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A recessed meeting of City Council was held on Friday, August 28, 1970, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Joe D. Withrow.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Belk stated this is a recessed meeting from the meeting of August 26th at which time a summary of the First Year Plan and a discussion was held on the Second Year Plan for Model Cities.

REVIEW OF SECOND ACTION YEAR PLAN FOR MODEL CITIES BY ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Preston Wiley, Acting Executive Director of the Model Cities Agency, stated last night the proposal for the Second Action Year was presented to the combined Model Cities Task Forces.

Mr. Wiley stated the Second Action Year Comprehensive proposal was forwarded to Council earlier this month, and then it was partially reviewed on Wednesday of this week.

He called attention to the program content in the areas of Education and Economic Development. That the first year status report, under the Model Cities Educational component, reveals that through June of this year, the Irwin Avenue and First Ward Model Neighborhood Schools have enrolled 5,300 people in various special educational programs. The Model Cities Area Material Center which purchases, creates and produces educational material relevant to the inner-city youngster has placed 1,000 new books and 50 pieces of special audio-visual equipment in the model cities educational component. Five model cities school buses have transported 16,800 persons on 434 trips to various educational and cultural activities. The instructional materials supplies have provided student fees for approximately 6,000 elementary, junior high and high school students so they might participate in various supplemental school programs. For the year a total of 27 professional tutors have been used to tutor a total of 198 residents. To date a total of 249 volunteers have been trained, and 28 of these are model neighborhood residents. A continuing project in the educational component includes breaking the language barrier and project opportunity.

He stated the Economic Development Training Center and the Small Business Technical Center is designed to encourage minority participation by providing training and technical assistance and seed money. The concept was developed through the efforts of the Model Cities Economic Task Force which is represented by a broad cross-section of people, not only from the community but from the business sector and public and private agencies.

He stated every project that comes for the actual operation through the next program year individually is brought back to Council for further discussion and consideration and approval before it is actually implemented.

He stated under the Education Component there are ten programs with eight continuing and two new for the second action year at an approximate cost of \$871,261.00 in Model Cities money.

Under Health and Social Services there are fifteen programs with ten continuing and five new, at a projected cost of \$948,000.00 of Model Cities money.

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Under Physical and Housing Component there are two programs, one continuing and one new program.

In Manpower and Economic Development, there are eight programs, with three continuing and five new for a total of \$540,155.00 in Model Cities funds.

He stated the breakdown comes to a total of \$2,635, 136.00. Under relocation the project to supplement is \$44,445.00; this year the Model Cities Program is setting aside its own funds for research and evaluation. Administration is a total of \$94,930.00. The total project will be \$3,240,105.00 which is the Model Cities request and authorization designed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Councilman Jordan stated Council has had two lengthy volumes to go through in a short length of time; that Mr. Wiley's presentation was very good; that Council can always refer back to this plan and make changes as it comes before Council for a review.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE CITY DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of a resolution, entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Submit a Comprehensive City Demonstration Program". The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is going to vote for the Second Year Program; but he thinks it should be said that there are many people, while they endorse the intent of this program, who have grave doubts as to whether the recipients of the program are getting all that they were intended to get; that was intended for them. He stated he is aware that the vast majority of this money is so-called "free money", federal money. But there is no such thing as "free money". It is tax money; it is our money; we are all involved.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would admonish the Commission that spelled out results in favor of those for whom the plan was originated should be, and must be, proven in the next year or a very hard look will be given by the next Council before the third year is approved.

He stated there are those who seriously doubt that the vast majority of the money is going where it should go - to the people for whom the program was intended originally; that he thinks we will have to have this answer by next year, if the program is to continue.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 134.

HEARING FOR EXTENSION OF CAVENDISH COURT SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1970.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated a hearing had been scheduled for Monday, August 31, at 3:00 o'clock; that some weeks ago Council agreed to hold a hearing on Cavendish Court following a presentation by the Traffic Engineer in terms of some of the access problems involving Sharon Lane, Sharon Road and the residential area in that vicinity. Council subsequently agreed not to have a meeting on August 31. He stated his office has contacted the attorney for the interested group and notified him of a new date of September 14 for the informal hearing; that they also contacted the spokesman for the group who will notify those people in the area.

Councilman Thrower moved that the informal hearing be set for Monday, September 14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATIONS'S DECISION TO OPEN SCHOOLS
ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1970.

Mayor Belk stated he has met with Chairman William Poe of the Board of Education on the school opening date. He presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education has expressed its intention of opening Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools on September 9, 1970, and we believe that this decision by the Board of Education is in the best interest of our total community; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council feels that the education of the children of our community is of primary importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina:

That it fully supports the Board of Education in its action and offers the help of the City in carrying out the decision to open schools on September 9, 1970.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, adopting the resolution.

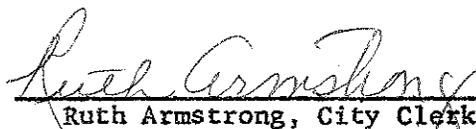
COUNCIL ADVISED THAT SUIT OF SYKES VS. CITY OF CHARLOTTE HAS BEEN DENIED AND SUIT DISMISSED.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, advised Council that a judgement was signed and filed this morning in the suit of Sykes versus City of Charlotte, which is the Civic Center Case, resolving the suit in favor of the City. He stated the request for the injunction was denied and the suit was dismissed.

Mr. Underhill stated informally the attorneys for the plaintiff have indicated they will probably appeal Judge Bryson's decision; but no formal action has been taken. This should in no way hamper the City's efforts or the Redevelopment Commission's effort to continue to acquire the property.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk