



An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte was held at 10 o'clock A.M., on December 15, 1969, in the County Courthouse in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Whittington, and Councilmen Alexander, Thrower, Tuttle and Withrow

Absent: Mayor John M. Belk, Councilmen Jordan and Short.

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The City Council met with the County Board of Elections and the two boards, as two separate bodies, separately received from the registrars and judges of election in the various precincts of the City of Charlotte the returns of the special bond election held on December 12, 1969.

After said returns had been canvassed by the City Council such canvass being simultaneous with the canvassing thereof by the County Board of Elections in the same place, Councilman Thrower introduced the following resolution which was read:

RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS
OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION HELD
DECEMBER 12, 1969, AND DETERMINING
AND DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

Section 1. The returns of the special bond election held in the City of Charlotte on December 12, 1969, having been received from the proper election officers and having been canvassed, the City Council has found and determined and does hereby declare:

(a) Each registrar and judge for the special bond election held in the City of Charlotte on December 12, 1969 was duly qualified by law and had taken the necessary oath.

(b) The election officers had incorporated in their returns not only the number of votes cast for and against each question submitted but also the number of voters registered and qualified to vote in each precinct in the election.

(c) At said election there were submitted to the qualified voters of said City the following questions:

1. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Public Building Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$10,700,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a building or buildings to be used as a civic center, including, but without limitation, convention, exhibition, auditorium, meeting room, parking and other appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
2. Shall an ordinance passed on October 14, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Sanitary Sewer Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$6,890,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and extending the sanitary sewer system of said City, including the acquisition, construction and enlargement of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
3. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Water Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$4,920,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and extending the waterworks system, including the acquisition, construction and enlargement of water supply, storage, treatment and distribution facilities and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
4. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Street Widening, Extension and Improvement Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$5,025,000, for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for widening, extending

and constructing or reconstructing the surface of streets, including the contemporaneous construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drains and grading, and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

5. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Street Land Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,250,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring land for streets and highways forming a part of the State Highway System, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
6. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Public Building Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$3,175,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting and improving buildings for municipal purposes, including the enlarging, renovating, remodeling and improving of the auditorium-coliseum facilities, the erection of administrative office buildings and a new fire station, the reconstruction of an existing fire station, the construction of ancillary walkways, the demolishing of existing structures and the acquisition of the necessary land and equipment, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
7. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Recreation Facilities Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$2,075,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing and equipping recreation and park facilities and all buildings and structures necessary or useful in connection therewith, and the acquisition of the necessary land, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

8. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Redevelopment Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$1,800,000 for the purpose of providing funds for appropriation to the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte to aid said Commission in the acquisition of land and the improvement thereof by said Commission necessary in the carrying out of its lawful powers and functions, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?
9. Shall an ordinance passed on October 13, 1969, authorizing the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Land Acquisition Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$265,000 for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring land for sanitary landfill and refuse disposal purposes, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, be approved?

(d) No complaints have been made to the City Council against the regularity of said election.

(e) Said election and the registration therefor were duly and properly held in accordance with law.

Section 2. The following schedule correctly shows the several precincts in the City at which said election was held, the location of the voting place in each precinct, the number of voters registered and qualified to vote, the number of votes cast in favor of each question submitted, the number cast against each question, and the totals of such numbers:

Voters reg-
istered and
qualified
to vote

\$10,700,000
Public Building Bonds

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters reg- istered and qualified to vote	Votes for	Votes against
1	Westminister Presby. Church 2438 Randolph Road	1,712	415	139
2	A.M.E. Zion Church 401 East 2nd Street	778	43	12
3	Irwin Ave. School 329 Irwin Ave.	551	44	10
4	Veterans Center 1019 E. Morehead St.	973	182	79
5	First Ward School 401 East 9th Street	1,194	91	43
6	Piedmont Jr. High School 1241 E. 10th St.	808	78	59
7	St. Martins Episcopal Church 1510 E. 7th St.	835	119	74
8	Myers Park Elementary School 2132 Radcliffe Ave.	1,640	558	147
9	Dilworth School 405 E. Park Ave.	1,128	194	94
10	St. Andrew's Pres. Church 2201 Springdale Ave.	1,126	169	148
11	Wesley Heights Methodist Church, 201 Grandin Rd.	839	66	54
12	Seversville School 1701 Sumter Ave.	1,213	77	49
13	Villa Heights School 2000 N. Allen St.	713	59	53
14	Hawthorne Jr. High School 1400 Louise Ave.	756	47	43
15	Midwood School 1817 Central Ave.	1,245	218	178
16	Veterans Picnic Shelter 2401 McClintock Road	1,215	168	158
17	Firemans Hall 2601 E. 7th St.	1,630	166	119
18	Eastover School 500 Cherokee Road	1,164	468	102
19	Myers Park High School 2400 Colony Road	1,969	564	206
20	Avondale Presby. Church 2821 Park Road	1,610	361	251

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters reg- istered and qualified to vote	\$10,700,000 Public Building Bond	
			Votes for	Votes against
21	Sedgefield Jr. High School 2700 Dorchester Drive	<u>1,515</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>173</u>
22	Wilmore School 428 W. Blvd.	<u>1,017</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>77</u>
23	Ashley Park School 3128 Belfast Drive	<u>1,319</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>186</u>
24	Enderly Park School 1318 Clay Ave.	<u>1,609</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>244</u>
25	West Charlotte High School 2219 Senior Drive	<u>2,343</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>152</u>
26	Double Oaks School 1905 Earle Street	<u>1,345</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>49</u>
27	Tryon Hills School 2600 Grimes Street	<u>1,294</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>127</u>
28	Plaza Road School 3501 The Plaza	<u>1,451</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>202</u>
29	Merry Oaks School 3508 Draper Ave.	<u>1,456</u>	<u>235</u>	<u>190</u>
30	Highland School 3201 Clemson Ave.	<u>873</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>126</u>
31	Marie Davis School 3343 Griffith St.	<u>792</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>15</u>
32	Christ Episcopal Church 1412 Providence Road	<u>1,601</u>	<u>601</u>	<u>155</u>
33	Eastway Jr. High School 3333 Biscayne Drive	<u>1,750</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>218</u>
34	Oakhurst Vol. Fire Station 5419 Monroe Road	<u>1,886</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>244</u>
35	Cotswold School 300 Greenwich Road	<u>1,985</u>	<u>429</u>	<u>218</u>
36	Rama Road School 1035 Rama Road	<u>2,298</u>	<u>634</u>	<u>288</u>
37	Pinewood School 815 Seneca Place	<u>1,432</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>251</u>
38	Collingswood School Applegate Road	<u>1,394</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>174</u>
39	Barringer School 2701 Walton Road	<u>1,839</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>109</u>
40	Thomasboro School 538 Bradford Drive	<u>2,010</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>288</u>
41	Chadwick Methodist Church 128 S. Cromer St.	<u>932</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>98</u>

Precinct	Voting Place	Voters reg- istered and qualified to vote	\$10,700,000 Public Building Bonds	
			Votes for	Votes against
42	Hidden Valley School 5100 Snow White Lane	<u>1,914</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>329</u>
43	Cochrane Jr. High School 6200 Starhaven Drive	<u>1,873</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>228</u>
44	Shamrock School 3301 Country Club Drive	<u>1,346</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>222</u>
45	Third Presbyterian Church 4019 Central Ave.	<u>2,025</u>	<u>284</u>	<u>319</u>
46	Chantilly School 701 Briar Creek Road	<u>1,913</u>	<u>276</u>	<u>234</u>
47	Trinity Presby. Church 3115 Providence Rd.	<u>1,450</u>	<u>411</u>	<u>213</u>
48	Providence Methodist Church 2810 Providence Road	<u>1,861</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>204</u>
49	Park Road School 3701 Haven Drive	<u>1,959</u>	<u>423</u>	<u>185</u>
50	Smith Jr. High School Tyvola Road	<u>1,670</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>249</u>
51	Sedgefield Elementary School 700 Marsh Road	<u>1,267</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>170</u>
52	St. Marks Meth. Church 917 Clanton Road	<u>1,225</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>70</u>
53	Harding High School 2001 Alleghany Street	<u>1,269</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>178</u>
54	North West Jr. High School 1415 Beatties Ford Road	<u>1,437</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>66</u>
55	Lincoln Heights School 1900 Newcastle Street	<u>1,491</u>	<u>130</u>	<u>131</u>
56	Druid Hills School 2801 Lucena Street	<u>1,851</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>46</u>
57	Sharon School Gym., Sharon Rd.	<u>2,514</u>	<u>526</u>	<u>346</u>
58	Starmount School 1600 Brookdale Ave.	<u>1,106</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>135</u>
59	Montclair School 5801 Farmbrook Dr.	<u>1,455</u>	<u>249</u>	<u>214</u>
60	Briarwood School 1001 Wilann Drive	<u>1,219</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>168</u>
61	Eastway Christian Church	<u>2,138</u>	<u>296</u>	<u>276</u>
	TOTALS	<u>88,224</u>	<u>13,509</u>	<u>9,585</u>

\$6,000,000
Sanitary Sewer
Bonds\$4,920,000
Water Bonds\$5,025,000
Street Widening, Extension and Improvement
Bonds

Precinct	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
1	458	92	457	92	448	100
2	45	9	43	8	42	12
3	36	9	36	8	44	7
4	196	52	202	55	190	61
5	96	36	94	37	96	32
6	92	43	89	45	93	47
7	147	46	141	48	133	60
8	619	86	619	86	588	112
9	214	72	212	70	215	72
10	195	118	198	115	182	135
11	75	43	77	39	70	46
12	80	41	78	41	84	37
13	66	45	67	44	67	42
14	54	35	53	41	57	39
15	261	133	254	138	248	143
16	217	112	218	107	207	122
17	195	85	188	87	191	87
18	512	59	508	64	498	75
19	650	122	642	127	628	142
20	454	158	450	160	434	176
21	286	124	286	127	272	130
22	97	58	96	59	92	66
23	147	136	143	136	138	147
24	149	208	157	203	143	210
25	256	111	240	118	250	117
26	69	37	65	35	64	40
27	108	100	106	99	110	103
28	147	174	148	173	147	171
29	300	131	291	136	293	133
30	98	95	92	97	82	115
31	31	10	30	9	29	10

\$6,890,000
Sanitary Sewer
Bonds

\$4,920,000
Water Bonds

\$5,025,000
Street Widening, Extension and Improvement
Bonds

Ward	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
32	663	92	656	92	639	108
33	271	158	271	157	276	149
34	270	183	267	182	267	189
35	510	129	507	134	482	155
36	740	173	730	177	725	189
37	352	168	351	170	342	184
38	278	111	278	109	263	115
39	124	88	119	88	121	86
40	222	239	212	247	199	260
41	34	89	37	87	35	88
42	287	237	275	249	292	227
43	324	153	323	154	323	153
44	258	161	238	173	223	196
45	362	239	363	240	375	231
46	351	155	341	163	346	162
47	476	141	475	143	443	171
48	677	123	673	122	631	158
49	491	111	490	114	475	128
50	394	148	389	155	381	154
51	324	105	325	106	314	119
52	96	55	96	53	93	61
53	141	135	135	138	122	150
54	163	45	161	48	151	58
55	185	73	180	72	170	82
56	115	35	118	35	114	38
57	668	204	651	221	654	215
58	219	79	212	81	209	85
59	335	123	331	126	330	128
60	209	122	206	125	217	110
61	369	199	364	203	319	198
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TOTAL	16,258	6,653	16,054	6,768	15,666	7,136

Precinct	\$1,250,000 Street Land Bonds		\$3,175,000 Public Building Bonds		\$2,075,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds	
	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
1	441	97	413	131	410	130
2	43	13	39	13	47	11
3	35	8	36	10	42	9
4	176	66	171	78	171	85
5	86	33	85	37	88	43
6	87	46	76	58	81	57
7	121	62	107	76	109	76
8	568	115	555	142	545	150
9	197	75	180	95	176	102
10	165	137	155	149	160	151
11	59	52	61	50	67	52
12	68	37	70	38	83	39
13	58	43	62	46	64	50
14	51	39	43	44	42	44
15	236	144	212	169	216	175
16	200	112	165	148	166	155
17	177	88	160	108	169	111
18	487	75	458	104	457	110
19	597	150	568	191	570	197
20	415	178	360	237	376	228
21	270	131	239	160	246	160
22	89	64	88	66	84	76
23	131	144	107	172	115	166
24	142	202	114	231	123	234
25	226	106	212	140	243	141
26	53	36	52	44	62	45
27	98	101	84	117	86	125
28	129	172	119	195	122	199
29	291	124	255	167	251	174
30	80	103	74	113	75	118
31	27	11	24	9	19	23

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Precinct	\$1,250,000 Street Land Bonds		\$3,175,000 Public Building Bonds		\$2,075,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds	
	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
32	619	118	595	140	603	146
33	266	147	218	199	221	201
34	262	188	225	218	231	224
35	453	167	436	197	432	209
36	706	193	626	278	629	280
37	313	163	273	244	289	236
38	254	121	217	160	231	153
39	105	88	98	102	105	102
40	201	249	168	283	167	286
41	35	84	28	95	35	91
42	280	233	216	304	225	299
43	318	155	259	213	255	216
44	235	170	203	203	203	216
45	369	219	291	306	292	310
46	337	158	287	211	268	236
47	435	169	408	195	414	201
48	617	168	584	191	563	202
49	460	129	422	172	424	178
50	373	160	312	228	324	224
51	303	114	265	161	272	161
52	86	61	78	70	92	62
53	117	151	96	172	114	160
54	141	52	137	62	149	65
55	153	73	125	114	156	111
56	99	34	102	39	122	37
57	645	212	561	306	563	306
58	205	82	171	118	182	114
59	326	126	258	197	262	194
60	203	110	165	155	167	159
61	359	198	296	268	278	247
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TOTALS	15,078	7,056	13,464	8,939	13,733	9,052

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 \$1,800,000
 Redevelopment
 Bonds

\$265,000
 Land Acquisition
 Bonds

Precinct	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
1	399	136	433	110
2	41	12	37	11
3	40	7	38	10
4	169	77	178	66
5	86	39	91	36
6	76	59	84	52
7	109	71	128	54
8	530	160	573	119
9	183	94	198	79
10	159	148	167	136
11	64	53	68	48
12	82	38	70	42
13	60	46	61	44
14	41	40	46	44
15	210	174	229	154
16	159	153	193	119
17	162	106	173	93
18	451	109	480	84
19	545	212	612	148
20	365	235	418	182
21	239	158	270	135
22	77	77	90	64
23	111	166	128	151
24	110	239	130	222
25	232	130	221	129
26	58	43	57	44
27	88	120	90	111
28	114	202	137	179
29	236	180	278	145
30	73	114	77	109
31	26	13	25	13

\$1,800,000
Redevelopment
Bonds

\$265,000
Land Acquisition
Bonds

precinct	Votes for	Votes against	Votes for	Votes against
32	590	151	633	109
33	211	212	248	172
34	219	229	251	194
35	417	211	471	163
36	617	283	692	212
37	266	247	326	196
38	213	163	242	139
39	100	102	109	89
40	143	299	172	276
41	30	89	31	88
42	204	315	251	270
43	243	228	302	176
44	186	219	230	184
45	274	319	337	261
46	269	215	315	183
47	404	202	446	163
48	565	218	631	163
49	418	173	464	134
50	311	232	370	173
51	271	152	309	119
52	84	65	80	67
53	95	175	117	155
54	144	59	143	58
55	127	107	157	90
56	113	32	103	42
57	525	339	640	228
58	159	132	196	97
59	244	209	303	155
60	166	158	187	141
61	289	271	335	232
TOTALS	13,192	9,217	14,871	7,662

Section 3. From the canvass so made the City Council hereby judicially determines and declares the result of said special bond election to be the result which is set forth in the following statement of the result of the election, which statement has been prepared by the City Council of the City of Charlotte:

STATEMENT OF RESULT OF
THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
held in the
CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
on December 12, 1969

At a special bond election held on December 12, 1969
88,224 voters were registered and qualified to vote.

At said election 13,509 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$10,700,000 Public Building Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing a building or buildings to be used as a civic center, including, but without limitation, convention, exhibition, auditorium, meeting room, parking and other appurtenant facilities, and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 9,585 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 16,258 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$6,890,000 Sanitary Sewer Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and extending the sanitary sewer system of said City, including the acquisition, construction and enlargement of sewage collection, treatment and disposal facilities and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient

tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds and 6,653 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 16,054 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$4,920,000 Water Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for enlarging and extending the waterworks system, including the acquisition, construction and enlargement of water supply, storage, treatment and distribution facilities and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 6,768 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 15,666 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$5,025,000 Street Widening, Extension and Improvement Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for widening, extending and constructing or reconstructing the surface of streets, including the contemporaneous construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, curbs, gutters, drains and grading, and the acquisition of necessary land and rights of way, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 7,136 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters

of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 15,078 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$1,250,000 Street and Land Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring land for streets and highways forming a part of the State Highway System, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 7,056 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 13,464 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$3,175,000 Public Building Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for erecting and improving buildings for municipal purposes, including the enlarging, renovating, remodeling and improving of the auditorium-coliseum facilities, the erection of administrative office buildings and a new fire station, the reconstruction of an existing fire station, the construction of ancillary walkways, the demolishing of existing structures and the acquisition of the necessary land and equipment, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 8,939 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 13,733 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$2,075,000 Recreation Facilities Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for constructing and equipping recreation and park facilities and all buildings and structures necessary or useful in connection therewith, and the acquisition of the necessary land, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 9,062 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and in in force and effect.

At said election 13,192 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$1,800,000 Redevelopment Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds for appropriation to the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte to aid said Commission in the acquisition of land and the improvement thereof by said Commission necessary in the carrying out of its lawful powers and functions, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 9,217 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

At said election 14,871 votes were cast for the ordinance authorizing the City of Charlotte to contract a debt and in evidence thereof to issue not exceeding \$265,000 Land Acquisition Bonds of said City for the purpose of providing funds, with any other available funds, for acquiring land for sanitary landfill and refuse disposal purposes, and authorizing the levy and collection of a sufficient

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tax for the payment of the principal of and the interest on said bonds, and 7,662 votes were cast against said ordinance, and a majority of the qualified voters of said City who voted thereon at said election having voted in favor of the approval of said ordinance, said ordinance was thereby approved and is in force and effect.

By order of the City Council of the City of Charlotte,
this 15th day of December, 1969.

James B. Whittington
Mayor Pro Tem

Fred D. Alexander

Jerry Tuttle

John H. Thrower

Joe D. Withrow

Councilmen

Section 4. When the foregoing statement shall have been signed by a majority of the members of the City Council and delivered to the City Clerk, the latter shall record it in the Ordinance Book and such statement shall be filed in her office and published by her once in the Charlotte Observer. A notice substantially in the following form shall be appended to the copy of the foregoing statement which is published:

TO THE CITIZENS AND TAXPAYERS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

No right of action or defense founded upon the invalidity of the election mentioned in the foregoing statement shall be asserted, nor shall the validity of such election be open to question in any court upon any ground whatever, except in an action or proceeding commenced within thirty days after the publication of the foregoing statement.

RUTH E. ARMSTRONG
City Clerk

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded
by Councilman Withrow, the foregoing resolution entitled:
"RESOLUTION CANVASSING THE RETURNS OF THE SPECIAL BOND ELECTION
HELD DECEMBER 12, 1969 AND DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE RESULTS
THEREOF" was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Thrower, Withrow, Alexander and Tuttle.

Nays: None

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I, Ruth E. Armstrong, City Clerk of the City of Charlotte,
North Carolina, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing has been care-
fully copied from the recorded minutes of the City Council of the
City of Charlotte at a meeting held on December 15, 1969, the refer-
ence having been made in Minute Book 53, beginning at page
1 and ending at page 18 and recorded in full in Resolution
Book 6, beginning at page 474 and ending at page 492,
and is a true copy of so much of said minutes as relate in any
way to the special bond election held on December 12, 1969.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that the statement of the result of the
election adopted by the resolution set forth in the foregoing tran-
script has been recorded by me in Ordinance Book No. 16,
beginning at page 452 and ending at page 456, and the original
has been filed in my office.

WITNESS my hand and the corporate seal of said City, this
17th day of December, 1969.

Ruth Armstrong
City Clerk

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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in City Hall, on Monday, December 15, 1969, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission sat with the City Council, and as a separate body, held its public hearings on Petitions for changes in zoning classifications concurrently with the City Council with the following members present: Commissioners Albea, Blanton, Brewer, Embry, Godley, Sibley, Stone, Tate and Turner.

ABSENT: Chairman Toy.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Fred D. Alexander.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting, on December 8, 1969, were approved as submitted.

PRIORITIES FOR BOND PROJECTS SET OUT.

Mayor Belk congratulated Council on the fine work and leadership which they gave to the City in the passage of the \$36.1 million bond referendum, and also thanked the citizens for their support.

Mayor Belk stated we are now ready to start work on this bond package and he presented the priorities on the bond projects, and stated work has been started effective today.

The priorities are as follows:

CIVIC CENTER - \$10.7 Million

1. Land Acquisition - \$700,000
The process of land appraisal for the site has begun. The first professionals have been engaged in the person of E. L. Vinson Company.

SEWER BONDS - \$6,890,000

1. Briar Creek Outfall Additions and Improvements - \$825,000
2. Taggart Creek Outfall and Trunk Extension - \$225,000
3. McMullen Creek Outfall Extension - \$1,050,000
4. Irwin Creek Pump Station Addition - \$250,000

WATER BONDS - \$4,920,000

1. Tank at North Tryon and Owen Boulevard - \$275,000
2. Distribution mains along Sharon Amity, Milton Road, Shamrock and The Plaza - \$840,000

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STREET BONDS - \$5,025,000

1. Sugar Creek Road - \$300,000
2. Archdale Drive Bridge - \$130,000
3. Belmont Neighborhood Improvement Program - \$715,000
4. Civic Center Area Streets - \$1,200,000

STREET LAND - \$1,250,000

1. Independence Boulevard - Eastway Drive Interchange - \$1,250,000

PUBLIC BUILDINGS - \$3,175,000

1. New Fire Station in northwest - \$200,000
2. Governmental Center Walkway and Park - \$325,000
3. Coliseum Improvements - \$1,500,000
4. Greenville Model Neighborhood Service Center - \$200,000
5. First Ward Model Neighborhood Service Center - \$200,000

RECREATION BONDS - \$2,075,000

1. Sugar Creek Park in Belmont-Villa Heights
2. Irwin Creek Park in Third Ward - Irwin Park Neighborhood
3. Library Park

REDEVELOPMENT BOND - \$1.8 Million

1. Governmental Center Area Improvements which are 100 percent locally financed - \$500,000

LANDFILL - \$265,000

1. Cooperation with Mecklenburg County on the possible joint purchase of landfill sites is now underway.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-91 BY ED GRIFFIN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO R-9MF OF AN 18.05 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 972 FEET ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF MONROE ROAD, BEGINNING AT EAST MECKLENBURG HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY, AND EXTENDING TOWARD VISTA DRIVE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six (6) Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised the property is located on the south side of Monroe Road; the subject property is entirely vacant; it is adjoined on the east side by East Mecklenburg School property with one house situated on the property; to the south the area is predominately vacant although it has been approved for a subdivision to be developed with single family housing - this property is owned by Griffin also. He stated to the west is an area being developed for single family homes; to the north on Monroe Road is an apartment project being built by the petitioner; along Independence Boulevard farther north are numerous businesses; there is under construction a new business center adjacent to the apartments fronting on Independence Boulevard. Other than that the area is generally vacant.

Mr. Bryant stated along the south side of Monroe Road the zoning is R-12 all through the area including the subject property; there is R-9MF zoning on the north side of Monroe Road in front of the subject property; along Independence Boulevard, there is a combination of B-2 and O-15 zoning.

Mr. Joe Griffin, Attorney for the petitioner, stated the property is surrounded by the petitioner's property, East High School and Monroe Road. He stated

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the petitioner intends to surround this property on two sides with single family residences; the property fronts on Monroe Road which should be, and they think soon will be, a four-lane highway; single family residences on four-lane highways is not good planning. He stated the building of single family residences or apartments will increase the traffic; but he thinks it is getting the cart before the horse if they stop building because of traffic or traffic hazards; the traffic hazards should be alleviated - building and progress should not be stopped.

Mr. Griffin stated if this property is built into apartments there will be an increase in tax revenues; they think it will increase the revenue to make a difference of some \$15,000 a year; apartment living is a new way of life and apartments and slums are not synonymous; they would hope that Council will agree and let them build nice apartments at this location.

Mr. Myles Haynes, Attorney for the opposition, stated this is the fourth time in two years he has come before Council on behalf of these people who live in this area attempting to block another effort to encroach into a residential area with multi-family housing. The land in question comprises 18 acres immediately adjoining the East Mecklenburg High School along the old Monroe Road; it currently carried an R-12 zoning classification and the petitioner would like it changed to R-9MF. The people who petition against the request comprise not only the homeowners who live in the area but also the parents of many of the children who go to East Mecklenburg High School. The basis for their concern is two-fold: (1) they fear the deterioration of the neighborhood and the depreciation of their property values which they believe an additional multi-family housing development will bring; (2) they are concerned about the additional traffic hazards and safety hazards in and around the school house.

Mr. Haynes filed with the City Clerk petitions signed by approximately 500 people who live in the area, in and around the school, and many of whom have children who attend East Mecklenburg High School.

Mr. Haynes stated most of the homes lying adjacent to the property sought to be rezoned and south of the property are high quality residential homes ranging in value from \$27,000 to \$40,000; many of the homes were purchased as a lifetime investment on the assumption by the owner that the R-15 and R-12 classification applicable to the property would be maintained for the protection of the owners. He stated directly across from the school and the property in question is sufficient acreage to accommodate 180 units which are presently under development; adjoining that tract to the west is acreage to accommodate 148 units which is yet undeveloped; to the east and across the road is a R-9MF tract with acreage to accommodate 130 units and that property is yet undeveloped; between that acreage and Independence Boulevard is property zoned O-15 with sufficient acreage for 637 units of multi-family housing; the total number of multi-family units presently allowable under the existing multi-family zoning in this vicinity is 3,927.17 units; the total units of multi-family housing presently allowed under existing zoning in the immediate neighborhood of East Mecklenburg School is 1,196 units.

Mr. Haynes stated the latest traffic figures available from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles indicates that 6800 automobiles utilized old Monroe Road between the City Limits and Rama Road; that more than 4900 automobiles pass the school each day; at least 500 automobiles will be found on the parking lot of the school along with 10-12 to busses. On a recent morning 48 school busses passed through the Old Monroe Road-Rama Road Intersection and on the same afternoon he assumes the same number of busses came back through the intersection in less than one hours time. He stated the Highway Department reports that between January 1, 1968 and October of this year, a total of 16 accidents occurred in the general vicinity with eight of those occurring at the intersection directly in front of the school house.

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Mr. Haynes stated the petitioners in protest ask Council to consider the facts and conclude there is no valid reason to grant the zoning request since the need for additional multi-family zoning has not been demonstrated by the petitioner and any economic gain to be made by the developer cannot be worth the risk of the lives and limbs of the children who attend the school, the residents who live in the neighborhood and the public who travels the roadway in question.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-111 BY WILFORD M. SMITH, C. D. BULLOCK AND R. E. SULLIVAN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO O-6 OF A PARCEL OF LAND 151' x 158' AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ROCKFORD COURT AND WOODLAWN ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six (6) Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this is a request for rezoning on a single lot and located on Woodlawn Road at the corner of Rockford Court. He stated the property is used for a combination of commercial type purposes including a doctor's office, beauty shop, dry cleaners and several other uses. The area is predominately utilized for single family residential purposes with the exception of a day care center on the north side of Woodlawn Road east of the subject property, and further east is a church with some vacant property across on the opposite side of Woodlawn Road south of the actual frontage.

Mr. Bryant stated the entire area is zoned for single family residential purposes with the exception of the subject property which is zoned B-1.

Dr. Smith, one of the petitioners, stated he lives some 300 feet from the subject property; this property was originally zoned B-1 under the grandfather clause prior to the zoning ordinance of 1956, which is not in keeping with the spirit of the community; that it is not for the betterment of the community for this property to remain as B-1 and there is no use for the purposed use which he is told is an independent service station, and a convenience grocery store.

Councilman Short stated apparently Dr. Smith is not the owner and the owner is attempting to do something that is legal under the present zoning and in order to block the owner from doing this, the petitioners are seeking to rezone this property? Dr. Smith replied that is correct.

Councilman Whittington stated Dr. Smith's office is located on this property, and he lives across the street.

Mr. Ben Horack, Attorney, stated he is representing I.S.I. Investment Corporation which is the present owner of the property, and Tenneco Oil Company, who is under contract to purchase the property from I.S.I. He stated this is one of those rare incidents where one who is not the owner seeks to rezone the property that belongs to others. He stated both I.S.I. and Tenneco protest this request to change the zoning from its existing B-1 to O-6 as proposed by Dr. Smith - that Dr. Smith's only connection with the property is that he is one of the tenants of the several areas in the building located on the subject property; that Dr. Smith has been given notice to vacate.

Mr. Horack stated Tenneco's operation is similar to the 7-11 Convenience Stores with the exception they sell gasoline; they do not sell tires or similar accessories; they only sell gas. The reason for a facility such as this is to serve the neighborhood in which it is located, and this type of facility is well adapted to serve the Woodlawn and Rockford Court Area.

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Mr. Horack stated it would be unconscionable for this change in zoning to be granted. He stated the petition for the rezoning was not filed until November 4 and he indicated the purpose of his filing was in order to thwart Tenneco's use of this property for its B-1 purpose.

Mr. Horack stated in early spring of this year I.S.I. got an option to purchase this property; it then had control of it. In turn they gave an option to Tenneco on May 12 to purchase the property from I.S.I. On July 14, there is a contract between Mr. & Mrs. Bullock, who adjoin the property and who have joined in Dr. Smith's request to have the property rezoned, and Tenneco to the effect that for \$750.00 they gave Tenneco for a period of 120 days the right to move certain shrub with an annual stipend for \$225.00 for their not planting certain other shrubs and some other things. He stated on August 4, Tenneco received its topographical survey and ordered title insurance in early August; Tenneco formally exercised its option to purchase from I.S.I.; a plot plan was prepared of all specifications on August 17; in the latter part of August there were dealings with the engineer on the job seeking to have everything in readiness to obtain the permit, which as yet has not been procured; in August and September all that needed to be done was done with reference to getting approval for the issuance of a permit.

He stated on September 22 Tenneco made inquiries about requesting the tenants to vacate to the end they could have the demolition crews in there on November 3; while this was all transpiring I.S.I. spent \$1880 to get one of the leases terminated - the beauty shop; in addition I.S.I. parted Company on the strength of this zoning of an additional \$3400 on September 30. He stated this transaction was to have been completed on October 3 but because of the extra time it took to get the property vacated there was a postponement of the closing date. Because of the delay Tenneco's option to purchase was about to expire and in order for I.S.I. to be in position to fulfill its commitment to sell, I.S.I. had to come in and buy the property exercising its option at a price of \$70,000.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Horack if he is making the point that this is unconscionable because of the expenditure of money and the many other things done by the businessmen he represents; not that Dr. Smith knew or had any way of knowing that all these transactions were going on on the part of the landlord? Mr. Horack replied of course, Dr. Smith knew; that during this course of dealings he knew the property would have to be vacated by the 10th; so he knew what was coming up.

Mr. Horack stated business concerns that come into this town have a hard enough time to get zoning changes in order to accommodate their business use; in this instance the property was properly zoned for B-1 and all the parties acted in reliance on it; I.S.I. and Tenneco are already substantial investors in our Community and our responsible business citizens deserve better treatment than to have the rug pulled out from them at the last minute by changing the zoning of their property.

Councilman Alexander stated he lives at 2140 Senior Drive and if Mr. Horack wants to put up \$100 he can apply to have the zoning changed on his property; is this what he is saying? That his property could be up for rezoning, and he would not even know about it until the sign is placed? Mr. Horack replied that is right and no one has to notify him of the pending change, but Mr. Bryant sends out a letter saying that the property is up for rezoning.

Mr. Bryant stated a business building was started on this property prior to the time it was first zoned in 1956 under the perimeter zoning ordinance; it was not zoned business under the 1956 ordinance, therefore, it had a grandfather's status as a non-conforming use from 1956 until the adoption of the present zoning ordinance in 1962; in 1962 a B-1 zoning classification was applied for the first time; as of now it is not non-conforming under the present zoning ordinance. Councilman Whittington asked if Council has not considered a request for this location to put a wholesale jewelry in? Mr. Bryant replied this request was for a text change to permit the wholesale jewelry operation in a B-1 zoning about 18 months ago and an ordinance was adopted permitting wholesale jewelry operations in any B-1 zone.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-112 BY C. C. HOPE, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-2 OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF WESTWOOD AVENUE BEGINNING 162 FEET WEST OF SOUTHWOOD AVENUE AND EXTENDING TO THE REAR OF LOTS ALONG CLIFFWOOD PLACE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition on which a protest petition has been filed sufficient to invoke the 3/4 Rule requiring the affirmative vote of six (6) Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised he will discuss with the Planning Commission today the rezoning of this area; they have some staff recommendations to present; and this information will be given to Council as part of the Planning Commission's recommendation along with its recommendation on the subject petition.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property is located on Westwood Avenue; all the property on Westwood is entirely utilized for single family residential purposes with the exception of one vacant lot; surrounding properties are used for a variety of business and industrial purposes; on the Cliffwood side of the property is a heavy area of garage and related automobile and truck repair facilities; there is a body shop and truck repair facility at the corner of Westwood Avenue; there is a garage for Freddie Freeze Ice Cream on the other corner; then the property utilized by a metal working facility is located on Cliffwood Place; at the corner of Southwood and Summit is another truck sale and repair facility and the property recently rezoned to I-1; there is single family residential uses all along Southwood and there is single family and some scattered duplexes on Park Road.

Mr. C. C. Hope, 400 Westwood Avenue, stated he is one of the petitioners and others are present. He stated several weeks ago property was rezoned on South Summit Avenue for a sheet metal company; this property was rezoned to I-1 and adjoins his backyard and the yards of other residential property included in the request for rezoning to B-2; there are only four houses in the 400 block of Westwood - two on each side of the street; the remainder of the block is occupied by an ice cream company on one side which operates trucks in various parts of the city; on the other side of the street is an automobile paint and body shop; adjoining that is a truck and auto repair garage with 24-hour wrecker service. Of the four houses in the 400 block, two are adjacent to the paint and body shop and the garage business; another one adjoins the ice cream business across the street; these three houses constitute rental property and are adjacent to or nearby the garage, paint and body works and the ice cream company which are located on I-2 or B-2 properties. He stated their home is very near the ice cream company and is diagonally across the street from the paint and body works. The property on both sides of Cliffwood Place is either I-2 or B-2 zoning and they respectfully request they be granted a B-2 zoning for their property.

He passed around some pictures of the streets which he requested made a part of the petition.

Mrs. W. J. Downs stated she lives on Westwood Avenue; that the front of her lot faces Wickford Place; they have lived there for quite a while and the residents on the street and across the street do not want any more business because it is annoying in a residential neighborhood. She stated all the people have kept up their homes and they would like to live there. If they demolish the houses and put in business, it will make it impossible for them to stay. She stated there are three widows who live on this street and want to stay there. Mrs. Downs passed around pictures of her home showing the yard and how well it is maintained.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-109 BY JOHN W. HINSON FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO B-1 OF A LOT 161' X 120' AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF REMOUNT ROAD AND KIMBERLY ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this property is located at the intersection of Remount Road and Kimberly Road; it is occupied by a single family structure as is all the lots on Kimberly Road; it is adjoined to the south by a shopping center; across Remount Road is an apartment building, an office building directly across from the subject property and two single family houses and a Duke Power Substation; to the north of the property on the other side of the single family homes that face Kimberly is the new Parker Heights Apartment area.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning is predominately B-1 along Remount Road; the west side of Remount from Parker Drive to West Boulevard is all zoned B-1; the east side is zoned for business through the shopping center property; the subject property and other properties on the east side and both sides of Kimberly Road are zoned for O-6 and continuing northward along Remount is R-6MF to accommodate the apartment project; along Kimberly to the east of the subject property it is zoned R-9 - this includes Kimberly Road, Fordham Road, Bethel Road and a number of other streets.

Mr. Tom Windsor, representing Mr. John Hinson, the petitioner, stated in 1950 this was set up as a subdivision and 28 houses are located along Kimberly Road. Since then the surrounding conditions have changed and the property is now surrounded on two sides by business; further up Remount Road are the multi-family units.

Mr. Windsor filed with the City Clerk a paper signed by 18 neighbors adjoining this property indicating they consent to and are a part of the proposed change in zoning from O-6 to B-1.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-110 BY MRS. EVELYN BULLARD FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF A LOT 50' X 200' AT 526-528 BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this request is for a change of a single lot located on the east side of Beatties Ford Road which will be the crossing of the Northwest Expressway. This is a small lot which is vacant and adjoined on the south by single family residential structures and further south is a restaurant at the corner of Beatties Ford Road and Frank Street; across on the west side of Beatties Ford Road are several vacant lots; one apartment building is located in the area with a single family residence, food market and at the corner of Cemetery Street is a church; to the north is vacant and then there is the property under the control of the Expressway Project; the railroad is in the process of being relocated. One connector from the Expressway will tie into Beatties Ford Road just south of the subject property.

He stated there is B-1 zoning along both sides of Beatties Ford Road; there is one lot of B-2 zoning north of the subject property which was changed a few months ago; then north of that is some office zoning. To the rear of the subject property there is R-6MF zoning all through the area and also on the opposite side behind the business zoning is multi-family zoning.

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Mrs. Bullard, the petitioner, stated she had an apartment located on the subject property, but it was torn down at the request of the Housing Department of the City; that she is asking for the change in zoning as she has a chance to lease the property if the zoning is changed.

Mrs. Bullard stated Mr. Broom is a young man and the Small Business Loans has approved some money for a car lot.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO 69-113 BY H. I. TUCKER FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO O-6 OF A LOT AT 2330 EAST SEVENTH STREET.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this is a single lot request; the lot is located on the south side of East Seventh Street and is occupied by a single family residence; it is adjoined on the east by single family residences and to the rear by single family uses. On the intown side are three apartment buildings; there is one facility in the block - Educational Materials - which is apparently a non-conforming use under the present zoning. Other uses in the area are basically duplex, single family and multi-family nature. He stated there is a lumber yard located along the railroad on Weddington Avenue.

Mr. Bryant stated there is O-6 zoning along both sides of East Seventh Street to a point near the subject property; from that point out all the area along Seventh, Fifth, Weddington is zoned R-6MF.

Mrs. Edna Moore, representing the petitioner, stated they are asking for the zoning change as the owner turned the property over to the Methodist Home and they were not able to sell the property for residential use due to the location and the widening of East Seventh Street. She said it can be sold for O-6 property; and a CPA would like to use the property if the zoning is changed.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-114 BY DELTA REALTY CORPORATION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-6MF OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 1,054 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF SHARON AMITY ROAD BEGINNING ABOUT 1,030 FEET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this tract of land is on the west side of Sharon Amity and is somewhat less than 17 acres; it is vacant and is adjoined across Sharon Amity by an existing apartment development, by the new Coleman Nursery and a business structure which is under construction and at the intersection of Central and Sharon Amity are several business uses. To the south along Campbell Drive is an area of single family development; to the west along Winterfield the same is true with single family structures.

He stated there is B-1 zoning around the intersection of Central Avenue and Sharon Amity; then R-6MF which adjoins that area and comes down and single family zoning south of that which includes the subject property. He stated the tract of land involved is a part of an overall tract that extends up into an area so that the ownership is divided between R-6MF and R-9.

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Mr. Robert L. Cain, General Manager of Delta Realty Corporation, stated to the left of their property is about 12-1/2 acres of R-6MF and they have provided a 100-foot buffer zone on the left hand to protect the single family. He stated they are surrounded on the front by business property. He stated to economically build what they plan, it is imperative to get the zoning change as it does not lend itself to be divided.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-115 BY JOHNSON H. BROWN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF A LOT 75' x 220' AT 603 HAWTHORNE LANE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this is a single lot request and is located on Hawthorne Lane; it is utilized for single family residential purposes; there is single family uses still adjacent to it on Eighth Street; to the north toward Independence Boulevard is a service station at the corner of Hawthorne and Independence; then one single family residence and then the subject property; on the opposite side is the Krispy Kreme Doughnut Facility on the corner and then two single family structures across from the subject property and then a multi-family structure at the intersection.

Mr. Bryant stated there is B-1 zoning along both sides of Independence throughout the area; then a buffer of office zoning along some of the streets and others including the subject lot goes directly from business on Independence to R-6MF. This extends along Hawthorne Lane all the way down to Eighth - along Bay Street, Oakland and several other streets in the vicinity.

Mr. Sol Levine, Attorney for the petitioner, stated the entire area from where the new underpass is being built all the way back towards Independence Boulevard up to Hawthorne Lane really has to change; the entire area is changing. He stated the petitioner plans to put in a drive-in restaurant. Across from the area is the Kirspy Kreme Doughnut facility; next to the Krispy Kreme is a beauty salon; down the street away towards Seventh Street is the Costner's Cleaners, Evans Construction Company and Spoon's Grocery; across from these businesses is Brown's Auto Paint Service; adjoining is an office building. Up and down the entire area is changing so rapidly that it cannot be classified as residential. He stated they would like to have the area zoned B-2 so they can put the restaurant in there - not B-1. He stated he has found that B-1 allowing small shops and stores can only be condusive in places where there is a residential area nearby. If there is not a residential area nearby, they will not put these small stores in. The area is going to have to go towards a B-2 area allowing larger businesses such as Hanford's across the street. If you go across the street on Independence Boulevard, down one block, Hanford's Wholesale Florist Company has a big establishment located there; one block further down, going across Hawthorne, you will find large industrial and larger business property. Mr. Levine stated the entire area has to change; it is going to become a blighted area if something is not done about allowing businesses to go in, to change the zoning and allow people to come in and spend some money and built it up. He stated he would like to recommend to Council for its consideration that this lot be rezoned to B-2 and he will probably be back with the other lot with B-2 to be able to establish this drive-in restaurant.

Councilman Alexander stated the record shows this request is for a B-1 classification. Mr. Bryant advised the request filed was for a B-1 classification. Councilman Thrown stated you cannot put a drive-in restaurant in a B-1 zone.

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Mr. Levine stated his file shows the request is for B-2, and he filed for a B-2. Mr. Bryant stated he has the original petition filed and the request is for B-1 and if it is to be considered for B-2, it will have to be re-advertised as it was advertised for B-1. Mr. Levine asked if he will have to file a new petition, and Mr. Bryant replied that will be up to Council.

Councilman Whittington moved that the petition be readvertised and a hearing set for a B-2 classification. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

Mayor Belk asked if anyone was present in opposition to the petition, and no one spoke against the petition.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-116 BY 400 QUEENS ROAD, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO R-6MFH OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 100 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF AMHURST PLACE AND EXTENDING THROUGH THE BLOCK TO FRONT 181 FEET ON LUTHER STREET.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this is a request to change from one type of multi-family use to another type of multi-family use; it consists of two lots - one faces on Amhurst Place for a distance of 100 feet and the other faces on Luther Street a distance of 181 feet. He stated the property is utilized on Amhurst Place for multi-family purposes - this is the 400 Queens Road Apartment building which is already located on Amhurst and Queens Road. The portion on Luther Street is vacant at present. The properties adjoining along Amhurst Place are predominately single family with one duplex and one apartment building; adjacent to the apartment on Queens Road is a single family structure and then two more multi-family structures and it is a combination of single family and multi-family uses along Queens Road. He pointed out the Little Theatre located on Queens Road and stated other significant land uses in the area are the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital and the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning along Queens Road is R-6MFH from near Third Street out to Colonial or Caswell Road intersection, and then continuing R-6MFH out near Dartmouth Place on the opposite side of the street. The subject property is adjacent to property along Queens Road that is zoned for R-6MFH. Other than that the zoning in the area including the subject property is zoned for R-6MF along Luther Street and several other streets in the area.

Mr. Bryant stated this is a change within an apartment district from one density of apartment development to another.

Mr. J. M. Alexander stated he is part owner of 400 Queens Road and they plan to build additional units on this land; he stated they do not plan to go up more than two stories and it will be adjacent to the present building but a separate building of the same pasture.

Mr. Alexander stated you go down Amhurst Place and go to a parking lot at a lower level; the project has two fronts - one off Amhurst Place and one that faces on the inside of the lot and they service the parking for the lower level that fronts on the inside of the lots coming off Amhurst and down into the project; the additional units will be built facing the parking area to give a court effect.

Commissioner Turner asked if the property lays similar to the present project; does it fall off at the back? Mr. Alexander replied it is level once you get to the back; that all the traffic will come out on Amhurst Place; they will build not more than 16 units.

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Mr. Alexander stated there are three lots involved - one is at the corner of Amhurst Place and Queens Road and adjacent to that is a lot coming off Amhurst Place and this was their original tract and this is where they placed their present building. He stated they received their permit in 1962 immediately after the zoning went into effect; they knew the Amhurst Place lot was not zoned for R-6MFH and they accomplished the zoning and on that basis received their building permit. He stated he finds now there is no record of that and they would like to bring their present building into conformity.

No one spoke in opposition to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-117 BY J. E. AND J. W. GARVEY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF PECAN AVENUE AND SHENANDOAH AVENUE FRONTING 211 FEET ON PECAN AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject property is located at the intersection of Pecan Avenue and Shenandoah Avenue and one lot involved has a single family residence on it and the other two are vacant; it is adjoined on Independence side by business uses; across Pecan on the west side of Pecan is a variety of uses including some industrial type uses and as you proceed down Shenandoah Avenue, it is predominately single family facilities.

Mr. Bryant stated there is industrial zoning along the railroad from Independence down along the west side of Pecan; the subject property is zoned B-1 as is the remainder of the property down through and past Chesterfield Avenue and then B-2 zoning all along Independence Boulevard. If this request is granted it will be an extension of B-2 zoning which is now at the corner of Independence and Pecan and extending it down to Shenandoah Avenue; there is a tier of office zoning to the rear of the subject property and to the rear of all the business property fronting on Pecan along Shenandoah Avenue and Chesterfield Avenue and the other property along Shenandoah, Chesterfield and Bay is zoned for single family purposes.

Mr. Clark Totherow, Attorney representing the petitioner and Simpson Electric Company, stated Simpson Electric Company has a contract to purchase the property subject to the zoning change. The property is now B-1 and the petition is to change it to B-2 as Simpson Electric Company proposes to build for retail and wholesale of electric lighting fixtures. He stated the one family residence which is situated on one of the lots has been empty for some time.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Council Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-118 BY HILLARD K. LEE, BETTY LEE MILNER, ROY O. DAVIS, AND MRS. JOHN S. CHONIS, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 AND R-9MF TO B-1 AND O-6 OF A TRACT OF LAND FRONTING 200 FEET WEST OF FINCHLEY ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised this is a request for a change in the vicinity of the Shamrock-Eastway Intersection; the subject property is located on the north side of Shamrock, east of the intersection of Eastway and east of the existing business uses; the one business use immediately adjacent to the subject property is a garden center for the sale of garden supplies and then a food store and a cleaners at the corner of Frontenac; there is a service station on the southeast corner and as you

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proceed down Shamrock there is a single family residence on the subject property and then several vacant lots including a portion of the subject property and one other single family residence at the corner of Finchley Drive and Shamrock Drive; then a number of single family structures east of Finchley as well as several single family houses on the south side of Shamrock. He pointed out the Methodist Home Park which is located on Eastway Drive and Shamrock Drive.

He stated there is basically business zoning around the intersection of Eastway and Shamrock and then a tier of office zoning to act as transitional zoning and beyond that is R-9MF.

Mr. Buck Kitchin stated he is with Wardlow, Knox, Caudle and Wade and he and Mr. Charles Knox represent some of the people involved in the petition. He stated there is B-1 property directly across Shamrock Drive from the subject property requested for B-1 and if the request is granted, it would make the business property on both sides of the street down to approximately the same line. In order to keep the continuity Mr. Chonis has joined with the other petitioners to request an O-6 zoning for his property to give a transitional buffer zone between the B-1 property and the one single family dwelling on the corner; there will still be a vacant lot of R-9MF between the last O-6 lot if the petition is granted and the single family dwelling.

He stated the single family house located on the subject property and requested changed to B-1 is under contract for sale to Mr. Joe Smith who intends to put a small radio and TV repair shop there.

Mr. Jim McDuffey stated he is not speaking in opposition but since he lives around the corner and this is near the site of the bridge, he asked if there is any late word on the Shamrock Bridge? Mr. McDuffey was advised this is a zoning hearing and he should make his statements relating to the zoning only.

Mr. McDuffey asked if the traffic does not have anything to do with rezoning? Does the amount of cars on the street and how wide the street is not have something to do with zoning? If there are 12,000 cars on the street and it is a two lane street, does this not have something to do with zoning? He stated Shamrock Drive is very overcrowded and when you rezone the property more traffic is added and it is an obligation when you give business zoning to do something about the street. He stated this property is next door to a park and the Park Board should be interested in buying some of this property, and Council in its deliberations needs to know there is a park across the street; that it is a narrow street; that we do need some of the bond funds to buy some of this property right next to this zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE I, SECTION 5-5(c) PERMITTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT TO APPOINT INSPECTORS TO MAKE "COMBINED INSPECTIONS" ON ONE AND TWO FAMILY RESIDENCES, TABLED.

Mr. W. H. Jamison, Superintendent of the Building Inspection Department, stated the proposed amendment to the City Code will permit the Superintendent of the Inspection Department to appoint inspectors to make "combined inspections" on one and two family residences. The ordinance provides that the superintendent may select an inspector who is a specialist in one branch of our activities and add to this base of knowledge sufficient technical training to enable him to handle all aspects of the relatively unsophisticated one and two family work.

He stated during the past year the department has been schooling and training certain inspectors to perform this duty and they are now satisfied these men

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have the know-how to render first class inspection service; they have been trained in those technical areas in which they were not already skilled - for instance, the electrical inspector has become proficient in building, mechanical and plumbing specialities. Adequate knowledge of all fields is necessary but not the depth required for the specialist on commercial and industrial work. He stated the City Code now requires that certain inspectors be qualified journeymen holding certificates as issued by the City of Charlotte for a minimum of five years, and he feels this is a good and necessary requirement for inspectors who are to inspect all types of building construction; however, he feels the requirement is too stringent where only one and two family dwellings are concerned.

Mr. Jamison stated under the current inspection service, inspectors are averaging 10 inspection trips on each house. These ten visits might be reduced to four under the "combined inspections" with a savings of six visits per building. As the jurisdiction of the Inspection Department expands over the years, the savings in time and travel distance will become more significant.

He stated during the past ten months, meetings and hearings have been held with the following trade organizations and advisory boards: Home Builder's Association, National Electrical Contractor's Association, Master Electrical Contractor's Association, Warm Air Heating Association, Charlotte Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractor's Association, Charlotte Building Standards Board, Electrical Advisory Board, Mechanical Advisory Board, Plumbing Advisory Board and the North Carolina State Insurance Department. All of these boards and organizations approved of the combined inspection program with the exception of the plumbing groups and now the Master Electrical Contractor's Association. He stated the plumbers feel the inspectors will not receive adequate training and therefore the program would tend to degrade the plumbing trade.

He stated each member of Council received a letter over the weekend from the Master Electrical Contractor's Association in which they gave five objections to the combined inspection department. He stated he would like to speak in rebuttle to each of the five objections.

1. They say the present proposal by the Building Standards Board is not in compliance with the standards and minimums as set forth in the National Electrical Code and N. C. State Regulations.

Answer: Neither the National Electrical Code nor the State Regulations sets forth qualification regulations for electrical inspectors in municipalities.

2. The City Ordinance which sets forth qualifications of electrical inspectors and journeymen will be violated if the subject proposal is adopted in its present form.

Answer: The qualification of inspectors on one and two family residences will not be as stringent as those on industrial and commercial work under the provision of the proposed ordinance; however, the qualification for the electrical specialist will not be changed.

3. Members of Master Electrical Contractor's Association strongly feel that in the interest of safety of the citizens of Charlotte, the minimum standards qualifying personnel to inspect electrical work here should not be lowered.

Answer: We have made very effort to assure them the quality of inspection services on one and two family dwellings will not be lowered.

4. If the subject proposal in its present form is adopted the standards of electrical inspections in the City of Charlotte will be below those of the smallest city and town in the State of North Carolina.

Answer: Same as Item 3.

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5. The National Electrical Code in its introduction sets forth in 90-1, paragraph (a) that the purpose of this code is the practical safeguarding of persons and of buildings and their contents from hazards arising from the use of electricity for light, heat and power. In paragraph (b) of the National Code it is set forth that this code contains basic minimum provisions considered necessary for safety.

Answer: We realize the purpose of the National Electrical Code as we have been enforcing it for some 35-40 years, and we aim to continue enforcing these regulations.

Mr. Jamison stated ordinarily amendments to local codes must be approved by the State Building Code Council. Since this proposal affects administration and not technical provisions, it will not be necessary to obtain their approval. He stated he has written opinions on this from the office of the Honorable Robert Morgan, Attorney General for the State of North Carolina and Mr. Kern Church, Secretary of the North Carolina State Building Code Council and Chief Engineer for the State Insurance Department.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Jamison if he knows the number of deaths caused by electrical fires or fire of undetermined causes last year in single family dwellings versus the more expensive buildings? He stated he is speaking of fires caused by electrical shortages and such? Mr. Jamison replied there are always fires caused by electrical shortages in both residential and commercial type structures; this is due primarily to housekeeping and maintenance of equipment - overloaded circuits and things of this type.

Mr. Hugh Casey stated he is an attorney and is representing the Charlotte Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractor's Association. He stated Mr. R. T. White, President of the Association, is present. He stated in addition he has been asked to represent some of the master electrical contractors.

He stated Mr. Jamison, Superintendent of the City Building Inspection Department, proposes to change the City Code by eliminating the requirement that experienced journeyman plumbers be hired as plumbing inspectors and allowing himself to set the standards as to who is qualified to act as a plumbing inspector. They hope this statement will not cause any offense to Mr. Jamison who they know to be a dedicated public servant but the issue is too important not to be discussed fully and frankly.

He stated the second paragraph of Section 5-405 of the Code of the City of Charlotte states as follows:

"The superintendent of the Building Inspection Department, with the approval of the City Manager, shall appoint the chief plumbing inspector and his assistants who shall be skilled and experienced in plumbing and drainage, and who shall be qualified journeyman plumbers, holding certificates as issued by the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, for a minimum of five years."

This section was adopted or recodified on October 1, 1946.

That for some twenty three years there was no change in this provision of the Code until May 6, 1969 when the Building Inspection Department sent out an announcement to all contractors stating there had been a change in the operation of the Department. This change was that five inspectors had been trained to do all the inspections of one and two family residences. This new procedure was termed combined inspections.

On August 12 Mr. Jamison stated that while combined inspections were limited to one and two family residences expansion was envisioned to include multi-family construction. He also stated that the Code should be amended to reflect the new utilization of inspectors that had been going on since May. Mr. Jamison set forth what he meant - the striking out of the requirement that only experienced journeyman plumbers be hired as plumbing

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inspectors but that instead the superintendent could substitute his own judgment.

On September 10, before the Plumbing Advisory Board, Mr. Jamison stated that he could not find anyone opposed to multi-inspection. At this same meeting he was informed that on September 9 at the plumbing and heating contractor's meeting where eighty percent of all local contractors were in attendance none were in favor of Mr. Jamison's plan.

On October 15, Mr. Jamison stated that the combined inspectors had shown that an inspector, with proper training, can carry out the total inspection service on one and two family dwellings. And again, Mr. Jamison suggested the City Code be changed to allow him to use nothing more than his own judgment as to what constitutes adequate training.

On October 30, after statements in opposition to his plans, Mr. Jamison modified his suggestion to the effect that he and the chief inspector, together, would judge who would be a plumbing inspector. But still he persisted in trying to substitute his judgement for that of the Code which in our city has the force of law.

On October 27, he sent a letter to Mr. Jamison stating, in part, as follows:

"I have been informed that you have engaged in the practice of appointing certain individuals to act as plumbing inspectors, and that these individuals are not qualified journeyman plumbers, holding certificates as issued by the City of Charlotte, North Carolina for a minimum of five years."

On October 30, Mr. Jamison stated "the City had permitted certain employees to physically look at single family plumbing facilities which are to be inspected. All acts and activities of those persons are performed under the control of and under close supervision of a regular plumbing inspector who is authorized to inspect pursuant to City Ordinance, Section 5-405."

He stated this letter appears in direct contradiction to the statements of the Building Inspection Department of May 6 and August 12.

Mr. Casey stated no matter how Mr. Jamison words a statement the facts came out the same - he wants to substitute his own judgment for that of the Code of the City of Charlotte which lays down strict requirements before a man can be hired as a plumbing inspector. Since May of this year, men who have had no practical experience in the plumbing industry have been inspecting plumbing built by journeyman and master plumbers.

He asked if the plumbing industry has changed since 1946 so that plumbing today is less complex and the inspection of dwellings simply a formality? In 1946 most houses had only one bath, a kitchen sink and a water heater. Today even a single family residence may have two or three full baths, two half baths, dishwasher, disposals, quick recovery water heaters and this is as much plumbing as one will find in many restaurants or other types of commercial establishments.

When a plumber does a large commercial job, he has an architect and engineer to direct him. On residence construction the plumber must often lay out a job. This means that he, the plumber, must diagram where and how pipes and valves will be placed. He must be able to take a flat drawing and visualize, in three dimensions, the plumbing for a structure that will extend from basement to attic. He must get his pipes in and standing before the floors and walls are built. He must not make any mistakes because once the floor and walls are in, he cannot go back and change the layout. In laying out a job the plumber must rely on years of experience because no two jobs are just alike. Even if two houses appear identical in all respects just a slight difference in elevation, distance above sewer line, will cause a difference

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in the arrangement of pipe layouts. Mr. Casey stated a man learns this when he begins as a laborer; he works under the direction of a journeyman plumber; if the man shows ambition and is willing to stick with it he becomes an apprentice. He continues to work under the direction of a journeyman plumber for a period of four years. Now he is eligible to take the journeyman's examination but he must also have a background and understanding of theory. He takes a plumbing course at Central Piedmont Community College given by Mr. Bill Ransom, a Master Plumber. Now, he is ready to take the journeyman plumber's examination given in Charlotte. This written examination lasts a full day. If he fails he must take it over until he does pass and there are sixty year-old apprentices today - men who never succeeded in passing the examination.

Now he is a journeyman plumber and he can make installations under the direction of a master plumber. After he has worked for a sufficient length of time, he may sit for the Master Plumber's examination given in Raleigh by the State Plumbing Board. He takes a one day written examination. If he passes, he is now a Master Plumber. Only now can he become a plumbing contractor.

Mr. Casey stated under his new plan Mr. Jamison has deemed a man fit to be an inspector by sending him to take a course at Central Piedmont Community College which is supposed to extend over nine months. During this period, in which there are two hours of class a school day, the students study mechanical, electrical, plumbing and building for a theoretical total of 360 hours so that actual class room time spent on plumbing is no more than 90 hours. Can you compare nine years of solid experience, plus two major rigorous examinations, with 90 hours in a class room? Sitting in a class room no more makes a plumbing inspector than sitting in a lecture hall makes a physician. Both men must combine theory and practice only obtained through working on the job - whether it is termed apprenticeship or internship.

He stated there is no requirement in Mr. Jamison's proposed change that these new inspectors have any training at all - what he has stated about the 90 hours of so-called classroom instruction is simply what they have heard from Mr. Jamison. Under the proposed change in the Code he is under no obligation to require even the slightest amount of training. Remember his judgement will dictate who shall become a plumbing inspector. Since 1946, when this provision of the Code was enacted, plumbing has grown more complex. Charlotte is no longer a small town set in a rural environment. The over crowded urban area with its problems of water pollution and waste disposal has caused a greater need for higher standards in the plumbing industry. To allow Mr. Jamison to change the Code would be a step backward.

Mr. Casey stated to insure skilled plumbing contractors we have high standards of a combination of years of practical experience and formal study, tested by written examinations. Should the same not be demanded of the Inspector? The plumbing industry is one of the few places where America has kept a tradition of craftsmanship. In the final analysis this is the best protection we can have in the vital plumbing industry - experienced contractors whose work will be closely inspected by men who are skilled craftsman. Let us keep this Code provision concerning the qualification of plumbing inspectors free from misguided tampering.

Mr. Casey stated he has received letters from Tompkins-Johnston Company, Inc., P. C. Godfrey Company, Acme Plumbing & Supplies, Inc., and the Master Electrical Contractor's Association of North Carolina setting forth their objections to the amendment. He filed the letters with the City Clerk.

He stated in addition he has a petition containing over 247 signatures requesting the ordinance not be changed; he stated these signatures were obtained in one week's time only. He filed the petition with the City Clerk.

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Mr. Casey stated the question as to whether or not Mr. Jamison is acting in accordance with the existing ordinance is now pending in the Superior Court of this County, and he suggests if the Council does not reject outright this proposal, then a decision should be postponed pending the outcome of the case in Superior Court.

Mr. A. C. Barbee, A. C. Electric of Charlotte, stated what the city has provided in the past years has been and grown into an excellent inspection process for the electrical industry; they have been proud of it and this has come about through peoples' concern and through the due process of our city government; they have been pleased to know there are controlling factors that upgrade and help to upgrade their industry. He stated the change in the ordinance is objected to mostly by the members of the trade; they are interested in continuing to upgrade their industry.

Mr. Barbee stated this amendment would be for single family and duplexes. He stated many homes cost far in excess of some of our commercial buildings. That if we are talking about trying something new, this is picking on a man's castle; this is being introduced in an area that has the most value to the individual - the homeowner; this is a place where his wife and his children sleep. If this is lowering the quality of inspection in any respect, this is a poor place to permit it to be practiced.

He stated today the electrical inspector is required to have a journeyman's license and he must have four year's experience to qualify for the journeyman's license. This proposal has been passed in many areas; in many of those areas great respect was given to Mr. Jamison and this document was passed on the grounds that Mr. Jamison knows more about it than we know, and it was approved and sent on. He stated their association went on record, several years ago, with a great interest in finding ways and methods to broaden the inspectors ability to cover the territory, to give faster and more complete inspections; the Association has gone on record approving the combination of city and county inspection boards. He stated they are not just in agreement in approving combined city and county inspection authority without knowing some details. Mr. Barbee stated originally they were on record approving this multiple inspection as they felt it would be a good thing, but under no circumstances are they interested in having it approved without knowing the details. The detail they are concerned with is whether or not this is upgrading or degrading the department they have been proud of. He stated they have withdrawn their approval because they could not get written into this ordinance a training period and an understanding of what would qualify the inspection personnel to inspect the industry's work.

Mr. Jamison stated Mr. Casey overlooked the experience that is required to take the State Master Plumber's License Examination in Raleigh. No experience is required for that. You can go to Raleigh and study the code and pass the examination and you are in business with no experience and background in plumbing and it is this way under the state requirements for Master Electrical Contractors.

He stated Mr. Casey claims they are in violation of the code since last May by having the people to inspect the various work on the jobs. He stated he feels they are not in violation of the Code because they are working in the training period and they are working as a team - this group has qualified plumbers, electricians, and builders and they work as a team on the jobs.

Mr. Jamison stated all of their Boards are for this proposal with the exception of the plumbers, and all the trade associations are for it with the exception of the plumbers and now one of the associations of electrical contractors. That the outcome of the pending case in court has no relevance to what is proposed today. Mr. Jamison stated he was involved in all the meetings before each of the Boards and it was not passed over lightly; it was argued both pro and con for hours.

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Councilman Short asked Mr. Jamison if it would be possible to work into his plan some arrangement where someone other than a non-journeyman plumber or electrician might be an inspector, and this could be passed by some other group rather than just the superintendent? Mr. Jamison replied this proposal has been revised three different times in an effort to appease all the people concerned, and he explained the revisions.

Councilman Short asked if there is any appeal in a controversial situation? Mr. Jamison replied this is the way the proposal is; when the inspectors run into anything they are ^{not} sure of, they have radios in their cars and he is just as close to help as the radio in his car.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he is very familiar with the proposals and he has worked with Mr. Jamison on them and recommends them to Council.

He stated it is no ones intent to reduce the standards that now apply; the standards should be high and the Department now has high standards and the Department has a good reputation. He stated this does have a built-in cost savings to our community and as we expand it takes longer to get to the various places and the reduction in the total number of inspections has a cost attached to it. He stated anytime an inspector runs into something unusual on any job he only has to go from the job to his car to the radio for assistance. That today we need to be aware of the need to change in terms of how we do things to make sure we are doing things in light of today's times. There is nothing construed here to reduce the standards.

Mr. Veeder stated there is no intent to make journeymen and mechanics out of individuals who do multiple inspections; the intent is to make inspectors out of them; that it would be unrealistic in order to make multiple inspections you would have to be qualified as a journeyman in each and every one of the trades involved. With adequate training it would not be necessary to have journeyman proficiency to make inspections on individual and two family structures.

Mr. Casey stated in discussing the ordinance, if they will read the second from the last line, his statement still stands - "the judgement of the superintendent", and that is the only standard you have.

Councilman Withrow asked if it would be possible to send the electrical inspector out on the job at one period and change and send the plumbing inspector out the next time, if they are dual-trained? Would this satisfy both groups? Mr. Jamison replied they are using the chief inspectors of the individual divisions to train these people; that it would be possible but not practical as these inspectors are assigned to jurisdiction so they will be familiar with all the work going on in their own jurisdiction; that the same man should go out on each of the inspections to see if any additional work has been put in between the time he was there initially and the final inspection.

Councilman Jordan stated he agrees with the statement that this department has been and is doing a fine job; that he also feels we have one of the finest building codes in the country; this deals with the health, welfare and protection of our citizens and he for one cannot vote for this change.

Councilman Thrower stated he would like to commend Mr. Jamison and his department; he has worked very hard and has put Charlotte in a position of being able to say we have the highest standard building codes in North Carolina; but he cannot help but admire a group of people who request policing of their own work. He stated these people who are experts in their own field know the value of inspections. Whether you have the right to appeal or not is beside the point as once you cover some plumbing that is done wrong you can never inspect it; there might be a few dollars saved in the initial application of this proposal, but in the overall there will be many dollars wasted because of bad jobs, poor workmanship, increased fire hazards and he would urge that this Council not consider changing the code from what it now stands.

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Councilman Tuttle stated Mr. Casey, Mr. Barbee and Mr. Jamison have all made a very good case for both sides, but some points have not been made; we do not even know whether we are talking about saving \$1500 a year or \$50,000 a year; that he does not think we have really had enough information to come to any conclusion.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the ordinance be tabled until Council has further information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JANUARY 12, 1970 ON PETITIONS NO. 70-1 THROUGH 70-19 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, to adopt subject resolution providing for public hearings on Monday, January 12, 1970, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte on Petitions No. 70-1 through 70-19 for zoning changes.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 493.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1970 ON PETITIONS NO. 70-20 THROUGH 70-26 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted providing for public hearings on Monday, January 19, 1970, on Petitions No. 70-20 through 70-26 for zoning changes.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 494.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES WHICH WERE LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR.

Councilman Thrower moved adoption of subject resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the amount of \$2,294.48 which were levied and collected through clerical error. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 495.

LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND THE HIPAGE COMPANY FOR SPACE AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving the subject lease between the City of Charlotte and The Hipage Company, Inc., for 395 square feet of space in Room 110 in the West Concourse at the Terminal Building at Douglas Municipal Airport at \$3.75 per square foot per annum, or \$123.43 per month, for a term of one year with an option to renew the lease for an additional period of one year at \$4.00 per square foot per annum, or \$131.66 per month.

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LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON SHIPPING COMPANY FOR SPACE AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject lease was approved between the City of Charlotte and Wilmington Shipping Company, for 653 square feet of space in Room 114 of the West Concourse in Douglas Municipal Airport Terminal Building at \$204.07 per month, or \$3.75 per square foot per annum, with a one-year option at \$217.67 per month, or \$4.00 per square foot per annum.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON LEFT MEETING.

Councilman Whittington left the meeting at this time and was absent for the remainder of the session.

CONTRACTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the installation of water mains were approved:

- (a) Contract with Jackson Engineering Corporation for the installation of 2,870 feet of water mains and four (4) fire hydrants, to serve properties abutting on Morrison Boulevard, Rexford Road and Roxborough Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$17,000.00, with the city to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. (Approved by C.F.C. on December 2, 1969).
- (b) Supplementary Contract to contract dated November 12, 1962, with Idlewild Utilities, Inc. for the installation of 3,045 feet of water mains and two (2) fire hydrants to serve an apartment project in the Idlewild area, outside the city limits at an estimated cost of \$16,000.00, with the applicant to finance all pipe lines and system and will own, operate and maintain same and retain all revenue derived from their individual customers until such time as any part or all of the mains or systems are incorporated into the city at which time said lines and system will become the property of the City without cost to the City or further agreement pertaining thereto. (Approved by C.F.C. on December 2, 1969).

CONTRACT WITH PITOMETER ASSOCIATES FOR WASTEWATER SURVEY OF THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving subject contract with Pitometer Associates for wastewater survey for Districts 18, 22 and 24 of the Water Department's Distribution System, in the amount of \$6,000.00.

APPROVAL OF REQUEST OF SHERIDAN MOTOR INN AND HOLIDAY INN, A JOINT VENTURE, TO CONNECT SANITARY SEWER LINES IN TWO MOTEL FACILITIES AT LITTLE ROCK ROAD AT INTERSTATE 85.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of subject request of Sheridan Motor Inn and Holiday Inn, a joint venture, to connect sanitary sewer lines in two motel facilities at Little Rock Road at Interstate 85, outside the city, to the city's sanitary sewerage system. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER TRUNK AND MAINS TO SERVE HAMPSHIRE HILLS VI, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, to approve subject request of John Crosland Company for the construction of 2,225 linear feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer trunk and mains to serve Hampshire Hills VI, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$16,235.00, 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.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION PERMITTING THE CITY TO CONSTRUCT SANITARY SEWER LINE WITHIN RIGHT OF WAY OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the subject encroachment agreement was approved with the State Highway Commission permitting the City to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer line within the right of way of Independence Boulevard, a distance of 70 feet beginning at a point approximately 445 feet from the intersection of Independence Boulevard and Farmington Drive.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS APPROVED.

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

- (a) Contract with B. Brevard Brookshire for appraisal of one parcel of land at a fee of \$125.00 for the LaSalle Street Project.
- (b) Contract with Henry E. Bryant for appraisal of five parcels of land for the Airport Expansion Project, at fees of \$250, \$500, \$200, \$200 and \$100.00.
- (c) Contract with Wallace D. Gibbs, Jr. for appraisal of five parcels of land for the Airport Expansion Project, at fees of \$250, \$500, \$200, and \$100.00.

PROPERTY TRANSACTION AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the acquisition of 518 square feet (71.0 x 8.41 x 70.92 x 6.20') on the south side of the 400 block of East Sixth Street, from Scaleybark, Inc., at \$2,000.00 for the Sixth Street Improvement Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANT FOR SEWAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENTS - LOWER BRIAR CREEK OUTFALL.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting a resolution authorizing the City Manager to file application for federal grant for sewage works improvements - Lower Briar Creek Outfall.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 497.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL GRANT FOR SEWAGE WORKS IMPROVEMENTS - MCMULLEN CREEK OUTFALL.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing the City Manager to file application for federal grant for sewage works improvements - McMullen Creek Outfall.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book ,6 at Page 496.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS AND GRASS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 6.103 AND 6.104 OF THE CITY CHARTER, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, SECTION 10-9 OF THE CITY CODE AND CHAPTER 160-200 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, adopting ordinances ordering the removal of weeds and grass pursuant to Section 6.103 and 6.104 of the City Charter, Chapter 10, Article I, Section 10-9 of the City Code and Chapter 160-200 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, as follows:

- (a) Ordinance No. 471-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2115 Rozzelles Ferry Road.
- (b) Ordinance No. 472-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at rear of 801 Bertonley Road.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Pages 457 and 458.

CLAIM OF MRS. NAOMI BROWN FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DENIED.

Councilman Thrower moved that the subject claim, in the amount of \$1,000 for personal injuries be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED RENEWED FOR MRS. NELLIE PRICE.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the renewal of a special officer permit for a term of one year to Mrs. Nellie Price on the premises of J. C. Penny & Company, 4225 Park Road Shopping Center.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed with M. Weaver and Marion Weaver for Graves No. 1 and 2, in Lot No. 22, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED WESTERN CAROLINA TRACTOR COMPANY FOR ONE DIESEL POWERED CRAWLER TRACTOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Western Carolina Tractor Company, in the amount of \$36,970.00, for one diesel powered crawler tractor.

The following bids were received:

Western Carolina Tractor Co.	\$ 36,970.00
E. F. Craven Company	39,370.00
Carolina Tractor & Eqpt. Co.	49,977.00

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR ONE DIESEL POWERED TANDEM DRIVE MOTOR GRADER.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Interstate Equipment Company, in the amount of \$20,250.00, for one diesel powered tandem drive motor grader.

The following bids were received:

Interstate Equipment Co.	\$ 20,250.00
Western Carolina Tractor Co.	21,150.00
E. F. Craven Company	23,678.00
Carolina Tractor & Eqpt. Co.	26,539.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SPARTAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC. FOR ONE RUBBER TIRED, HEAVY DUTY, FOUR WHEEL DRIVE BACKHOE.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Spartan Equipment Company, Inc., in the amount of \$21,500.00, for one rubber tired, heavy duty, four wheel drive backhoe. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Spartan Equipment Co., Inc.	\$ 21,500.00
Carolina Tractor & Eqpt. Co.	21,536.00
Allison International, Inc.	14,997.00
(Did not meet specifications)	

CONTRACT AWARDED CHARLOTTE FORD TRACTOR SALES FOR ONE DIESEL POWERED RUBBER TIRED TRACTOR WITH HYDRAULIC BACKHOE AND LOADER.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales, in the amount of \$7,739.25, for one diesel powered rubber tired tractor with loader, mower and rear blade.

The following bids were received:

Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales	\$ 7,739.25
Morris Farm Eqpt. Co.	7,860.00
Allison International, Inc.	8,172.47

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CONTRACT AWARDED MORRIS FARM EQUIPMENT COMPANY, FOR ONE DIESEL POWERED RUBBER TIRED TRACTOR WITH LOADER, MOWER AND REAR BLADE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding the subject contract to the low bidder, Morris Farm Equipment Company, in the amount of \$6,854.11.

The following bids were received:

Morris Farm Eqpt. Co.	\$ 6,854.11
Allison International, Inc.	6,863.92
Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales	6,982.16

CONTRACT AWARDED CAROLINA TRACTOR SUPPLY COMPANY FOR DIESEL POWERED RUBBER TIRED TRACTOR WITH REAR MOUNTED ROTARY CUTTER.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to the low bidder, Carolina Tractor Supply Company in the amount of \$3,083.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Carolina Tractor Supply Co.	\$ 3,083.00
Morris Farm Eqpt. Co.	3,386.70
Allison International, Inc.	3,456.14
Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales	3,789.75

CONTRACT AWARDED MORRIS FARM EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR GASOLINE POWERED RUBBER TIRED TRACTOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Morris Farm Equipment Company, in the amount of \$2,732.43 for one gasoline powered rubber tired tractor.

The following bids were received:

Morris Farm Equipment Co.	\$ 2,732.43
Charlotte Ford Tractor Sales	2,755.30
Carolina Tractor Supply Co.	2,780.50
Allison International, Inc.	2,856.27

CONTRACT AWARDED CONTRACTORS SERVICE AND RENTALS, INC. FOR FIVE PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSORS.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Contractors Service and Rentals, Inc., in the amount of \$18,380.93 on a unit price basis, for five portable air compressors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Contractors Service and Rentals, Inc.	\$ 18,380.93
Power Equipment Company	19,321.25
Southland Equipment Co.	19,856.00
Spartan Equipment Co., Inc.	22,093.00
Mitchell Distributing Co.	22,440.00
H. B. Owsley & Son, Inc.	22,970.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED A. E. FINLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ONE ASPHALT DISTRIBUTOR.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$6,783.00 for one 1,000 gallon asphalt distributor.

The following bids were received:

A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	\$ 6,788.00
Mitchell Distributing Co.	6,885.50
E. F. Craven Company	6,940.00
Western Carolina Tractor Co.	8,160.34

CONTRACT AWARDED WESTERN CAROLINA TRACTOR COMPANY FOR VIBRATORY PATCH ROLLERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle awarding contract to the low bidder, Western Carolina Tractor Company, in the amount of \$6,006.25 on a unit price basis, for three vibratory patch rollers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Western Carolina Tractor Co.	\$ 6,006.25
Arrow Eqpt. Sales, Inc.	7,890.00
Contractors Service & Rentals, Inc.	8,207.10

CONTRACT AWARDED MITCHELL DISTRIBUTING COMPANY FOR PAVING BREAKERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Mitchell Distributing Company, in the amount of \$4,176.00 on a unit price basis, for 12 paving breakers.

The following bids were received:

Mitchell Distributing Co.	\$ 4,176.00
H. B. Owsley & Son, Inc.	4,680.00
Southland Equipment Co.	5,460.00
Contractors Service & Rentals, Inc.	5,518.26
Spartan Equipment Co., Inc.	5,520.00
A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	6,180.00
Arrow Equipment Sales, Inc.	7,080.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SUMTER MACHINERY COMPANY FOR CATCH BASIN FRAMES AND GRATES.

Councilman Thrower moved award of contract to the low bidder, Sumter Machinery Company, in the amount of \$11,501.52 on a unit price basis, for catch basin frames and grates. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sumter Machinery Company	\$ 11,501.52
Dewey Bros., Inc.	12,827.88

ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR PAVEMENT MARKING MATERIAL REJECTED.

Councilman Short moved that all bids received for pavement marking material for Traffic Engineering Department be rejected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED MILLER'S OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR OFFICE FURNITURE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder meeting specifications Miller's Office Equipment Company, in the amount of \$3,841.00 on a unit price basis, for office equipment.

The following bids were received:

Miller's Office Equipment Co.	\$ 3,841.00
O. G. Penegar Company	3,932.27
John Miller & Associates	4,232.00

CONTRACT AWARDED D. H. GRIFFIN WRECKING COMPANY, INC. FOR DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES IN URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AREA R-43.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, D. H. Griffin Wrecking Company, Inc., in the amount of \$15,200.00 on a unit price basis, for demolition of structures in Urban Redevelopment Area R-43.

The following bids were received:

D. H. Griffin Wrecking Co., Inc.	\$ 15,200.00
Max Berrier Wrecking Co.	16,475.00
Cochran & Ross Construction Co.	17,300.00
Tar Heel Grading Co., Inc.	17,990.00
F. T. Williams Co., Inc.	18,975.00
Big Chief Wrecking Corp.	31,660.00

COMPLAINT ON PICKUP OF LEAVES.

Councilman Jordan stated he has received a number of calls about leaves; that some say they have not had their leaves picked up. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied as of the end of November they were about 2/3 finished, but it has been brought to his attention that leaves are still on the ground.

REQUEST THAT REGISTRARS, CLERKS AND JUDGES WHO PARTICIPATED IN CITY ELECTION RECEIVE THEIR PAY CHECKS BY CHRISTMAS.

Councilman Tuttle stated he was told that when there is a county election the registrars, judges and clerks get their checks in three or four days, but in a city election it is three weeks or longer; that several have mentioned this to him. He asked the City Manager to see if these people cannot receive their money by Christmas.

STATEMENT BY JIM MCDUFFEY REGARDING THE BOND REFERENDUM.

Mr. Jim McDuffey stated to Mayor Belk that when less than 25 percent of the local voters go to the polls something is missing from local government, and of this 23 percent approximately voting, you have a majority of about 4,000 that said yes. You promised us it would cost nothing to do these things downtown; the voters said yes because you promised the residential community will not be neglected; that sidewalks and wider streets and overhead pedestrian walkways will be provided without delay. He stated he was here a year ago and was promised overhead walkways in the residential communities. He stated they were promised three overhead walkways and he understands there is one scheduled for Johnson C. Smith University. He stated many things were promised in this bond election. He understood the water and sewage bonds were to pay their own way, yet there is an immediate raise of 35-40 percent in water rates this City Council proposes. The thinnest majority of less than 4% of the citizens gave the right to spend these funds in the bonds, and he hopes the lack of involvement is deplored by others as much as by him.

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Mr. McDuffey stated he came today to ask and hopefully he can get some response by letter from the proper department heads to tell him when we can expect some action on an eastern expressway - there is \$15,000 in the budget to go along with the state matching funds to plan an eastern expressway. He stated that is what he was for in the bond issue. He stated he would like to know when North Tryon Street, The Plaza Road, Ashley Road, Rama Road and Idlewild Road will get proper attention - Plaza Road was in the budget this year with \$118,000 and it is now delayed five years. He stated they are not going to wait five years for it to be widened as it should be.

(COUNCILMAN TUTTLE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME AND WAS ABSENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.)

Mr. McDuffey stated some of the people on Eastway Drive were told a year and half ago their right of way would be bought and the people would be back within one month and they have not heard a single word. The reason he comes week after week is to ask these people who make these promises to live up to them. He stated this city council is spending the funds in other parts of the city while they have been waiting - that is why he pointed out the Shamrock Bridge again because a rezoning is requested right by it without replacing the bridge. Maybe the bridge will be replaced but it is over due and no more business should be permitted there until it is.

He stated when the question of the management of the Civic Center takes place, the public should be advised; that it not be given to the Coliseum Authority, an agency who holds no public meetings and where the city treasurer of the City of Charlotte is charged with the responsibility of disbursing the funds of the Coliseum Authority and never goes to a meeting, never does any accounting. He stated the city's professional people would like to have the Coliseum Authority to disperse its funds through its computer, through its accounting and through its checks. This agency should make an immediate start into doing some investigating on placing that authority through the city computer and accounting department.

Mr. McDuffey stated he plans to be here as often as necessary to point out the promises made and to keep the Mayor and Council's feet to the fire as they promised many dollars would be spent downtown by private funds; they promised that the civic center would not cost the taxpayers any money and it would pay its own operating cost.

Councilman Short stated he thinks the bond referendum was fair to all sections of the city and to all segments of the population and the passage of it was not based on false promises, and he commended the Mayor on his leadership in getting it passed.

Councilman Withrow congratulated the Mayor on the handling of the bond issue and stated we will all do the best we can to satisfy the people of Charlotte with the funds we have available. As other funds become available they will be used for streets and other projects he is sure.

REQUEST FOR RED LIGHT AT JOHNSON ROAD AND GRAHAM STREET REQUESTED PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING.

Councilman Thrower requested the City Manager to place on next week's agenda consideration of a red light at Johnson Road and Graham Street.

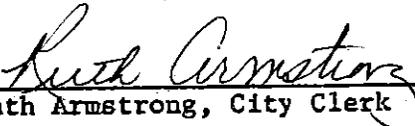
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APPOINTMENT OF MR. CHARLES HUNTINGTON TO CITIZENS REVIEW COMMITTEE OF
THE CHARTER COMMISSION BY MAYOR BELK.

Mayor Belk announced he is appointing Mr. Charles Huntington to replace Mr. Scott Cramer on the Citizens Review Committee of the Charter Commission.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk