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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 the City Hall, on Monday, July 1, 1968, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Whittington presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, and Jerry Tuttle present.

ABSENT: Mayor Stan R. Brookshire and Councilman James B. Stegall.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Bernard R. Fitzgerald, Minister of Providence Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on Monday, June 24, 1968 were approved as submitted.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE EMPLOYEES AWARD PRESENTED TO RETIRING EMPLOYEES.

Mayor pro tem Whittington recognized Mr. Lynman E. Cato, Inspection Department and Mr. Ed Edwards, Motor Transport Department, and presented each with a City of Charlotte Employees Award for services rendered during the time they were employed by the City.

He stated Mr. Cato was employed on November 19, 1947 and is retiring today, July 1, 1968, and Mr. Edwards was employed December 3, 1944 and is retiring today, July 1, 1968.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED COUNTY BOND REFERENDUM OF JULY 23, 1968.

Councilman Short stated Council has studied and conferred about the plan to run eight water lines out into the Charlotte perimeter to be financed by a County General Obligation Bond issue, with referendum on July 23. That Council approves of this plan, and wishes to go on record with a resolution of endorsement. He stated this action today marks the successful culmination of three and one half years of water negotiations between the city and county, and assures a fairly rapid providing of water service wherever feasible throughout the county. This was the mission assigned by the Mayor and County Chairman to a committee appointed in the Spring of 1965. This plan for the city and county each to operate water systems from the Charlotte plants in the perimeter with the county relinquishing its lines for the outstanding debt on annexation, is a major step toward a goal all are seeking - orderly growth.

He stated when most of the present City of Charlotte was being developed, there was no zoning, subdivision ordinance, building code, housing code and traffic engineering. With these modern concepts of urban development available from the start, an annex to Charlotte can be built around these waterlines as fine and as modern as any new city anywhere. He stated this plan is one that almost everybody seems to like. Twelve different plans were suggested during the past three years; a number were unpopular. The long debate made it possible to find a plan which most citizens will support. He stated the entire Council has looked after the interest of

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the citizens of Charlotte well in this matter, and the plan adopted is the sort of thing they have said they wanted. It is the sort of thing Council has been urging as indicated by the Minutes of December 13, 1965, April 25, 1966, and August 22, 1966. No expense of these new lines will fall on city residents or present users.

Councilman Short introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has proposed the expansion of water facilities in Mecklenburg County to be financed by General Obligation Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners plans to purchase water from the City of Charlotte at the city limits at rates to be negotiated; and

WHEREAS, the rate study the City now has underway will provide information upon which to base rates so that such sales will not be below the city's cost; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary for the City to construct lines to locations from which the County can extend additional lines, and the City is now determining the cost of such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the County Commission has set a bond referendum for July 23, 1968.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council supports said Mecklenburg County bond referendum on July 23, 1968, and urges the citizens of Charlotte to support it.

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

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated this is an effort that the City Council has worked on for some three years and is a significant step and one of progress, and one that will be beneficial to the City and County for many years to come.

CITIZEN ASKS WHY POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SERVED WARRANT SIGNED ON MAY 16, 1968.

Mrs. Ruth Walker stated she would like answers to a few questions concerning the Police Department and a warrant signed on May 16. The warrant was served three times that day but since then it has not been served; every division in the Department assured her for weeks that there was no such warrant; then the Clerk of Court's Office said the case had been tried; that she was never notified. Then she contacted Councilman Whittington and fifteen minutes later, Mr. Stewart from the Clerk of Court's Office called and said they did have the warrant. That the person had been transferred to Broughton Hospital and they would put a hold on it in the sheriff's office; that the sheriff's office would have to send for her before she could be released. Mrs. Walker stated she understands the warrant was never sent from the Clerk of Court's Office; that the person was released on May 14th, and she does not understand why the warrant was not served and why she was told all the tales.

The City Manager stated Mrs. Walker's interest stems from an incident that happened in March where Mrs. Walker had occasion to seek a warrant involving another lady; the Police Department tried to serve the warrant on three occasions and were unable to do so, partly because the woman involved in the warrant was in a hospital out of town. The Police Department recognizes it has an obligation to serve the warrant and intends to do so.

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Mayor pro tem Whittington requested Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, to talk with Mrs. Walker and give her some answers to her questions.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN LIVINGSTON DRIVE, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Short moved approval of the request of Dr. C. K. Hood, for the construction of 70 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main in Livingston Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$685.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the Applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 916-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE TRANSFERRING PORTION OF UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF AIRPORT FUNDS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Tuttle to adopt the subject ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$1,743.28 to Airport Fund Non-Departmental Expenses to be used for the preparation and printing of public relations brochures describing the Douglas Municipal Airport-Mecklenburg County Airports Study and Master Plan.

Councilman Short asked if this would be like taking public money to prepare publicity material for an incipient bond issue that might come about? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied no this is under the agreement with Griener Company to prepare some material to explain the gist of the report in a simplified fashion; plus some brochures.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked if it is the purpose of the brochures and the other information to acquaint industry here and away what is intended at the airport in the next twenty years so they can be cognizant of the growth and potentials of the airport as it involves Charlotte and the Piedmont Crescent? Mr. Ross Knight, Airport Manager, replied that is one of the basic reasons; the first running was primarily to acquaint the public and the interested aviation people in the community with the details of the plan without going through the entire plan.

Councilman Smith stated this information should be sent to all the big industries in Charlotte.

Councilman Short stated he agrees this is an industry hunting procedure and a legitimate effort to make the public aware; that he wanted the record to show that Council is cognizant of the possibilities that it might come out a different way to somebody.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 343.

RESOLUTION OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE ESTABLISHING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE CENTRAL PIEDMONT REGIONAL COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the subject resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Short asked how this organization differs from the Piedmont Crescent Urban Policy group that Mr. L. M. Wright heads up; does it not fulfill this need? Mr. Wright replied he represents the Piedmont Crescent Urban Policy and he sees no overlapping or duplication between this and the Central Piedmont Regional Council of Local Governments. The policy conference with which he works is a group of people, some of whom happen to be public officials, but many are private citizens and all function

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in this organization as private citizens. The purpose of the Urban Policy Conference is largely to advocate matters of policy for the whole region, and does not have any governmental function, and certainly no authority.

The City Manager stated there is no overlap; the area to be served by the subject organization is a ten county area and centers on Mecklenburg County. That the advantages that can accrue in this ten county area are rather significant recognizing the changes and the opportunities for original activities in considering the problems of other units of government. That part of the consideration of the item being on the agenda today was the fact that there would be some merit in both Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte considering and acting upon the question on the same date.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 160.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR URBAN BEAUTIFICATION GRANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing the City Manager to file an application for Urban Beautification Grant increasing the original amount of \$76,000.00 by \$16,345.00.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 171.

APPLICATION OF SECURITY FORCES, INC. FOR DETECTIVE LICENSE APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the application of E. B. Watson, for privilege license for Security Forces, Inc., covering the classification of "Private Detective". The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH GEORGE G. SCOTT AND COMPANY FOR ANNUAL AUDIT OF CITY'S ACCOUNT, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short and seconded by Councilman Tuttle, to approve a contract with George G. Scott and Company to conduct an audit of the accounts of the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, in an amount not to exceed \$21,000.00.

Councilman Smith stated last year there was some discussion about other auditors bidding on this; he asked if anything was done in this direction this year?

Councilman Short stated he has discussed this matter with Mr. Fennell and the head of the Scott Company. Mr. Fennell indicates that because of the forces and computers and workers he has in his employ that if he continues with the Scott Company, apparently there will be no need to get up as high as the \$21,000.00 ceiling.

Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, advised that Mr. Fennell did contact other auditors, and Scott Company was the lowest of the several other firms he contacted.

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