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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, December 13, 1976, at 3:00 o'clock p. m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Betty Chafin, Louis M. Davis, Harvey B. Gantt, Pat Locke, James B. Whittington, Neil C. Williams and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend William M. White, Little Rock A. M. E. Zion Church.

ORDINANCE NO. 390-X ANNEXING PROPERTY ON PETITION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE LOCATED ON MONROE ROAD AND McALPINE CREEK.

Council was advised that the Public Works Department has investigated other sites to locate the garage facility, and a report on their findings was sent to them on December 6.

Councilman Whittington stated he has talked to people in the area who have more concerns about the volume of traffic these trucks are going to put on these roads, particularly Sardis Road North. He asked the Public Works Director if he can assure this Council that he will find a way for these trucks to leave this facility in the morning and return in the afternoon rather than going through these subdivisions, and using a street like Sardis Road North?

Mr. Hopson replied that was the main thought when they picked out a location on an arterial road; they do not want to use these local subdivision streets for this purpose, and will make all the efforts necessary to keep them out of the areas. They will have to enter Monroe Road from back of the Zayre Store up towards Idlewild Road, but there should be no need to cut through these small county or partially developed streets. He stated they will only use major streets to intersect traffic; streets necessary to feed into Monroe Road. Rama Road will be one that will have to be used in order to get the traffic into Monroe Road. There are a lot of minor roads around the schools which they will use only for picking up refuse.

Following was a discussion of other sites that were considered, and reasons why they were not selected.

One of the sites, farther out Monroe Road, was rejected because of its proximity to Matthews itself; also it is farther out than they would like. In addition there is a small comfortable home site located just across the road.

The Hall property is too close in. It is only about 2.3 miles from the central works. Also its proximity to homes.

The property at Tyvola and I-77 would not serve the area of the City they are involved in; there are no homes there; a shopping center will be going in close proximity to that location.

The Blythe property on Old Nations Ford Road, he does not remember too many homes close to that.

The NCNB property on McAlway Road will have the same problems as the Hall property off Monroe Road.

Mr. Hopson stated the storm sewers will continue as they do now on the McAlpine Creek property, which means they will go into the Greenway. He does not think there will be a major problem. If they, as the City

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department who is supposed to be experts in this work, cannot do the job, he does not see how anyone else can.

Councilman Gantt asked if the quality of the affluent that will go into the Greenway will damage or pollute it? Mr. Hopson replied it should not. Where they wash the trucks it will be pre-treated and go into our City system; it will have to be connected into the City system. Natural washage through the area would be insignificant.

Speaking in opposition to the annexation was Ms. Sue Friday, 3719 Stokes Avenue, representing 370 members of the Sierra Club, and Mr. Tom Wilson, 7610 Winterset Drive, a resident of Sardis Woods.

Councilman Whittington stated he appreciates what Mr. Wilson has said and also Ms. Friday. In defense of Mr. Hopson, if he says those trucks will not use Covedale, they will not use it. They have to use it in order to service the street. That, to Ms. Friday who mentioned the site on South Boulevard, on Old Nations Ford Road, we already have the site on York Road and there would be no point in having a second site on Tyvola Road. We also have one on Wilmont Road which is between South Tryon and the airport at this time. The same would be true of the property on McAlway Road, it is too close in. The same would be true with the Hall property, and the Tyvola Road property and the 20 acres the City now owns. That is less than a mile and half from the York Road site. For that reason he does not think we can consider those sites.

He stated he has discussed with Mr. Hopson and Mr. Burkhalter the reasons why we can not use the Matthews Industrial Park, and they believe we would have the experience of zoning against the perimeter of the City of Matthews. He stated he feels they have made a real effort to try and find a site. They have not been able to do so.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the ordinance annexing the property today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Williams stated he is not going to vote to annex this property for, basically, this reason. The Body with the power of zoning this property is the County Commission. We are annexing property only for the purpose of getting the zoning authority. The County Commission has notified us officially that they are opposed to the project at this site.

Councilman Whittington stated he appreciates his position and appreciates these people out there. But you are not going to resolve it ever if you wait on the County Commission. We have to have a site and he does not know where we are going to get it.

Councilwoman Chafin stated she will vote against the motion. She has heard both arguments. She thinks the staff has gone to a great deal of trouble to do some exhaustive work in reviewing alternative sites. That she is still not persuaded because of the negative effects on the Greenway which is something we have wanted in this community, that many people have worked toward for many, many years. It is too great a risk. That staff has said that they are prepared in the event this Council votes against annexation to consider some of the alternatives that were presented here, some that seem to be very workable.

Councilman Gantt stated this is one of those not black or white cases. We have the question of the impact on a neighborhood; we have the question of the impact on the Greenway; we have other alternatives just in case either one of those things might be true; and we have looked at that. He does not think Mr. Hopson is a stupid man. He says that facetiously because he is aware that Council has been wrestling with this for some time, in fact better than eight or nine months now. We have asked him to look at sites; we have asked him to evaluate what he can do with regard to that Greenway, and on the first point, residential impact. He does not believe it will impact the neighborhood anymore so than any other kind of industrial development that might occur. In fact, he believes that because it is our property and it is our development, we are probably going to have to bend over

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backwards to make sure that just that thing does not happen and that Council will. The argument that interested him most was the question of whether it would do damage to the Greenway. Because he thinks it would be ridiculous for us to make a public investment on the one hand on the Greenway and turn right around and damage it. It is probably for that very reason that he thinks we ought to go ahead and allow the garage to go there.

There was some reasonable doubt in his mind as to whether or not there would really be a problem. But he is convinced we can build that garage and make it not obtrusive at all to the neighborhood and certainly not damage the Greenway. Through the use of techniques that we have learned about and that we know about, and he personally does not see how we are going to go forward with the idea of satellite garages, or the satellite approach. If we have adopted that as a policy, then we are going to have to bite the bullet on that. He also suspects there is something a little deeper here than impact of neighborhood. The gentleman said earlier that he was somewhat emotional about it. He knows he suggested that he might be able to sell that property to someone else. He wonders if he would be able to sell if we annexed and rezoned it for recreational purposes and asked someone to buy it. More than likely he would probably be able to sell that property to another industrial user or someone who would be able to get a reasonable kind of return on some sort of commercial investment. Then, he wonders about the flow of traffic impact on that road and the other kinds of things associated with it. He thinks the argument is more emotional. Nobody wants a garbage depot in his or her back yard. He thinks that ultimately that is the question and he does not know if we are going to find another location anywhere that people are not going to object to from that standpoint. So from the standpoint of service area and everything else, he is going to vote for it.

Councilwoman Locke stated that she thinks it does boil down to an emotional issue and it has for the past year we have been debating this. Her concern all along and the reason she plans to vote against this is the road, the narrowness of the road, the safety factor. There is a blind spot on that bridge and she is very concerned about safety and those large trucks coming in and out of there. She has been from the beginning, and this is the reason she is voting against it. She has said all along the reason that she is going to vote against it is the safety hazard and the narrowness of that road, the narrowness of that bridge and the blind spot on the bridge. She does think it is an emotional issue, the impact on the neighborhood - it is all right as long as it is not in my neighborhood. She thinks that also as the trees were on Wendover Road it is the same thing with the parkway. Her concern has always been the narrowness of the road and the bridge and that is the reason she plans to vote against it and the only reason.

Councilman Davis stated he feels someone should respond to Ms. Friday and Mr. Wilson on several points. Number one, Ms. Friday has pointed out some interesting things about our list of criteria some of which he thinks are very valid and he hopes Mr. Hopson noted some of these comments. The list does appear to be very specific in some areas and looks like some of these criteria may have been put in there after the site was in mind. He knows that certainly would lead you to suspect that. But he thinks the sound set of criteria should be expressed in a more general manner.

Secondly, in response to Mr. Wilson's comments about our City employees, particularly the sanitary workers that were found driving drunk, this is a very rare occurrence for City employees. He thinks we have a most outstanding group of employees. These particular ones were dealt rather harshly and he thinks instances will be handled promptly and expeditiously in the future. So that is certainly an isolated example and is not in any way typical of the City employee conduct.

Thirdly, in terms of what Mr. Hopson has said, and he has attended a number of meetings with him, and he has uttered a lot of famous last words about screening, the size of the facility, the limit on the number of vehicles, the place of water run off and storm drains, and all of these things that he has promised to take good care of so it is not unfavorable in an unreasonable manner as to the impact on the environment. Certainly this Council will require him to live up to what he has told you and told us and we will also help him to do that.

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Also, the same applies as far as the traffic run is concerned. If he has told you that he is going to stay off certain streets except for garbage pickup or if he is going to use certain facilities they are not using he will honor that commitment to you.

Councilman Davis stated he thinks he made a tremendous commitment in a number of these areas and certainly Mr. Hopson feels bound by it and he does as a Council member.

Councilman Whittington stated he wanted to say one other thing about this, particularly to Mr. Wilson and his neighbors. This does not help your situation at all. But he thinks it shows some of the problems that Council has in making this decision. That is that the people who developed Sardis Woods offered that side of Monroe Road for this same facility. The developer of that area tried to sell that property to the City to develop this particular satellite center which was not zoned industrial but was zoned, he believes, single family and multi-family. Having said that, he again reiterates about making a motion to approve the annexation of this property. He would like to request as a part of this motion, if Council will agree, on January 19 Mr. Hopson, Director of Public Works, sent Council a memo entitled "Relationship of McAlpine Creek Greenway to Monroe Road Satellite Facility." That is a part of this motion to annex. This memo and this map is the way you are going to treat this facility adjacent and contiguous to the Greenway Project so that the residents in this area would know about it, and also as a part of that motion, he thinks it would behoove Mr. Hopson to let all those people know in that area the routes that these trucks will take to and from that facility when it is approved.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Withrow, Davis and Gantt.
NAYS: Councilmembers Chafin, Locke and Williams.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 460.

Mr. Singletary, Director of the County Park and Recreation Commission stated the decision has been made and he personally does not agree with the decision, but he feels it was a just decision; he feels they have heard both sides, or all sides of the issue and have voted their conscience, and he appreciates that. The Sierra Club, the Audubon Society and the County Park and Recreation Commission and Department is still very concerned about this. He would like to propose something. First, he would appreciate the opportunity of the County Consultant, the Park Consultant working with Mr. Hopson, if he has no objections in devising screening measures for this work, and that the plans, particularly for screening be reviewed by this Council. Second, this Council should review the project budget after the bids are established and after they are accepted. In this way, Council can determine what cuts are to be made, and if they are to be made.

Mayor Belk requested Mr. Hopson to get in touch with Mr. Singletary.

PROPOSAL FROM KUCERA AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR FY-77 TOPOGRAPHIC MAPPING, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving a proposal from Kucera and Associates, Inc. for FY-77 topographic mapping in the amount of \$40,680, and the expenditure of not in excess of \$2,000 for Community Development Target Area photographs.

WATER AND SANITARY SEWER COST OF SERVICE AND RATE STRUCTURE STUDY BY OUTSIDE FINANCIAL CONSULTANT, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt to approve the subject study by an outside financial consultant, as follows; which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke.

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- (a) Ordinance No. 391-X amending the 1976-77 Budget Ordinance transferring \$43,600 within the Utilities Fund to provide for a consultant study of water and sewer rates for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Systems.
- (b) Contract with Arthur Young and Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$43,598, for the water and sewer rate study.

After presentation by Mr. Sheridan, Chairman of the Community Facilities Committee, and discussion by the City Council, the vote was taken on the motion and, carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 462.

During the discussion Councilman Withrow stated he wants them to be able to tell Council that the right figures are being used and what has been told Council is correct. Councilman Davis stated during the time of this study it may develop that either staff or CFC might want to add other information requests to it, and some of them may not require a change in the contract. He would like for Council to indicate to staff and Mr. Sheridan that if something modest comes up in the course of this study where they would like to get additional information that we indicate that we would at least view favorably any item of this nature that would come up that would be to the benefit of the City or the rate users.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF PROVIDENCE ROAD NORTH IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 1977.

Councilwoman Locke moved adoption of the subject resolution declaring an intent to close a portion of Providence Road North, and calling a public hearing on January 10, 1977. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 12, at Page 165.

UNNAMED STREET OFF 7600 BLOCK OF WALLACE LANE NAMED HOLLY LEE DRIVE.

Councilman Gantt moved that the petition filed by Robert L. Long to name an unnamed street off the 7600 block of Wallace Lane as Holly Lee Drive, be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 392-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 155-X, THE 1976-77 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AMENDING THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ADD TWO PART TIME EMPLOYEES FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, AUTHORIZED.

Councilwoman Chafin moved adoption of the subject ordinance authorizing two part time employees to assist the Historic District Commission in their work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilwoman Chafin stated she would like to know the costs; that there is no budget included with the materials. Mr. Sawyer replied they have a proposed budget from the Historic District Commission in the amount of \$13,544. That breaks down in salaries and wages, and that is the Director whose position will be at the Research Assistant I level, and a secretary. Both are on a part time basis.

Councilman Gantt stated he did not know that we had money on Fourth Ward. Mr. Sawyer replied money was appropriated for the first year operation that includes some money to purchase additional land for the park and other money for other improvements in there. They did not set aside any money for salaries; this money will have to come out of that total.

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Councilman Whittington asked how long temporary is? Mr. Sawyer replied they did not use the word temporary in their memo; they said part time. That is to go on as long as the Historic District Commission needs the service which may be for substantially the life of the Fourth Ward Project. That is five years or longer. Councilwoman Locke stated temporary help tends to become permanent, or part time becomes eight hours.

Mr. Sawyer stated these employees will be housed in space being provided in Edwin Towers by the Charlotte Housing Authority; they will be located in the Fourth Ward area, and it is free.

Mr. Sawyer stated he will be the overall official for the administration of this plan. But, as of this date, after three months of this operation, he has not found it possible to become personally involved; and this has been delegated to a Community Development Planner on his staff. They have tried for three months to serve the Historic District Commission with their staff. As a result the people working with it are not doing a good job at either job they are working at - Community Development or Historic District.

Councilman Whittington stated Fourth Ward is something this Council has supported, and he thinks the majority of the citizens of Charlotte supported. For that reason he is going to support this recommendation. He does have reservations about their doing this sort of thing when they cannot say to them how long it is going to last, whether it is part time or full time, what responsibilities are from now on. That is what worries him about it. He thinks what the government has done up to this point, even to getting the loans to these people, setting aside a park, working with the Salvation Army, closing off streets - all of this is good for Charlotte. He has reservations - he will support it but he has reservations about Council getting into this sort of thing - for any agency, for that matter. Councilwoman Locke was in agreement with Councilman Whittington's statements.

Mr. Burkhalter stated that of course the time to do it is when they create these commissions, because you just cannot find ordinary people like Crutcher Ross and Mrs. Jolly who have spent dozens of hours out there on this thing. If they could just see what they have done, they would understand that somebody has to do this; that if they do not do that, it is going to be very difficult. Councilwoman Locke replied they know that and understand all of that.

Councilman Whittington stated there are thousands of people in this city who day after day, like Mr. Sheridan, do this sort of thing as a great asset or contribution to this city and get nothing for it. The benefactors of Fourth Ward are the people who live there and are moving in there. In talking about the total City, he has problems about paying somebody to do these things that they ought to be doing themselves.

Councilman Davis stated he is going to vote against this proposal. He has voted for every Fourth Ward proposal that has come up and he favors supporting Fourth Ward in this, however, he thinks that the City Manager and Mr. Sawyer have adequate resources to do this within their own. The City has somewhere in the range of 3,600 employees, Community Development has 80 full time employees and 18 Manpower personnel. The Historic District Commission may in fact need one part time employee, or two, or one full time or whatever it is they want, but if they set up a new staff for them, they will add to an already oversized local government. That with the experience that Mr. Burkhalter and Mr. Sawyer have that between them they should be able to come up with a couple of temporary employees to assist the Historic District Commission. Things like this constantly happen in an organization with a large number of employees - new programs or areas get unusual emphasis. Normally, at the same time, somewhere in the organization there are some group of employees or individuals that probably have their responsibilities reduced. That experienced management could probably seek these out and come up with an answer without adding new employees.

Councilwoman Chafin asked the source of the funds for the Fourth Ward project account? Mr. Sawyer replied they are funds Council has already appropriated; that he thinks some of them were from Revenue Sharing. Mr. Coffman confirmed they were all from General Revenue Sharing.

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She stated she wanted to pick up on what the Manager had said earlier. She was, frankly, amazed that at the time they approved the ordinance creating the Historic District Commission that they did not provide some funds for staff. She thinks they have to realize that we are treading new ground; we do not have staff with a great deal of expertise in Historic District Commissions and Historic Property Commissions. In response to Councilman Whittington's comment, she thinks we do have staff that can provide assistance to the Community Facilities Committee, staff who have many years of experience in utility programs and utility rates. She thinks they are talking about a very small amount of public money going into historic preservation in this community.

Councilman Whittington stated he cannot disagree with what Councilwoman Chafin has said, except that this sort of things he does not like. Councilwoman Chafin replied she understands that; that she does like it and thinks it is very important for Council to support such efforts. Councilman Whittington stated, but it is a precedent and they ought not to be in this situation.

Councilman Withrow stated he has the same feeling about employees because every time they hire someone part time, it was true in the Model Cities program, we take them into the City operation at a later date and we absorb them. He is concerned about this sort of thing too. Is it not possible for Mr. Sawyer to have any people that could do this type of work, or Mr. Burkhalter?

Mr. Burkhalter stated he wanted to explain the theory of management. That if he wanted to "pull the wool over their eyes" as a Councilman and hide all these things, he could do it very easily by sticking them in all of these little areas and cubby holes. It has not been his practice to do that, but he has laid the cost of any operation flat on the table and let them see what it is. He can dissipate the Community Development staff. It was very, very short to start with. They gave Council a very minimum staff. To take them out and do this kind of thing. Let him point out the difference between serving the CFC and serving this kind of committee. The CFC is one for getting information that we already have or can accumulate, but doing for this committee is going out there and walking up and down the street and looking at the houses and going back and saying "Look, this man is not doing what he is supposed to be doing and he is violating what we said he should be doing." Some one has to ride herd. They are not wanting to create these staffs, but he feels like this is a bargain way to get that service performed.

In response to a question from one of the Councilmen, Mr. Burkhalter stated the committee does not have any power to do any of this - they are of course promoting this whole project. Councilman Whittington stated they have a lot of power if you read this as he reads it. Mr. Burkhalter stated they did about as much to get this Historic Properties Committee established as anybody.

Councilman Withrow asked if these two people will understand that when this period is over they won't have a job? Mr. Sawyer replied they will understand that - they have not been employed yet. Councilman Withrow asked how can they afford to just work part time, do they have another job? Mr. Sawyer replied he did not know, he has not done any recruiting. Councilman Withrow stated he is talking about the caliber of the people they will want. Mr. Sawyer replied he did not know how to answer his question.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Chafin, Withrow, Gantt, Locke, Whittington and Williams.
NAYS: Councilman Davis.

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RESOLUTION PROPOSING A FOUR-THREE DISTRICT AND AT LARGE REPRESENTATION PLAN, DEFERRED.

Councilman Gantt stated that Councilman Williams may introduce another resolution; that he would like to propose that they defer any adoption of any resolution until they have had the opportunity to validate the initiative petition presented to Council earlier. He thinks that would be an extension of the olive branch to that group to give them the opportunity to see whether their petition is validated. He would hate to see Council take any action that would appear to be a foot race to "beat them to the punch," and he so moved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Williams stated he agrees with what Councilman Gantt has said and he thinks they should give these people a shot at it, but at the moment he cannot say that he supports the assessments of the petition that has been presented. It has an advantage over their tentative arrangement of last Thursday where they were neither fish nor fowl - they tried too hard to reach a concensus among Council. That is just his opinion. It is his opinion now if you have any sort of District Representation, for it to really be District Representation, the person ought to live in the district and run in the district, leaving the at large influence to come from some other way. That really does not have much to do with it, except this particular one that they are voting to defer now. Of course, there is an overriding reason in addition to that to defer it, and that is that the petition has been filed.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

PETITION ON DISTRICT REPRESENTATION FILED BY NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS REFERRED TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke to refer the petition filed by the Neighborhood Groups on District Representation to the Board of Elections to validate the signatures. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin, and carried unanimously.

AMENDMENTS TO EMPLOYEE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Gantt to approve amendments to the Employee Group Health Insurance Plan as recommended by the Personnel Director, as follows:

- (a) Employee Group Health Insurance hospital room and board allowance increased from \$52 to \$65 per day.
- (b) A \$1,000 out-of-pocket provision added to the present Supplemental Major Medical.
- (c) Endorsement added to the plan to permit retired employees to continue at their expense, Medicare Supplemental Insurance, beyond age 65.

Councilman Gantt stated this is the first time he has ever noticed that a public hospital was charging higher rates than a private hospital. Even under these circumstances it appears the adjustment we are making, the employee will still have to put some money up. The City Manager stated he did not want Council to pass this without getting that. That he thinks the employees will appreciate it; it will raise the employees' dependent coverage about 62 cents.

Councilman Davis asked why this is presented now instead of at budget time? Mr. Burkhalter replied because it is available now, and the costs have gone up, and it is needed, and we have the money. Councilman Davis asked if this does not amount to an increase in compensation to the employees? Mr. Burkhalter replied you can call it that.

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Councilman Davis made a substitute motion to defer this; that he thinks it should properly be presented at budget time when the total compensation package is considered. The motion did not receive a second.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Gantt, Chafin, Locke, Williams and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilman Davis.

CONTRACT WITH MANAGEMENT SCIENCE-AMERICA, INC. (MSA) FOR GENERAL LEDGER COMPUTER APPLICATION SOFTWARE SYSTEM, AND ORDINANCE NO. 393-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 155-X, THE 1976-77 BUDGET ORDINANCE, TRANSFERRING FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERAL LEDGER SOFTWARE PACKAGE.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a contract with Management Science-America, Inc. for general ledger computer application software system, in the amount of \$34,000, and the adoption of an ordinance amending the 1976-77 Budget Ordinance, transferring \$34,000 within the General Fund for the purchase of a general ledger software package. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gantt.

Councilman Whittington stated he wants to remind Mr. Fennell, Finance Director, that a long time ago he told Council how much these computers were going to save money. This is the first time he can recall a figure on the Council agenda that the computer saved anything.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE, AND THE CITY FOR CONDUCTING A CITY-WIDE CITIZENS SURVEY TO COVER TWO SERVICE AREAS - POLICE AND SANITATION, DENIED.

Councilman Gantt moved approval of the subject contract, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin.

Ms. Pam Syfert, Program Analyst with the Budget and Evaluation, stated this is the contract with the University to do the same police survey, or update the police survey, that was done last year. It will occur in January of 1977, for the interviewing. They will also be asking questions this year about sanitation. They will be updating and comparing the information from that survey with the information they got last year on unreported crimes, attitudes and such toward police and toward sanitation.

Councilman Withrow stated he does not agree with this recommendation, and he made a substitute motion that it be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Withrow stated he believes Jack Claiborne who is in the audience would send out the questionnaire they are talking about, and ask for answers, and we could probably get the same information. He believes Council could send the information out in water bills with a special flyer and it might be the information they desire. Personally, he thinks this is staff's responsibility.

Councilman Gantt stated one of the things that he thinks is important is that we have a good Budget and Evaluation Department. All of them have talked about that in terms of how we allocate funds here and there. He does not see how they are going to get this kind of broad based survey within our staff for this kind of money. The question is what do we do with the information that we get back. Whether there are any significant changes we make in policy is something that this board and the management has to decide. All this is is a request that we continue to keep the survey and he thinks they ought to do it every year.

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Mr. Burkhalter stated this is carrying on one of the things that Mr. Whittington publicly asked for in Council. He is not sure about anyone else, but it is one of the areas in which they started to do some work. It is a continuation of that survey they had on police which was the first of its kind this city has ever had. It is information that is almost invaluable when it comes to what they are going to do at budget time for the Police Department, and in this case, in the Sanitation Department. It is really a strengthening of that information.

Mr. Bill Stuart, Director of Budget and Evaluation, referred to the comment about doing it through water bill mailers. The difficulty with that is, it is just like complaints. Obviously, we receive complaints every day of the week in Sanitation work. Complaints are not a valid way to find out what the average situation is in the community with respect to how people feel about the services. This is true for Police, it is true for Sanitation. If they send out something to everybody and ask for their response, we are at the mercy of those who take the trouble and time to respond, which might be they have an ax to grind or something else. It would not produce, scientifically, the kind of results that they as Councilmembers with any reliability could say to themselves "This is the way our citizens feel about Police or about Sanitation."

Councilman Whittington stated he wanted to react to that. That he asked for a study by the Budget and Evaluation Department of what he considered to be one of the most efficient and best operated departments in the City - the Department of Public Works. He believes he indicated that this was not practical to do or they did not want to do it. Of course, they have Sanitation in there now. He thinks that these evaluations ought to be done by the Budget and Evaluation Department and done by City and not by an outside agency such as this and for that reason he is not going to vote for it. He respectfully says that to Mr. Stuart and Mr. Burkhalter both.

Councilman Withrow stated he said at the same time Councilman Whittington is referring to that we need an Inspection Department and Mr. Burkhalter told him we had such a department now. Why cannot this department do what it is asking for? Mr. Burkhalter replied this department can do what they are asking for. Questionnaires and getting information from people is a highly developed science. You cannot just go out and ask "What do you think about the Sanitation Department?" These things are done on a selective basis. He would say in this case - he is not sure what Mr. Stuart would want to do in the way of sampling information - but for example they have two people who, to his certain knowledge, spent hundreds of hours on the police thing last year. This part of that test was only the reaction of the citizens. That is the only thing they are talking about. These people can get large groups of people - classes, students and others to go out and do this type of survey in a short period of time get it in, what they have learned to believe, a rather accurate way. They can do this without this sort of input but we will always have everybody saying what everybody thinks about everything, and will not have anything factual about what anybody thinks about anything except what he thinks they think and you think they think. We can certainly continue our evaluation in the department without the study but it would be very helpful too.

Councilwoman Chafin stated for the record that Mr. Underhill rules she does not have a conflict of interest.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Withrow, Whittington, Davis, Locke and Williams.
NAYS: Councilmembers Chafin and Gantt.

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APPOINTMENT OF BILLIE STAFF TO THE AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Whittington moved the appointment of Ms. Frank (Billie) Staff to the Airport Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Taylor which will expire July 31, 1978. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin.

Councilwoman Chafin stated the Airport Advisory Committee has never had a female members, and this will be the first.

Councilman Williams stated since they can only use one vote, he prefers to save his for the second nominee. Under the rules, in order to do this, he has to vote against the first nominee.

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

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Chafin, Gantt and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilmembers Davis, Locke and Williams.

WILLIAM H. STALLJOHN REAPPOINTED TO THE HOUSING APPEALS BOARD TO SUCCEED HIMSELF.

Councilwoman Locke moved the reappointment of William H. Stalljohn to the Housing Appeals Board to succeed himself for a term to expire April 3, 1979. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATE II PLAN FOR FINANCING NINE AREAS ELIGIBLE FOR ANNEXATION, DEFERRED.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, advised that Community Facilities Committee has not been able to get their information together in time for the report, and he would suggest Council defer the discussion of Alternate II plan for financing of the areas eligible for annexation.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilwoman Chafin, and unanimously carried, to defer the discussion.

CONTRACT AWARDED PITNEY BOWES, INC. FOR WATER SEWER ACCOUNTS REMITTANCE PROCESSOR.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Pitney-Bowes, Inc., in the amount of \$10,370, on a unit price basis, for water-sewer accounts remittance processor.

CONTRACT AWARDED HARRELSON FORD, INC. FOR FIVE NINE-PASSENGER STATION WAGONS.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Harrelson Ford, Inc., in the amount of \$25,219.45, on a unit price basis, for five nine-passenger station wagons.

The following bids were received:

Harrelson Ford, Inc.	\$ 25,219.45
Young Ford, Inc.	25,277.95
Town & Country Ford, Inc.	25,826.45
Freedom Dodge, Inc.	26,974.90

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BIDS RECEIVED FOR METAL BUILDING ADDITION TO WATERWORKS SHOPS REJECTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, to reject all bids received for metal building addition to waterworks shop due to the minimum of three bids not received.

CONTRACT WITH FIRESTONE TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY FOR TIRE SERVICE EXTENDED FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1976 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 1977.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of the extension of the subject contract. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Chafin, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE INDUSTRIES FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION FOR LONG CREEK OUTFALL.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously, awarding contract to the low bidder, Blythe Industries, in the amount of \$683,383.50, on a unit price basis, for sanitary sewer construction for Long Creek Outfall.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Industries	\$ 683,383.50
Ben B. Propst Contractor, Inc.	779,605.22
Breace & Burgess	804,994.92
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	814,316.60
Dickerson, Inc.	814,429.10
Gilbert Engineering, Inc.	829,729.00
Rand Construction	836,271.00
L. A. Reynolds	901,141.98
Dellinger, Inc.	964,197.95
Terry Construction	1,026,746.93
Hickory Sand	1,073,873.65
Rothrock Construction	2,416,323.00

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR PARKER DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Blythe Industries, Inc., in the amount of \$23,600.50, on a unit price basis, for Parker Drive drainage improvements.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Industries, Inc.	\$ 23,600.50
Crowder Construction Co.	28,832.70
T. A. Sherrill Constr. Co., Inc.	31,804.00
Rea Construction Co.	32,038.50
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	35,092.75

CONTRACT AWARDED ALLIED SAFETY SUPPLY COMPANY FOR RUBBER RAINWEAR.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Allied Safety Supply Company, in the amount of \$7,631.71, on a unit price basis, for rubber rainwear.

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The following bids were received:

Allied Safety Supply Co. (Norton)	\$ 7,631.71
Allied Safety Supply Co. (Neese)	8,122.92
Goodall Rubber Co.	9,306.93
Holland Co., Inc.	9,360.14
Allied Safety Supply Co. (Edmont-Wilson)	9,370.91
Supply Specialties, Inc.	10,095.12
B.H. Moore Company	10,404.81
Industrial & Textile Supply	11,124.19
The Burroughs Company	11,893.20

CONTRACT AWARDED DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY FOR TREE SURGERY AND PROTECTION OF TREES ON WENDOVER ROAD, AND ORDINANCE NO. 394-X ADOPTED TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE REMOUNT ROAD WIDENING ACCOUNT.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, Davey Tree Expert Company, in the amount of \$30,382.16 for tree surgery and protection of trees on Wendover Road, between Providence Road and Sharon Road; and the adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$35,000 for the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

The Davey Tree Expert Company	\$30,382.16
McNeary's Arborist	31,375.54

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, at Page 465.

CONSENT AGENDA, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, approving the following consent agenda items:

- (1) Loan to Mr. & Mrs. Michael H. Finch, in the amount of \$45,000, for improvements and restoration of property located at 525 North Poplar Street, in the Fourth Ward Urban Redevelopment Project Area.
- (2) Loan agreement between the City and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, Inc., in the amount of \$4,800, plus interest of six percent per annum, to provide working capital for the purpose of engaging in the business of manufacturing peanut costume jewelry, known as the Peanut Costume Jewelry Venture. Term of loan 90 days.
- (3) Settlement in the case of City of Charlotte versus Coventry Woods, Ltd, involving Parcel 27, in the amount of \$5,046, and involving Parcel 37, in the amount of \$7,000, for the Sharon Amity Road Widening Project.
- (4) Contracts for extension of water and sewer lines:
 - (a) Contract with Julian B. Snipes for construction of 195 lineal feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer lines to serve 6216 Glenridge Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,080. The applicant will construct the entire system at his own proper cost and expense, and the City will own, operate and maintain the system, and retain all revenues, all at no cost to the city.
 - (b) Contract with Dixon Ford for the construction of 950 feet of water main and one fire hydrant to serve Lake Norman Shopping Park on U.S. Highway 21, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$13,200. The city will prepare the plans and specifications and the applicant will advance 10 percent of the estimated cost, and will finance the entire project with no funds required from the city.

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- (5) Encroachment agreement with North Carolina Department of Transportation for the construction of sanitary sewer to serve South Boulevard at SR 3658.
- (6) Houses declared unfit for human habitation by ordinance:
- (a) Ordinance No. 395-X ordering the occupied dwelling at 2974 Clyde Drive to be vacated and closed.
 - (b) Ordinance No. 396-X ordering the occupied dwelling at 3018 Coronet Way to be vacated and closed.
 - (c) Ordinance No. 397-X ordering the occupied dwelling at 1032 South Caldwell Street to be vacated and closed.
 - (d) Ordinance No. 398-X ordering the unoccupied dwelling at 1913-15 Gibbs Street to be closed.
 - (e) Ordinance No. 399-X ordering the unoccupied dwelling at 1830-22 Gibbs Street to be closed.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 23, beginning at Page 466.

- (7) Resolution authorizing the refund of taxes in the total amount of \$535.59 levied and collected through clerical error against seven tax accounts.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 12, at Page 167.

- (8) Property transactions:
- (a) Acquisition of 9.89' x 104.13' of easement from Richard Ferguson and wife, Catherine C., on 48.57 acres off Old Bell Road, at \$50, for Providence Utility Trunk Relocation.
 - (b) Acquisition of 9.89' x 21.03' of easement from J. C. Caldwell (widower), and Richard Ferguson and wife, Catherine C., at 638 Old Bell Road, at \$90, for Providence Utility Trunk Relocation.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH COUNCIL CRITERIA FOR INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON CITIZENS REQUEST.

Councilman Gantt stated there have been a number of questions during his two years on Council about traffic light locations. He is sure all of them have received calls from people who feel they need a traffic signal. He has yet to see a request generated in the community for a signal actually placed. It seems to him the situation at Barrington and Plaza Road, where someone had an accident and a citizens' group claims this is the fifth accident at that intersection, probably should have a traffic count. What bothers him is they are getting ready to widen the whole thing, and whatever they do there may be excused to some extent.

He asked if it would be possible to have Mr. Corbett come to them again and talk about those criteria he uses for the location of traffic signals. He thinks each Council member needs to know that, probably because for every five calls they receive, that is one of them. He does not think they understand that we have some set rules and that we go by them in order to avoid the very kind of thing that might occur if we did not have any criteria.

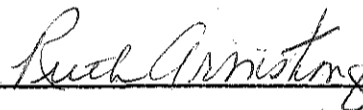
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The City Manager stated they have been working with the Highway Safety Committee to see if they will fund the beginning of some work they have been wanting to do for a long time in the Highway Traffic Division; and that is to analyze all accidents which we do not do now. There are twelve to fifteen accidents a day and you are lucky if they analyze the one that a problem comes up with. There is a way to do this, and that is put it on computers. They have been discussing this. Today they were discussing if we had it straightened out to give to Council. Council will be getting some information on this, and he hopes they will review it. It will answer some of these questions they are talking about, and they will have it on a moment's notice. Right now when they send him a request, it costs several hundred dollars to answer. They have to dispatch a crew and they have to do a lot of checking and testing. If they had some of this information available, it would be a lot easier.

Mr. Burkhalter stated he would like to call their attention to a traffic signal that was installed - it was announced last week - on Monroe Road, and that was at the instigation of citizens groups.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk