additions</u>
- (c) <u>Annexation Area II (7) Sanitary Sewer Additions</u>

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the following special officer permits were approved for a one year period:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Alvin D. Sides, Sr. for use on the premises of Stonehaven Subdivision.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Bowell Adams, for use on the premises of Morris Speizman Co., Inc. 508-14 Fifth Street.
- (c) Renewal of permit to James Thomas Good for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 S. Tryon Street.
- (d) Renewal of permit to Ronzel M. Teasley, for use on the premises of l Jefferson First Union Plaza.
- (e) Renewal of permit to John F. Athey, for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (f) Renewal of permit to David Arthur Burleson, for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza and 308 South Tryon Street.
- (g) Renewal of permit to Edgar L. Juhan, for use on the premises of 1 Jefferson First Union Plaza.
- (h) Issuance of permit to Henry V. Morris, for use on the premises of William Trotter Company Office, Park Fairfax Apartments and Kingspark Apartments.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR VARIOUS BID ITEMS.

Councilman Short moved that all bids received for exterior refinishing of Vest Treatment Plant be rejected and the project readvertised. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously. 275

Upon motion of Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the only bid received for rubber rainwear was rejected and specifications revised for more competitive bids.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to the low bidder Gary R. Boone Construction Company, in the amount of \$570,450.00 for the general construction of the Police and Fire Training Academy.

The following bids were received:

	Gary R. Boon Construction Company	\$ 570,450
	Kinsey Construction Company	575,840
	Grant Construction Company	588,280
	Godley Construction Company	589,060
	Ruffin Woody Associates	590,213
	Laxton Construction Company	595,330
	Gates Construction Company	608,585
	R. H. Wheatley Company	610,368
,	Butler & Sidbury, Inc.	613,036
	Myers & Chapman, Inc.	617,430
	Rodgers Builders, Inc.	619,152
	H. R. Johnson Construction Company	619,281
	Price & Hill, Inc.	624,107
	Blythe & Isenhour, Inc.	625,862
	Juno Construction Company	635,626
	J. H. Allen, Inc.	636,800
	D. R. Mozeley, Inc.	647,203
	Queen City Constructors, Inc.	650,614
	Parke Construction Company	654,495

Councilman Harris moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rea Brothers, in the amount of \$38,093, for the plumbing contract for the Police and Fire Training Academy. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

	(c) Construction (c)
Rea Brothers	\$ 38,093
T. L. Shoupe Company	39,735
Acme Plumbing Company	42,230
Mecklenburg Plumbing Company	43,458
R. L. Walker Plumbing Company	43,632
Gastonia Plumbing & Heating Company	46,900
Industrial Maintenance	47,970
Tompkins-Johnston Company	48,475
Carolina Mechanical Systems, Inc.	48,740
Van Robinson Plumbing Company	49,800
Hicks & Ingle	51,000
Southern Comfort	51,700
Harry White Plumbing Company	51,700
J. V. Andrews Company	58,800

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, to award contract to the low bidder, Port City Electrical Company, in the amount of \$90,110 for the electrical contract for the Police and Fire Training Academy.

The following bids were received:

Port City Electric Company	\$ 90,110
Fudge & Green Electric Company	95,117
Howard Electrical Company	95,680
Bagby Elevator & Electric Company	97,121
Walter Carter, Inc.	97,736
Driggers Electric & Control	97,780
Robinson Electric Company	99,441
Queen City Construction, Inc.	99,900
Howard Bros. Electric	99,925
Interstate Electric	100,550
Steele Electric Company	102,058
Watson Electric Company	102,510
Ind-Com Electric Company	103,553

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried awarding contract to the low bidder, Moore Air Conditioning Company, in the amount of \$92,730, for the mechanical contract for the Police and Fire Training Academy.

The following bids were received:

Moore Air Conditioning Company	\$ 92,730
Air Masters, Inc.	96,502
Adams Heating & Air Conditioning	98,961
Ross & Witmer, Inc.	100,200
Southern Comfort	100,200
Hicks & Ingle Corp.	103,283
Stahl-Rider, Inc.	116,211
Comfort Contractors	118,300

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN FOR THE PARADE PERMIT COMMITTEE.

Councilman Short moved that Police Chief J. C. Goodman be appointed as Chairman of the Parade Permit Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Locke moved that Fire Chief Jack Lee be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Parade Permit Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

RE-APPOINTMENT OF PRESENT MEMBERS TO THE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR THREE YEAR TERMS.

Councilman Withrow moved that the following members be re-appointed to the Tree Advisory Commission for three year terms each, as recommended by Mayor Belk, which motion was seconded by Councilman Gantt, and carried unanimously:

Dr. Herbert Hechenbleikner Frederick F. Sadri Ms. John J. Rodgers John M. McNeary James C. Hemphill, Sr. Herman S. Porter J. H. Patterson Leroy Miller

MAYOR AUTHORIZED TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 1975 TO JUNE 30, 1976.

Councilwoman Locke moved that the Mayor be authorized to file an application for Community Development Revenue Sharing funds for the period of July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gantt for discussion.

Councilman Withrow asked how firm the figures are that have been set for the different target areas as set out in the proposal; can they be changed once it is filed with the federal government; if it can be changed, what percentage can be changed?

Mr. Coffman, Assistant City Manager, replied once it is adopted in final form the City is authorized to make an amendment up to 10%. That is, we do not have to go back to HUD. If it is over that percentage, we must go back and go through the whole process all over again. The proposal is planned for the first year. We will have to do the same thing the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth years. If during the first year there are things we do not like, the citizens do not like, the second year may not look anything like what is set up right now.

He stated once the planning is authorized by Council and HUD, and there is some sort of reasonable assurance that the money is going to be here, we will then start drawing up third party contracts with each one of the agencies; these will be worked on by the City Manager's office, Budget and Evaluation Office, Personnel Office and other offices of city government which should be involved. These contracts will specify what we want out of each agency, when or what amounts of money. Second, we will meet with organizations that receive this money at least every three months to see where they stand and if it is found they are not keeping their contract, then it will come back to Council for some alterations. This work will be done by the staff of the Budget and Evaluation Office, Wylie Williams, probably someone out of the Urban Redevelopment Department, and himself. They will be constantly monitored to see that they adhere to the contracts.

Councilman Withrow stated one of his concerns is about the money getting to the grass roots; that he has been concerned about all the programs of government, programs of money not going for administration, and not getting down to where it should be to the people. After hearing the speaker from the Chamber of Commerce today, he believes that people would rather have their houses rehabilitated rather than having their streets fixed. He stated he thinks we have to put first priorities first this time.

Mr. Coffman handed out another analysis of the expenses over the first three years, stating one of the things you need to do in your report is to show these expenses in a fine enough way, and for that he takes the full blame. What he would like to do is to show them what they expect it to look like once you see it in letter form.

Mr. Coffman stated the vast majority of the money which they show in the area for land acquisitions is for land acquisitions that have been asked by the residents of the areas themselves. That on West Boulevard they want a recreation area out there, near the size of Park Road Park. At present, we do not know if there is that much land out there, but we set aside a rather large amount of money for land acquisition in direct response to what the citizens asked. In North Charlotte they have asked the City to do, first of all, the acquisition of a drainage area; this is something that they have wanted for years. In direct response to what they have asked for, they recommend that the city buy that ditch.

Grier Heights has asked that we buy the rock, knock it down and get those individuals that are living there moved; buy some of the areas along Dunn Street for a buffer. He stated he does not know of any way to take a person's house and land without giving a fair market value for it. We do not intend to pay anyone a fabulous amount of money; we intend to give them a fair market value; if they do not settle, then we condemn.

Councilman Gantt stated he thinks great strides are being made in the area of community participation and the citizens feeling that they have a responsive government operating here. That he applauded when he saw the first preliminary plans, the whole idea we are finally getting away from the concept of massive clearance; that we are concerned about rehabilitation; we are concerned about people programs. What got him was the concepts; the motivations and directions were positive. When he looked at the numbers, and how you proposed to carry the program through, he had a great deal of problems in terms of relating concepts to what in reality could possibly be accomplished.

He stated his areas of concern relate to some of the things Mr. Withrow talked about. The first concern was that in the \$22.0 to \$23.0 million they allocated an imaginery or not imaginery 80% figure. They are spending approximately 63% of the money for land acquisition and administration, surveying and so forth. That 4% of the money was being spent for rehabilitation, loans and grants, which he assumed would be that which would be directed at housing. That you are spending \$7.4 million in the West Boulevard area on what he calls facilities and services that hit the streets, and he cannot see how approximately \$6.6 million of administration would be needed to enforce and administer \$7.7 million of public improvements. The amount of money used for improvements amounts to 33% of the dollars. It seems to him the figures represent a concept and what that concept says to him is that we are not going to be able to deliver with the degree of efficiency and coverage in terms of the community's express needs, the kinds of facilities we need to have as we are sort of overloaded on the end of land acquisition. He then referred to the other target areas and discussed the proposals for those areas.

During the discussion that followed, Mr. Coffman stated it is very important to know that of this money, only 12% is to be expended on administration. This is contrasted with Model Cities over its life of around 23.8% for administration. Therefore, they feel as though they have done as good a job as they know how, in pulling down administrative costs. In some areas, this is less experimental. The money for administration, the vast majority, is going to go to individuals who will be located out in the areas, actually doing the physical services; these will be people on code enforcement and they will be doing the analysis of loans and grants. This will not be for somebody sitting back at a desk. It is going to be for people out in the field, and we will try as best we can, to find individuals who are in these areas that can work for this particular program.

Mr. Coffman stated, based upon information received at the hearings on the proposed plan, they now recommend that the Multi-Media Workshops be funded for \$85,000 and some money be set aside for a Motion-like organization and for a MEDCO-like organization for next year. They say "like" because there are a number of concerns about the organization and administration of those agencies which they would like to have the opportunity to work out. He stated they do feel they now have enough information from those organizations, and what they have seen they can afford.

He stated one of the lessons learned from Model Cities, at least as they in the Manager's office go, is that we should not separate physical aspects of any CDRS plan from the human resources. If you do that you

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will get into some of the sorts of difficulties we had before. They are asking that the administering of this be done as one joint agency, to add people to the Redevelopment staff who are experts in this area to do the job. This is one of the lessons learned from Model Cities.

Concern was expressed by Councilmembers of the number of families estimated to be displaced in the three year period. Mr. Wylie Williams, Assistant City Manager, stated under the financing of this Section VIII, there are three types of housing; one is the new construction that either public housing would do; the other is the substantial rehabilitation of existing units, and the other would be to use existing housing in the community that they can be directed to as long as it is safe, sanitary housing; the rent subsidy payments approved by Section VIII would pay the difference in what they can afford to pay.

Mr. Coffman stated they believe that over the next few years, be it three, four or five, the size of the number of people in Third Ward is going to change as a result of CDRS or some other governmental action. If that is the case, they felt there would not be enough individuals to support a community center. They also feel that the people will be cleared out of the West Morehead area. In reply to a question, he stated that the Stratford property in Third Ward had been left out.

Reverend Horne, North Charlotte Action Association, stated they have been working for five years, with Council's help, to stablize their community. It has not been an easy road, either for them or for Council. But, in all their confrontations they have had, both have learned a lesson. That is, that working together the community has been stablized and the city government and community people can work for the betterment of the whole of Charlotte. They in the North Charlotte Area will not get all they have asked for; they realize that trying to use these funds for all communities in Charlotte that need improvements so badly is impossible. But for the North Charlotte area, that which has been proposed thus far they feel is fair and an equitable distribution of funds for the improvement of Charlotte as a whole. They commend the city for taking such concerns to heart and seeking sincerely to help these communities to have input into a vital program. He stated they will work with the city and will remain on top of all work that is done in their community. That they recommend Council's approval of the plan as it is drawn.

Councilman Whittington made a substitute motion to approve the plan as recommended, but delete \$1.0 million that is included for land acquisition and put that in the program for human resources. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris.

Mr. Coffman stated the difficulty with this motion, and he understands the intent of what it is saying, would be to shift more than 80% of the funds out of physical into human, and the intent of accomplishing the 80-20 split. That they could live better with something that would be an instruction to them to make sure about the acquisition, that is done under this program.

After discussion of the motion, Councilman Whittington withdrew the substitute motion, and Councilman Harris agreed to the withdrawal.

Councilman Whittington, in withdrawing the substitute, stated the word "rehabilitation" is one of the most important things in this program, and we should not let anything happen to that part of the program - rehabilitation.

Councilman Gantt made a substitute motion to adopt the Community Development Revenue Sharing Plan as submitted by the staff with the following amendments:

- (1) That we re-distribute the funds allocated to physical development so that no more than \$22.5 will be spent for physical improvements, and that of this \$22.5 million, no more than 40% of these funds will be allocated for land acquisition and administration.
- (2) That in addition to contracting with County agencies for Human Resources, we set aside a minimum of \$1.5 million for contracting with other existing and new agencies with emphasis on utilizing as many viable agencies that were previously funded under Model Cities.
- (3) That Neighborhood Centers Department be renamed the Department of Human Services and be given prime responsibility for preparing a comprehensive human services program, and implementing that program through contracts with the County and other agencies.

The motion did not receive a second,

After further discussion, the City Attorney advised Councilman Gantt that he could offer each of the amendments as different substitute motions.

Councilman Gantt made a substitute motion to approve the plan with the following amendment - the re-distribution of the funds to allow no more than \$22.5 million to be spent for physical improvements, and no more than 40% of the funds to be allocated for land acquisition and administration. That represents a reduction of approximately \$600,000. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Gantt made a substitute motion to approve the plan contingent in addition to contracting with County agencies for Human Resources that we set aside funds for contracting with other existing and new agencies with emphasis on utilizing as many viable agencies that were previously funded under the Model Cities program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and lost on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Gantt and Short. NAYS: Councilmembers Harris, Locke, Whittington, Williams and Withrow.

Councilman Gantt made a substitute motion to approve the plan with the Neighborhood Centers Department being renamed the Department of Human Services and be given prime responsibility for preparing the comprehensive human services program and implementing that program through contracts with the County and other agencies. The motion did not receive a second.

The vote was taken on the original motion to authorize the Mayor to file an application for Community Development Revenue Sharing funds for the period July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1976, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Locke, Harris, Short, Whittington, Williams and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilman Gantt.

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ORDINANCE NO. 553X AUTHORIZII A LOAN TRUST FUND TO CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR LAND ACQUISITION.

Councilman Whittington stated too late to be placed on the agenda today is an ordinance, the gist of which is a request from the Housing Authority to use \$500,000 budgeted for the renovation and land purchase of the Addison Apartments. Councilman Whittington moved that this be placed on the agenda as an emergency item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously adopted by Council.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the request from the Housing Authority for \$500,000, of which \$250,000 will be spent for the renovation of the Addison Apartments, and \$250,000 will be authorized as a loan from General Revenue Sharing for land acquisition. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Short stated he is going to vote for this, but he wants the record to show that his vote does not in any way constitute a predetermination of any zoning hearing. That he is going to be free to vote anyway he wants on a zoning petition.

Mayor Belk stated this motion has nothing to do with zoning.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 483.

COMMENTS ON CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR COUNCIL, AND REQUEST THAT TELEVISED MEETINGS CONTINUE IN THE FALL, AND THAT A TELEVISED BUDGET HEARING BE SCHEDULED IN JUNE.

Councilman Harris stated he has received a calendar of events for the remainder of the year. He wants to be sure he understands something here. The calendar proposes to eliminate night televised council meetings effective in June. That he wants to go on record against that now. Councilman Harris stated he would like to further ask that Council have a budget televised session in June.

It was the consensus of the entire Council that the televised meetings not be discontinued, and should start again after the summer schedule.

Councilman Whittington stated it has been suggested that the public hearings on the comprehensive plan be televised.

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Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated televised meetings are scheduled through June.

Councilman Harris asked if there is any objection to having a televised budget hearing as well as the televised meetings in the fall, once a month? No objections were expressed to the idea.

COUNCIL ADVISED THAT PUBLIC SERVICE AND INFORMATION DIRECTOR WILL HEAD UP THE DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS ON THE BOND ELECTION.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated sometime back Council told him that they would like to have Bill Guerrant, Public Service and Information Director, distribute all the bond information from his office. That staff is beginning to prepare some of the information that is required. Some of this will involve an expense. That he assumes Council wants them to start printing the brochures. That he wants to be sure this is what Council wants them to do. That he will probably have to come back to Council for some money later. He stated Bill Guerrant has been instructed to set up a Council Bureau of Speakers.

This was unanimously approved by Council.

GOOD WISHES EXPRESSED FOR LEONARD LAYE AS HE BECOMES ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR FOR THE CHARLOTTE NEWS.

Councilman Whittington stated this is Leonard Laye's last Council meeting today; that he becomes the Assistant Sports Editor of <u>The Charlotte News</u> beginning tomorrow. That he knows this is something that he has been looking forward to for a long time. Council expressed their good wishes to him in this new endeavor.

QUESTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR APARTMENTS NOT ANSWERED.

Councilman Short stated one of the speakers today, representing a group from Florence Avenue, brought up the question of an environmental impact study. He asked if you have to have an environmental impact study for an apartment building? Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied he does not know the answer to that.

REQUEST THAT MATTER OF MEDIAN IN PLAZA ROAD BE PLACED ON AGENDA.

Councilman Short asked if someone wants to schedule the matter of the median on Plaza Road on the agenda. That he thinks Council should have Mr. Corbett to come up and talk about it again.

Councilman Withrow stated he thinks Council should go out and ride up and down Wilkinson Boulevard, and see the effects out there.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated he would not suggest that. This is talking about a 16-foot median such as Council has wanted on Woodlawn Road; this is the type of thing that Council has been asking for by beautifying and screening, and to build these roads correctly. If Council wants to do something for these people who were here today, do it but do not do it to the other people. These people protesting were concerned with the area at the end. The other is a beautiful street and should not be ruined. This will be four lanes with a 16-foot median strip which gives left turn slots, which gives the idea of the five lanes.

Councilman Short stated with people such as Mr. Coppala and Mr. Moore saying they are being severely harmed in their business, that he thinks we should put it on the agenda sometime.

Mr. Burkhalter stated he will be glad to do this.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Inne Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk