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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 1969, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Father Constantinedes of The Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, February 3, 1969, were approved as submitted.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEE SERVICE PLAQUE PRESENTED TO TWO RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Brookshire recognized Mr. Glenn W. Hopkins and Mr. J. U. Nance and stated Fire Captain Hopkins was employed by the City on April 12, 1929 and retired after almost forty years of service on January 16, 1969; that Mr. Nance, with the Water Department, was employed October 25, 1943 and retired January 28, 1969. He presented each the City of Charlotte Employee Service Plaque and expressed the appreciation of Council for their long and faithful service to the City.

ORDINANCE NO. 138-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY ANNEXING 33.57 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN PAW CREEK TOWNSHIP.

The public hearing was held on petition of William Trotter Development Company and William H. Trotter for the annexation of 33.57 acres of property located in Paw Creek Township contiguous to the present city limits. Council was advised that the Planning Commission reports the request is a reasonable extension of the existing city limits; the Engineering Department estimates cost to furnish sanitary sewer service to the area is \$40,000.00 and the Water Department estimates cost to install proper water system to be \$8,700.00.

Mr. Ashley Hogwood, Attorney with Barry and Bledsoe, stated the area is out Thrift Road and is an extension of the Westchester Subdivision; the property will be developed with single family housing and apartments which is consistent with the existing zoning.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the subject ordinance extending the corporate limits of the City by annexing the 33.57 acres of property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised there are two areas to be annexed; that the 8.198 acres will contain approximately 24 lots and the plan is

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for single family development to be completed in 1969; the 25.38 acres is planned for an apartment project with approximately 300 units with work to begin in 1969 and to be completed in three years.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 94.

CONTRACT WITH PITOMETER ASSOCIATES FOR WASTEWATER SURVEY FOR DISTRICTS 4 AND 7 OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of contract with Pitometer Associates for Wastewater Survey for Districts 4 and 7 of the Water Distribution System, in the amount of \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN TO SERVE MCCLINTOCK WOODS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Evans Construction Company for the installation of 1,521 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main and trunk to serve a portion of McClintock Woods, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$21,600.00, 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.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.

Councilman Jordan moved that the following streets be taken over for continuous maintenance by the City:

- (a) Covecreek Drive, from 1,070 feet southwest of Eastbrook Drive to 695 feet northeast of Eastbrook Drive.
- (b) Eastbrook Drive from Covecreek Drive to 122 feet east of Covecreek Drive.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following encroachment agreements were approved:

- (a) Agreement for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line within the right-of-way of Amity Place at Vandalia Drive for the proposed sanitary sewer line to serve Coventry Woods.
- (b) Agreement for the construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer line with one manhole within the right-of-way of Rama Road at McNair Road for the proposed sanitary sewer line to serve McClintock Woods.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTION AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, and seconded by Councilman Alexander to approve the negotiated settlement with J. P. Hackney, Jr., et al, in the amount of \$7,655.56, for the acquisition of 1,457 square feet of property at 427-431 East Sixth Street for the Sixth Street Improvements Project.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney advised included in the taking are two (2) two-story residences which are rental units.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved to approve renewal of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. Robert Calvin Gale for use on the premises of Johnson C. Smith University, 100 Beatties Ford Road, for a term of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following cemetery deeds for transfer of lots were authorized:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Mattie E. F. Smith for Lot No. 357, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs. Jewel C. Smith-Eaddy and Davis O'N. Eaddy, at \$3.00, for transfer deed.
- (b) Deed with Mr. or Mrs. Thomas E. Hartis for Lot No. 517, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$320.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED SUPERIOR STONE COMPANY FOR CRUSHED STONE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, to award contract to the only bidder, Superior Stone Company, in the amount of \$260,250.00, on a unit price basis, for crushed stone.

CONTRACT AWARDED FORD METER BOX COMPANY, INC. FOR WATER METER YOKES.

Councilman Tuttle moved to award contract to the only bidder, Ford Meter Box Company, Inc., in the amount of \$17,133.00, on a unit price basis, for water meter yokes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR R. SAMS, JR. TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Jordan moved the reappointment of Mr. Arthur R. Sams, Jr. to the Insurance Advisory Committee for a term of three (3) years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

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Councilman Smith stated the remarks he is making have nothing to do with Mr. Arthur Sams as he likes him very much and he is a very capable man; but one way to get younger executives and other outstanding people to participate in government is by appointing them to these Boards, Commissions and Committees. If a person has been on a Committee for six years or more they are probably happy to get off and to make way for new blood. That he thinks in the future Council should rotate these jobs; that his remarks have nothing to do with Mr. Sams' reappointment.

Councilman Tuttle stated this is a working Committee and the changes in the insurance business today are involved, and the study involved in serving on this Committee is not only important but is time consuming; that the Committee itself makes the recommendations to the management when they find a man who is willing to serve; sometimes it is difficult to find a person with the knowledge and the desire and willingness to spend this time; that he agrees some of the appointments might be rotated, but in this case, he does not agree.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 139 AMENDING CHAPTER 8 BY ADDING THERETO SECTION 13, ENTITLED "SMOKING PROHIBITED IN SPECIFIED PUBLIC PLACES".

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject city-wide no-smoking ordinance as presented by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Stegall stated he is voting for the ordinance as written; but he still favors the idea of having this ordinance written to include all businesses regardless of the number of people employed.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning on Page 96.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT TO COUNCIL WITH SUGGESTIONS ON ENFORCING THE TWO NO-SMOKING ORDINANCES.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager bring a report to the next Council Meeting with some suggestions to enforce the no-smoking ordinance on city busses, along with what will be done with the no-smoking ordinance in the stores which has just been adopted.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he has discussed the no-smoking on busses with the President of the Bus Company, and Mr. Morrow is following up on the complaint which was registered by a lady. He stated if you are to have rigid enforcement of this ordinance, a practical way to enforce it is to have a policeman on a bus; that he has some reservations about that technique.

Councilman Stegall stated a good way to start the enforcement is to ask the City Coach Company to ask their drivers to comply with this law first, and then the City will ask an enforcement of the ordinance; that he has personally seen the bus drivers smoking cigarettes while they are driving the bus; that the drivers have to set the pattern for the people who ride the busses.

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Councilman Whittington stated almost every day you can see the driver of the bus in violation of the ordinance; as long as he does this the passengers are going to do likewise. That he thinks the first thing Council should do is as Mr. Stegall suggested, have Mr. Morrow informed of this action and tell him that Council expects this ordinance to be enforced by his own employees.

Councilman Alexander stated concerned as he is about both the smoking ordinances, he is equally concerned about the general public's attitude that can be developed if we continue to enact ordinances and say we have no way to enforce them. If we are not careful with the continual enactment of ordinances where enforcement cannot take place, he can see where the community can break down and will reach the stage where everyone will accept the fact that someone may say something but the ordinances will not be enforced.

ORDINANCES AMENDING CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 5-3(b), ARTICLE IV, ARTICLE III AND ARTICLE I, SECTION 5-3(c) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated it is suggested that Council consider the adoption of the subject ordinances that would have the effect of confirming regulations already established by the North Carolina State Building Code; that if it were not at the request of the Department of Housing and Urban Development that this be considered at the local level, the chances are this would not be brought to Council's attention. This is not suggesting that Council do anything that the State has not already done; in fact, Council does not have the option of doing something differently that what the State has already done. This is confirming by ordinance that which the State Building Code has already established as the way things are going to be throughout North Carolina. This will not change the regulations under which all new construction now is carried on.

Councilman Stegall stated as he reads the amendments it means that every new home built regardless of how it is financed must have nothing but graded lumber; that Council has no authority to override this, and the City's Inspection Department will enforce this based on the State Law. Mr. Veeder replied this is his understanding.

Councilman Stegall asked if this ordinance will put the demolition people out of business; the people who recover some of the lumber and resell it for construction purposes? He stated some of these people make their living by wrecking buildings and in turn, they sell the used building materials; that as he reads this law this means these people will no longer have a market for their materials.

Councilman Smith asked if he can go out and buy an old house and take it down and bring the lumber here and reconstruct the house for his own use?

Mayor Brookshire stated he does not think that Council has much choice except to approve these amendments as determined by the State; that perhaps the City Attorney can find some of the answers to questions which have been raised today. Mr. Underhill stated this is State Law which has been adopted; the Statute itself says these are controlled and in effect without local adoptions; however, HUD, requires as protection, that City Council formerly adopt the State Code.

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Councilman Smith requested the City Attorney to write the Attorney General and see what the ruling would be on used lumber; on moving another house in from another state. Councilman Stegall stated this might affect the people in the house moving business; it might mean that you could no longer pick up a dwelling and move it from one place to another.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adopting the following ordinances amending Chapter 5 of the City Code:

Ordinance No. 140 Amending Chapter 5, Article 1, Section 5-3(b) of the Code of the City by deleting subsection (b) and substituting a new subsection (b) entitled State Code.

Ordinance No. 141 Amending Chapter 5, Article IV of the Code of the City known as the Plumbing Code by amending Sections 5-400, 5-420, 5-422, 5-423, 5-424 and 5-425.

Ordinance No. 142 Amending Chapter 5, Article III of the Code known as the Electrical Code by amending Section 5-208(a), 5-208(d), 5-209(15).

Ordinance No. 143 Amending Chapter 5, Article I, Section 5-3(c) of the Code known as the Dwelling Code, amending Section 5-3(c).

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 97.

RECERTIFICATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS NOW SERVING AS DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF THE CHARLOTTE AREA FUND.

Mayor Brookshire stated he has received a letter from the President of the Charlotte Area Fund indicating that all Directors to the Board of the Charlotte Area Fund must be re-certified prior to their annual meeting on Thursday, February 20. Mayor Brookshire asked if those on the Council presently serving are willing to have their names re-certified.

Councilman Tuttle stated technically he is no longer a member as he has missed three meetings, and he doubts that he can be re-certified as such. He stated he does not like to serve on something where he does not think that he has been effective; that he has not been effective; that he would like this week to think about his re-certification.

Councilman Short stated he resigned from this Board and suggested a person who is now serving in his stead; that at that time he had discussed the matter with several local people, two or three of which were interested in this sort of civic service and were people who are most competent for this work.

Councilman Alexander stated at the time this went under the Green Amendment he stated that he was opposed to the Green Amendment, and he is opposed to it now; but he feels that the responsibility of Council to the Area Fund is such that the presence of members of Council is very necessary; it is the type of involvement Council needs to share some responsibility in. Each Councilman has an obligated responsibility to the citizenry of this community to assume this responsibility whether he wants to or not, as well as volunteers who are not officials are asked to give of their time. He urged that the Council Members give serious consideration to accepting this responsibility the Green Amendment calls for regarding the Area Fund. He stated we owe an obligative responsibility to the community to assume what some perhaps may call an unpleasant public task,

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Councilman Tuttle stated he does not think that he is qualified for this job; that he does not think he can be effective and there are people who are and can be effective; and the Green Amendment does not say that the Council participate but that the Council participate or name representatives.

Councilman Smith stated he concurs in what Mr. Alexander has said; at the time these people were named to the Board he was absent and there were six places to fill and they were filled with the six people present. He stated he would be very happy to do his part and will take Mr. Tuttle's place.

Mayor Brookshire stated without objections from the other members now serving that he will certify the present list of Board Members from Council with the exception of Mr. Tuttle, and Mr. Smith will be named in his place.

VISITORS TO COUNCIL MEETING RECOGNIZED.

Mayor Brookshire recognized the visitors welcoming them to the Council Meeting, stated he understands some are from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Sam Nichols stated he and one student are from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and the other students are from Chapel Hill; that they are all working with the school system in their field placement to learn experience towards their Master Degrees in Social Work.

Mrs. John Stewart stated she has with her three young men who are future voters and perhaps future Council Members; they are in the Seventh Grade at Randolph Junior High School. She introduced David Starling, Jim Northrop and Jeff Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart then introduced the Mayor and Council Members individually to the three boys.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE VARIOUS COMPLAINTS.

The City Manager was requested to have the following complaints investigated.

Councilman Jordan stated he has been receiving complaints about construction companies cutting the streets and putting in utilities and they refill and repave the areas, but in a short while the fill sinks; that Fourth Street is a good example of this.

Councilman Jordan stated he has also received complaints from the Greenwood Cliff area people concerning the motel on Kings Drive. That he understands they still plan to move on this and they have one more bid on it. He stated the people in the area are interested and would like to be kept informed on the situation.

Councilman Jordan stated he has received calls about Day Care Nursery homes springing up all over the city in residential sections; that he received one call this morning concerning one on Woodlawn Road; that the people in single family homes feel it is harmful to their homes. He stated he has noticed in the paper that a lot of them do not have licenses, and he thinks the City should take another look at the situation and the Nursery homes going in without a license.

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Councilman Jordan stated that Mr. Smith, in his announcement for Mayor, made reference to the Information and Public Relations Office the City hopes to have. That he hopes Council will receive a report on this soon, and that it will materialize before some changes may be made on the Council.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to have someone check the 36th Street railroad crossing; that in raising the track the paving is much lower on one side that it is on the other side and the people say it needs to be corrected. Mayor Brookshire requested the City Manager to have someone look at the crossing of the Seaboard Railroad at Pecan Avenue as this also is a very rough crossing.

REPORT ON COMPLAINT OF MEDIAN AT THE PLAZA AND EASTWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Whittington stated he has received two letters from the people who operate the Four-Seasons Cleaners and Laundry; they feel they are being hurt financially because of the medians at the intersection of The Plaza and Eastway Drive.

The City Manager stated he has talked with Mrs. Cook and Mr. Deaton from Traffic Engineering went out there at the time of day she says the problem is the greatest; that Mr. Deaton discussed it with her on the site. Mr. Veeder stated he received a memorandum on the results with the report that a cut in the median as Mrs. Cook requested is not feasible. That on each occasion Mr. Deaton met with Mrs. Cook she was informed that the channelization as constructed is necessary to control the traffic.

SUGGESTION THAT RAILROAD CROSSING BE MOVED FROM PRESENT LOCATION ON STATE HIGHWAY AND MAIN ENTRANCE INTO CHARLOTTE FROM THE NORTH.

Councilman Whittington stated after he left the Council Meeting last week someone brought up the fact that the railroad crossing at Atando, Graham and North Tryon Street again has been blocked. He stated this street is carrying more and more traffic every day and the Thirtieth Street Crossing now under construction is not going to relieve this situation; that it seems the City should make approaches to the railroad and try to eliminate this crossing and perhaps get it back on the Seaboard tracks as they run parallel with Graham Street. He stated there is a track that comes off the main line that goes all the way to Derita and up to Statesville.

Councilman Jordan stated the cars move by the crossing so slowly that it ties up traffic. Councilman Whittington stated it seems the trains make this crossing only at the peak hours, and once four or five cars are stopped there is no way to go any other way; they just have to wait until the train moves. Councilman Whittington stated as the City grows, trains and cars become more of a problem and a City as metropolitan as Charlotte needs to do something about eliminating a track such as this on a state highway and the main entrance to the City of Charlotte, from the north.

REQUEST THAT FLIERS ON LITTER BE MAILED OUT WITH WATER BILLS.

Councilman Tuttle stated the City Manager has given him some literature from Milwaukee on their litter program; that he understands they were not too happy with this program for which they appropriated only \$2500.00. Councilman Tuttle stated we should take advantage of the water bills at every opportunity for fliers. He suggested that the

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following statement be used: "We cannot legislate a clean city; nor can we buy one with tax money. We must depend upon you and all Charlotte citizens to keep Charlotte clean and beautiful." He stated as ineffective as this may appear, it will affect some people.

Councilman Tuttle stated that Dallas has acquired a block in the heart of town at a cost which was not mentioned in an article he received; that evidently this town also believes beautification pays off; they propose to spend in this one block \$1,750,000 for beautification.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES PRESTON TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHARLOTTE AREA FUND.

Councilman Short moved the appointment of Mr. James Preston to a full term as a member of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHARLOTTE AREA FUND SET FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20.

Mayor Brookshire advised that the next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund is the annual meeting and will be held on Thursday, February 20, 1969 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., Second Ward High School.

Councilman Short stated even though he has withdrawn from this Board and has Mr. Preston to serve, that he wants to endorse what Mr. Alexander has said earlier in the meeting; that he just found it impossible to get there as he had prior involvements with Consolidation Study Committee and the Water and Sewer negotiations and several other things; that he looks forward to the possibility of again trying to help the community in this way; that he does not know of any need more vital than this group.

DISCUSSION OF REGULATIONS ON KEY LEFT IN IGNITION OF AN AUTOMOBILE.

Councilman Short stated recently, while reading a trade magazine, he came across an ad concerning keys left in the ignition of an automobile. That it is headed up by the following statement: "Borrowing a car for a joy ride isn't the biggest crime in the world, but it's a start". That the picture showed teenage boys out for a joy ride in a car they had stolen. That the implication is that kids who can not resist the temptation may wind up with a conviction of automobile theft that will follow them wherever they go for the rest of their lives.

Councilman Short stated he hopes the other Council Members will informally agree with him to ask Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, and Mr. Veeder, City Manager, to schedule this matter for discussion at a conference session; that it was before Council about a year ago but nothing was done on it. He stated the Chamber of Commerce has requested Council twice to get into this matter; that Mr. Sam Millette and Mr. Myles Haynes and others proposed ordinances more than once that they thought Council should enact.

Councilman Short stated in 1966 there were 674 cars stolen in Charlotte and 1/2 had the owner's key in the ignition; nationally 42% of all automobile thefts occurred where the vehicles were left with the key in the ignition; 1/2 occurred where the youths were under 18 years of age; 6% of cars stolen are used in more serious crimes such as burglary, robbery and kidnapping.

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Councilman Stegall stated he would agree to this if it did not affect someone who has a car parked in his yard or garage; that he does not think it would be feasible to enforce it to that extent; he does think we will have to do something along these lines.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks this should be a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce Committee during a conference session.

Councilman Tuttle stated he feels this is something that should come from the state level. He stated there is also an economic situation involved; that the Insurance Companies in the State of North Carolina are paying literally millions of dollars a year in losses and damage done to these cars because it is recoverable from their insurance policies - \$140 million. That this is something that could result in a positive savings to the people. He stated a local law would not pre-empt a state law.

Mayor Brookshire suggested a conference on the subject between Mr. Short, Mr. Tuttle and Mr. Underhill to see in what direction Council might want to move further.

MAYOR'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE COMMENDED AND THANKED FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

Councilman Alexander stated after Dr. Warner Hall's report in the Conference Session on Community Relations Activities, he suggested that Council consider the need to increase the budget of the Mayor's Community Relations Committee in the next budget year, especially considering the work the Conciliation section of the Committee has done. He stated that of all the cases that came before the conciliation section none had to be resolved through the City Attorney's Office. Councilman Alexander stated there was no need to even infer that they would be referred to the City Attorney's Office to gain compliance; that the work accomplished through this section of the Committee is paying off three-fold in community relations. Again, he urged that Council consider providing funds at budget time for the Committee to be more effective and enabling it to expand its work.

Councilman Alexander moved that the Mayor's Community Relations Committee as headed by Dr. Warner Hall be commended and thanked for the services it has rendered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle. Mayor Brookshire stated this is a vote of confidence in the Committee.

Councilman Alexander stated that Dr. Hall spoke of the need for homemaking services in family breakdowns. He stated for many years he asked for consideration of moving the work of the Home Demonstration Agents into the City to do this work, and through the Area Fund this type of service is available. That the service has been most helpful; yet it stands the chance of being eliminated or services reduced because its budget is being cut. He stated the same thing applies to Dr. Hall's statement concerning family problems and transportation. Here again, is an emphasis of need of a neighborhood service center as has been discussed by the Model Cities Program; this is why they insisted there be three centers instead of one placed about in these communities to offset the problem of transportation.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON MALNUTRITION IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to give a report on whether or not malnutrition exists in the City of Charlotte. That he is concerned with how much malnutrition exists in the City, or if it does.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE CURB IN FRONT OF DOWNTOWNER MOTEL REPAIRED.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to have someone investigate the broken section of curb over the catch basin at the southwest corner of West Trade Street in front of the Downtowner Motel.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON PLANS FOR WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF RAMA ROAD.

Councilman Stegall asked what plans the City has for Rama Road. That he has received several calls about the road between Monroe Road and Sardis Road; that it is rough and narrow and shoulders are broken. He asked if there are any plans to widen the road or resurface it? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied there are some resurfacing plans which are tied in with a contract that has already been let for resurfacing. Councilman Stegall stated some parts have been widened because of the development, but up towards the railroad and down by the school there is a need. Mr. Veeder stated this portion is out of the city and there has been conversation with the State Highway relating to this. Councilman Stegall asked the City Manager for a report on the plans.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE BUILDING JUST BEYOND UNDERPASS ON MONROE ROAD.

Councilman Stegall stated there is a building on Monroe Road just past the underpass on the left hand side and part of the building was taken by the widening of the road. He stated this building has been there for several months with a part of it's front jacked up, and requested that the Inspection Department look at it and find out what plans they have to complete the work.

SUGGESTION THAT DRIVE-IN BOX FOR COLLECTION OF NON-MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS BE PLACED IN CITY EMPLOYEES' PARKING LOT.

Councilman Stegall stated a month or so ago he made a suggestion to Mr. Wes York regarding traffic citation collections. He suggested that a drive-in box be placed in the city employees' parking lot. He stated when the Court Reforms came in there were some forty to fifty thousand dollars worth of citations outstanding. He stated he is not suggesting a drive-in window with a person, but a box such as the mail services use with a snorkle. That a person could drive in the parking lot and deposit their fine along with the ticket. He stated this would increase the payment of these non-moving traffic citations and he thinks it would be well worth the city's time. That it is directly across the street from their offices and the box could be emptied several times a day; there would not be any money left at night except when it is dropped in then. He stated the City of Raleigh, in building their new Police Building, provided a drive-in window.

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Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated there is a possibility of converting the parking violation ticket into an envelope, and any mail box in town would serve the same purpose. He stated that Mr. York has suggested putting some penalty for late payment onto parking violations, and the City Attorney's office is taking a look at this proposal and is in the process of preparing a report for Council's consideration on this subject.

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 24 TO BE HELD AT STUDIOS OF WTVI.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager stated with Council's approval, Monday, March 24, has been set for a televised meeting from the studios of WTVI, prime time 8:00 o'clock; that Council Members should be there by 7:30 o'clock p.m.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR BARCLAY DOWNS DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$134,951.50, for street improvements on Barclay Downs Drive.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Company	\$134,951.50
T. A. Sherrill Construction Co., Inc.	151,380.00
Blythe Brothers Company	151,456.45
Carolina Paving Company, Inc.	165,810.00
Crowder Construction Company	177,274.75

Councilman Tuttle asked if this is in accordance with the plans as approved with the Barclay Downs residents? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied that it is.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Ruth Armstrong
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk