

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, August 28, 1967, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Gibson L. Smith.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on August 21st were approved as submitted.

CITY EMPLOYEE'S AWARD FOR SERVICE PRESENTED ERNEST C. FOWLER.

Mayor Brookshire recognized Mr. Ernest C. Fowler, Laborer I in the Motor Transport Department of the City. He stated Mr. Fowler was employed September 13, 1943 and is retiring September 1, 1967. He presented Mr. Fowler with the City Employee's Award in recognition of his years of service, and wished him much happiness in his retirement.

SUMMER INTERN EXPRESSES APPRECIATION TO CITY FOR ALLOWING INTERNS TO WORK DURING SUMMER.

Mayor Brookshire stated the City has had three administrative interns working this summer - Mr. Curtis Branscome who graduated this spring from UNC, Phi Beta Kappa and has left to enter Fels School of Public Administration Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania; Mr. Melvin Watt, also a graduate of UNC and Phi Beta Kappa, will enter the Yale Law School; and Mr. Lou Brown, a rising senior of UNC who will be with the City through the end of this week.

He stated these young men have done a good summer's work and the experience has been helpful to them. After doing his summer internship in Charlotte, Mr. Lou Brown decided to continue in public administration in his graduate work rather than going to law.

Mr. Brown stated before returning to school he wanted to express his thanks to Council for allowing him to be an employee of the City this summer; that he also speaks for the other two interns. The job has been of great value. He believes they have been of service to the community in the projects they have carried out this summer. As the Mayor has said as a result of this summer's work, he has decided to go into public administration rather than going to law school.

Speaking as a Citizen of Charlotte, two things have particularly impressed him. First, he has come to realize the great debt of service this city owes

to this Council and the preceding Councils for the city's position today. Charlotte's progress has been greatly predicated on Council's services. Their services have been selfless and we, the citizens, do not realize how much we owe these men. The second thing is the quality of people working in city government. Each Thursday this summer, the interns toured one department in city government. They talked with the people and observed their operations, and in each department, he can truthfully say, the people were top notch. As a citizen of Charlotte he thinks it is a great compliment to our city to have such quality people employed here. That he does not think anyone who works in city government has not come to realize that Mr. Veeder, Mr. Bobo and Mr. Carstarphen themselves are top notch. The quality of his experience this summer has been determined by the quality of these people. That it is reassuring as a citizen to know that there are such fine people working for us in city government. That he realizes this in part reflects Council's demand for quality service and that quality people fill the positions of leadership.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Brown for his remarks and expressed Council's best wishes as he re-enters the University.

ORDINANCE NO. 680-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TWO LOTS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF STEWART AVENUE AND ROZZELLS FERRY ROAD, ON PETITION OF CHARLOTTE TELEVISION CENTER, INC.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-2 of two lots 180' x 50' each as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 85.

ORDINANCE NO. 681-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF LEXINGTON AVENUE EXTENDING FROM EUCLID AVENUE TO ORIOLE STREET, ON PETITION OF MRS. LOUISE C. STEPHENS, ET AL.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander to adopt the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to O-6 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 86.

ORDINANCE NO. 682-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PINEVILLE ROAD AND SHARON ROAD WEST ON PETITION OF PINEVILLE INVESTMENT INCORPORATED.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from B-2 and R-9MF to I-2 of a tract of land 300 feet x 570 feet at the southeast corner of Pineville Road and Sharon Road West, and that the tract fronting 115 feet on Sharon Road West beginning 840 feet east of Pineville Road for a change from R-9MF to I-2 be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Stegall asked why the Planning Commission recommends denial on the one tract? Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, replied because it would constitute a broken pattern of development from the subject property on down.

The zoning of the property across the street was also a factor in consideration because from that point out to Pineville Road, Sharon Road is set up for business development. By approving the rezoning down to this point, it will be commercial development consistent with this section of Sharon Road and the other end residential.

Councilman Whittington asked if the piece of property that was phased out of this request is the Bell property and if the son lives in the first house behind the Bell property which faces Pineville Road? Mr. McIntyre replied he understands the Bells do own the property. Councilman Whittington asked what the zoning of the property would be and Mr. McIntyre replied residential.

After further discussion on the petition, the vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 87.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 67-48 BY SHOPPING CENTER DEVELOPERS, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND NORTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF EASTWAY DRIVE AND THE PLAZA, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to defer decision on the subject petition until Council receives a recommendation from the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ACTION OF AUGUST 7 SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 11 RESCINDED AND HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARLOTTE ZONING ORDINANCE SET FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, rescinding action of August 7 setting date of public hearing on September 11 on proposed amendments to the Charlotte Zoning Ordinance and set Monday, September 18 as the date of hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 683-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING AT 915 NORTH GRAHAM STREET PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the subject ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Short stated as he understands the ordinance, where 50 per cent or less of the value will repair a dwelling, all the City can do is close it until the repairs are made; the City cannot demolish it. Where 50 per cent or more of the value is required to repair it, the City can demolish it. This was aimed at just closing it and not demolishing it and apparently the Building Superintendent has held a public hearing on this. He asked if he has certified about the 50 per cent one way or another? Mr. Bobo replied he has. The actual value of the dwelling is \$1780 and the actual cost to repair it is \$2500.00.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 88.

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ORDINANCE NO. 684-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING AT 1004 GREENLEAF AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 89.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY FOR INSTALLATION OF DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER MAIN TO SERVE MECKLENBURG COUNTY INTEREST.

Councilman Short moved approval of a right-of-way agreement with Southern Railway for the installation of a 24" diameter distribution system water main to serve the Mecklenburg County interest beneath the tracks of the Columbia Division of North Carolina Highway 49 South crossing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 6 IN CONTRACT WITH R. MARRET WHEELER COMPANY FOR MINT MUSEUM ADDITION APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington approving Change Order No. 6 in contract with R. Marret Wheeler Company for the Mint Museum Addition reducing the total amount of the contract by \$400.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

DETECTIVE LICENSE APPLICATIONS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following applications for detective were approved:

- (a) Mr. R. C. McDowell, State License No. 86659, with the Merchants Patrol, Inc.;
- (b) Mr. W. F. Hucks, State License No. 86658, with the Merchants Patrol, Inc.;
- (c) Mrs. Margaret Ann McDowell, State License No. 86652, with the Merchants Patrol, Inc.

CLAIM OF LANE E. MILLER FOR DAMAGES TO AUTOMOBILE AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved that claim of Mr. Lane E. Miller of Claremont, North Carolina in the amount of \$55.55 for damages to his automobile be paid as recommended as the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Brookshire advised he talked with the City Attorney this morning about this claim and it does differ from the motor bike claim of Mr. Broome which Council approved on August 21. In this instance an officer of the city was guilty of negligence in the handling of a taxpayer's vehicle in our possession.

Councilman Tuttle stated the City Attorney made a point that he has made so strongly - the city owed a duty to the claimant to protect his property. If this is not protecting his property, how can we let it be stolen and say that is protecting his property?

Councilman Short stated since he was the only one voting against Mr. Broome's claim, it appears to him that we have to take the attitude that it is a matter of negligence or it is a matter of trust. That he cannot conclude that the police are trustees of stolen property that they recover.

Councilman Tuttle stated the city became trustees when the man was required to leave his property with the city. The man did not fail to pick his vehicle up; the city said you cannot have it; we are going to hold it and use it as evidence. The City used it for it's benefit and could not return it.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE DEFERRED.

Councilman Short stated in the absence of Mr. Jordan, who nominated Mr. Walter B. Mallonee to succeed himself on the Airport Advisory Committee, he moved that consideration of an appointment be deferred until next meeting of Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT OF E. R. HOLROYD AND H. N. HUNTER TO BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the reappointment of Mr. E. R. Holyrod and Mr. H. N. Hunter for three year terms each to the Building Standards Board as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel of land for the East Third Street Connector;
- (b) Contract with D. A. Stout for appraisal of six parcels of land for the South Boulevard Intersections.

SANITARY SEWER TRUNK AND MAIN TO SERVE HOPE VALLEY SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle approving the construction of 1,075 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer trunk and 2,095 feet of 8-inch main to serve Hope Valley Subdivision, inside the city, at the request of Ed Griffin Development at an estimated cost of \$19,700.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the Applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Stegall, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimous, carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Frances M. Griffin for Grave No. 3, in Lot No. 190, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00;
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Shelby McDonald Fowler, for Graves No. 3 and 4, Lot No. 183, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED BRYANT SUPPLY COMPANY, INC. FOR FIRE ALARM CONTROL CABLE.

Councilman Stegall moved award of contract to the low bidder, Bryant Supply Company, Inc., in the amount of \$11,935.41, on a unit price basis for 22,195 feet of fire alarm control cable. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Bryant Supply Company, Inc.	\$ 11,935.41
Traffic Engineers Supply Corp.	12,600.49
Tel-Wire Supply Co., Inc.	12,956.78
Mill Power Supply Company	18,687.74

CONTRACT AWARDED MILL POWER SUPPLY COMPANY FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL CABLE.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Mill Power Supply Company, in the amount of \$3,833.29 on a unit price basis, for 44,000 feet of traffic control cable.

The following bids were received:

Mill Power Supply Company	\$ 3,833.29
Tel-Wire Supply Company	4,563.79
Bryant Supply Company, Inc.	4,937.09

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Traffic Engineers Supply Corp.	\$ 3,659.59
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CONTRACT AWARDED PRISMO SAFETY CORPORATION FOR REFLECTORIZED PLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Prismo Safety Corporation in the amount of \$19,794.23 on a unit price basis for 284 rolls of reflectORIZED plastic pavement marking material.

The following bids were received:

Prismo Safety Corporation	\$ 19,794.23
Southeastern Safety Supplies	22,845.40

CONTRACT AWARDED SYSTEMS PROTECTION EQUIPMENT, INC. FOR MECHANIZED ROTARY FILE.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Systems Protection, Inc. in the amount of \$2,081.76 for one large capacity mechanized rotary file for use in filing 3" x 5" master index cards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Systems Protection Equipment, Inc.	\$ 2,081.76
Remington Rand Office Systems	2,650.73

CHANGES IN POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHIEF.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the proposed changes in police uniforms as requested by Chief Ingersoll. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Smith stated he dislikes opposing Chief Ingersoll on anything because he is doing such a good job, but the new uniform is not as attractive and not as sharp looking as the present uniform and he does not want to put his endorsement on it.

Councilman Stegall stated he does not like it either but is not going to oppose the change. He feels Chief Ingersoll will find he is making a mistake.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Tuttle, Alexander, Short and Stegall.
NAYS: Councilman Smith.

JOINT CITY-COUNTY CRIMINAL WARRANT BOOKING OPERATION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the joint city-county criminal warrant booking operation as recommended by the Police Department was approved, and includes the following:

- (a) Justice of the Peace operations for city and county placed with the City Recorder's Court on a 24-hour, seven day a week operation;
- (b) Agreement with the County whereby the City Recorder's Court will handle all city and county warrant-issuing activity, shared on 2/3 by the city and 1/3 by the county cost basis.
 - (1) This includes an arrangement with the County Police and Sheriff's Department whereby all prisoners will be booked with the city; and pre-trial male prisoners will be housed in the City jail and the pre-trial female prisoners will be housed in the County jail.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 1,326.66 sq. ft. of property at the southeast corner of South Boulevard and Marsh Road, from Marsh Realty Company, in the amount of \$2,500.00, for the South Boulevard Intersections;
- (b) Acquisition of 229.36 sq. ft. of property next to the southeast corner of South Boulevard and Marsh Road, from W. T. Robertson, in the amount of \$600.00, for the South Boulevard Intersections.

FLOOD PLAINS AND CORP OF ENGINEERS DISCUSSION REQUESTED FOLLOWED UP.

Councilman Whittington stated he discussed the flood plains and the Corp of Engineers in the Conference Session, and he will not go into details, but he hopes it will be followed up as Council discussed it.

NEED FOR GRASS AND UNDERGROWTH BEING CUT FROM PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY SIDEWALKS INSIDE CITY DISCUSSED.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to discuss sidewalks - both permanent and temporary. If you ride around the city, and see places like Sharon Amity Road where there are permanent sidewalks, the only place the sidewalks are kept as far as undergrowth and brush is where the people themselves cut and trim them back. That it is unsightly and deplorable that the sidewalks are in this condition and the City should do something about it. He requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to make sure the Engineering Department checks all these locations.

Mayor Brookshire asked if the City does not require the property owners to maintain the property out to the curb, to clean ice off the sidewalks in the winter and should keep grass and shrubbery cut? Mr. Bobo replied the property owner has the responsibility as a matter of policy to maintain their sidewalks.

Councilman Whittington stated on Sharon Amity Road, from Independence Boulevard to Tangle Drive, the sidewalks in many areas are grown over with weeds and undergrowth knee high or waist high, and a lot of this property is vacant. If the city is going to have sidewalk campaigns and programs in areas like this, then we should keep the grass cut. If people want to walk on them, they cannot unless they walk right in the middle. As we approach the school season, a lot of the temporary sidewalks are now in undergrowth where it is the city's responsibility to keep them cleaned off so the children can walk on them safely to and from school.

Mr. Bobo stated the Community Relations Inspectors in the Inspection Department are now working on problems of this nature. Councilman Whittington stated the point he is making is that we as a city are not doing the job. If it is not our responsibility then we should do something about that, but if it is our responsibility, then we should keep the undergrowth cut back from the sidewalk so they can be used for the purpose they were built. Mr. Bobo stated we have several grass cutting crews who use tractors to cut weeds along the road, and the maintenance crews who repair and maintain the temporary type sidewalks for school children, but we do not have crews to maintain grass strips along permanent sidewalks as this has always been considered the responsibility of the property owner. If the Council would like to get into that, he can come back with an estimate on the number of people and equipment that would be needed to do this. If we continue on the basis of a little more emphasis on informing the public of their responsibilities and working with them through the Community Relations Office, he believes this would be the best solution.

Mayor Brookshire stated the discussion should include the vacant lots that are overgrown also. In order to get the cooperation of property owners he gave the Charlotte News a statement this morning asking for the cooperation of Charlotte citizens in cleaning the city up before we get into our Bicentennial which is only about four months away. That it will probably have to be a matter of voluntary compliance and cooperation rather than the city undertaking to do all that.

Councilman Whittington stated this function which Mr. Frost heads up - Community Improvement Program - is doing a good job but a limited job because they do not have the personnel to do a good job. That he called them and gave them four different lots this morning that needed to be cleaned off. Last week he gave to them, or Mr. Veeder, six. If the rest of the Council are doing that, plus all the complaints that come in from all over town, with two men they cannot keep up. This is something we are going to have to reckon with in the future if we are going to enforce the ordinances on the book in the way of anti-litter and debris and general housecleaning. They have a tremendous job, and with one or two inspectors it is almost an impossible task.

Mayor Brookshire stated the Health Department has the authority to make inspections of vacant lots. Where there is a health hazard involved that might cause hay fever or by the presence of rodents or snakes they can notify the owner and require that the lot be cleared of grass and weeds. If the owner fails to do it, the County can do it and charge back to the owner's tax bill the cost. Mr. Bobo stated the Health Department has passed this to the City as they say it is a problem particular to the City in that most of the complaints are from a standpoint of beauty and that sort of thing rather than health.

Mayor Brookshire stated the code itself gives another reason for the city requiring the cleaning of these lots and it refers to the presence of grass and weeds as a nuisance.

Councilman Smith asked what about the urban redevelopment where they have torn down all the houses and the lots have grown up in weeds. Mayor Brookshire replied they are trying to keep that cut.

Councilman Tuttle passed around pictures which he took on the outskirts of Montreal of what was vacant land, and stated he intends to find out how they are doing it. All the vacant land around this city and in the city is cut and if there is a big rock, then the rock is beautified. He stated we are cultivating almost the ugliest situation he has seen in Charlotte and particularly along the lines of the urban property. Project No. 3, off Independence Boulevard, is growing waist high with weeds already. There are pretty trees in there and it could be beautified. Off East Boulevard, at Queens Road, the weeds are neck high, and he has had several calls about rats and children hiding in there. That he knows it takes a lot of money to clean these places. A lot of the work is the responsibility of the city and he knows in his own area that rights-of-way in front of vacant land have grown tall in weeds. That it is not the city's policy to cut these rights-of-way as we have neither the equipment or help to do so. But he does not believe we will ever be a great city unless we can be a beautiful city, and we are a long way from being a beautiful one. We are falling down somewhere and it is time we took a long hard look at it.

REPORT ON CAR RENTAL LEASES AT AIRPORT REQUESTED.

Councilman Tuttle requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to check with Mr. Knight, Airport Manager, concerning car rental agencies' leases. That he received a call from Avis who is not happy with his proposed set up and new space. He said the space is allocated, and the location and size of the space is based on dollar volume. It seems Hertz does around 53 per cent, Avis 35 per cent and National around 12 per cent in total volume. But Hertz slipped from 53 per cent to 51 per cent in the last report and Avis went to 36½ per cent and National went off. The percentage fee is probably alright, but he wonders about a 10 year lease with space based on revenue.

What do you do if in a three year period that one surpasses the other greatly in revenue? This does not provide for growth at all.

Councilman Whittington stated he discussed this with Mr. Veeder last week on the same basis and Avis feels it is being treated unfairly by the Airport Manager and the administration at City Hall in allocating the size of their space.

Councilman Tuttle requested Mr. Bobo to investigate and let Council know how it works, how long it has to go; is it a ten year lease based on footage, and choice based on revenue.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REQUESTED TO REPORT ON SCHOOL BOARD'S PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AT CHANTILLY SCHOOL.

Councilman Tuttle requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to give a report on whether or not the School Board has purchased the property on Independence Boulevard at Chantilly School.

COPIES OF SPEECH GIVEN BY MAYOR JOHN H. READING, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA AT NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES MEETING REQUESTED GIVEN TO EACH COUNCIL MEMBER.

Councilman Tuttle stated the best talk he heard in Boston at the League of Cities Meeting was made by John Reading of Oakland, California. It had to do with what Mr. Jordan has pushed for so many times - an information center. Mr. Reading's talk was on ombudsman. Councilman Tuttle stated he does not think this Council is ready to go into the question of the ombudsman. But in his talk reference is made to the responsibility of the city and its officials to keep the public informed and let them know their rights. He requested that copies of the talk be sent to each councilman.

CITY ENGINEER REQUESTED TO HAVE GRASS CUT AT SUMMIT AVENUE RAILROAD CROSSING.

Councilman Short stated in connection with the trimming and cutting back of grass that Mr. Cheek, City Engineer, does, he devotes a lot of manpower and time to this as he has reported from time to time. He asked that Mr. Cheek be requested to cut the grass around the Summit Avenue railroad crossing. While the City has made a gate there at great expense, he thinks it would pay the city to do everything it possibly can. This is a driving hazard because on the south side is a patch of grass which is at the wrong place and creates a hazard for a driver trying to look for trains.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT REQUESTED TO CONTACT CITY COACH COMPANY FOR BETTER SERVICE ON THE WEST SIDE DURING PEAK HOURS.

Councilman Alexander asked if there is a city regulation or state regulation as to the number of persons a city bus can carry? Mr. Henry Underhill, Assistant City Attorney, advised there is no city ordinance regulating the number of passengers, that he would have to check the state statutes concerning the state regulations.

Councilman Alexander requested that Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, discuss with the City Coach Company the possibilities of increasing its bus service at the peak hours from the Square to the western part of the city. That Council approved an increase in fares sometime ago for City Coach Company

and their clientiel for bus service has doubled in the past twelve months in that direction of the city. He stated he feels this company could give more consideration to relieving that congestion they have with the bus service going towards the Beatties Ford Road and Rozzells Ferry Road sections. He requested that this be discussed with the Company and see what answers they can give as to how soon they can improve that situation, and give more busses at the peak hours going in that direction.

DISCUSSION OF FESTIVAL IN PARK AND CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN FORM OF ELECTRICIAN AND OTHER WAYS.

Councilman Smith stated he has received a memo from the Fire Chief on the Festival in the Park. That in the past the Fire Department furnished help in the form of electricians and other ways. Councilman Smith stated this is a most worthwhile project and he asked what decision has been made on furnishing help for the Festival? Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, replied no decision has been made. That he has been waiting to receive the number of people Mr. Whitney needs and what his needs will be and what days he plans to use them. As soon as this information is received, the City will be in a position to work something out. Mayor Brookshire advised this schedule has been received and he has turned it over to Mr. Veeder. Mr. Bobo stated he will sit down and discuss this and if it is too big a demand on the Fire Department, they will get help from some other source. As Chief Black pointed out this would tie up his crews for a good while. Councilman Whittington stated this is a tremendous thing for the City, and he asked why Traffic Engineering, who does the same thing as Fire Prevention Bureau and has same type of equipment, could not help out in erecting these lights and other things that the Festival in the Park needs? Mr. Bobo replied this has been done in the past years, but the problem is that this comes at a time when this is the city's busiest season. This is the time when all the construction work is going on. He stated it was suggested last year as the Festival keeps growing and the City had problems of meeting this demand for the labor, that perhaps the City could limit its contribution to money in order that they might hire their own help.

Councilman Smith stated this is a very fine opportunity for Charlotte. That we contribute \$30,000 for advertising in the Wall Street Journal to promote the City. That he understands the football game Saturday night was televised live to New York and Houston, and we lost a great opportunity at half time to promote Charlotte. The way you take advantage of opportunities proves whether you are either a hick town or a real city.

CITY COACH COMPANY AND SCHOOL BOARD REQUESTED CONTACTED REGARDING OVERCROWDING OF SCHOOL BUSES.

Councilman Stegall stated he is not too concerned with adults riding busses when they are packed, but he is concerned when he sees a bus leaving a school with 75 children on it, some standing in the aisles. If one of the busses hit something head-on, or stopped suddenly, there would be a bunch of children hurt. The City Coach Company is not the only violators of this, it is also seen in our Mecklenburg County school busses. They are packed on also. These are two areas where the people need to be talked to, and he requested that City Coach Company and the School Board be approached concerning the overcrowding of school busses.

UNNECESSARY BLOCKING OF STREETS BY CITY VEHICLES REQUESTED BROUGHT TO CITY DEPARTMENTS ATTENTION.

Councilman Stegall stated if he or anyone else went out as a citizen and blocked a street, a police officer would give us a ticket. Two of the greatest offenders are the construction crews who work in the streets and garbage trucks. From time to time they park two or three trucks to do construction work in the street, and do more to disarray the traffic situation than anyone else. The hole in the street is incidental to what they do to it while they are fixing it. Today on South Boulevard a hole was being repaired and four or five trucks were parked in the street - one truck would have done the job. The whole street was blocked and traffic looked like five o'clock just dragging along at noontime. People get disgruntled and upset with this sort of situation. The garbage trucks sometime park three feet from the curb or in the middle of the street in residential areas, and people have to drive around them. This upsets the neighborhood and any outsider who might be there. He requested this be brought to the different departments attention.

Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, replied the departments are reminded of this very often. There is a lot of construction going on around town and some of it is by private contractors. Councilman Stegall stated there is not much the City can do about the private contractor, but the finger can be pointed at the City when the green truck with the City of Charlotte written on it is the offender.

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18.

Mayor Brookshire stated next Monday is Labor Day and the following Monday is the eleventh and some of the members of the Council are going to Montreal and there will not be a quorum for Council Meeting.

After discussion, Mayor Brookshire stated the next regular meeting of Council would be set for Monday, September 18, and if necessary Council could have a Call Meeting prior to that time.

GOOD WISHES OF COUNCIL EXPRESSED FOR MARION ELLIS, CHARLOTTE OBSERVER REPORTER, WHO IS LEAVING CITY.

Councilman Short stated that Mr. Marion Ellis is leaving the city after having been with us for a year or so as the Charlotte Observer Reporter. That he is a very fine person and very knowledgeable as a newspaper man. Mayor Brookshire wishes him good luck.

Mr. Ellis stated this is a fine council and he has never met a harder working group of people with a public job to do. That he has covered the Legislature and they mess around too much. Councilmen by virtue of having a full time job and a government job to do also takes a tremendous amount of knowledge, and most of the public are not aware of this. He knows that each of them spends a tremendous amount of time at home, on the telephone and reading. As far as the image of this Council goes, it is very high.

MARSHALL HAYWOOD SUPPORTS CHIEF OF POLICE IN REQUEST FOR INCREASED CITY SUPPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT.

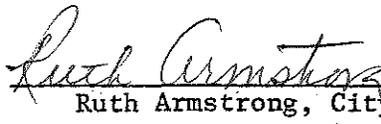
Mayor Brookshire recognized Mr. Marshall Haywood, Chief Solicitor of City Recorder's Court. Mr. Haywood stated he understood that Police Chief Ingersoll was going to address Council in the conference session and he wanted to second any request that he might have made of Council for increased city support of the Police Department in any fashion.

BISHOP DALE WELCOMED TO COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Brookshire recognized Mr. Bishop Dale, who stated he is present as an observer only.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk