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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, June 1, 1970, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilman Fred D. Alexander.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Joe D. Withrow.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on May, 25, 1970, were approved as submitted.

#### CITY OF CHARLOTTE MERIT AWARDS PRESENTED.

Mayor Belk stated early on Saturday morning, May 23, a fire started in the Myers Park Manor apartments; the people in the apartments were still asleep; four men that morning disregarded their own safety and went through the apartment waking up tenants. Because of the alert, brave actions of these four men, no lives were lost in this large fire.

Mayor Belk stated today he and Council would like to honor these men for their heroic action, and presented each the City of Charlotte Merit Award as follows:

Patrolman J. E. Russ  
Patrolman A. W. Bell  
Mr. Robert A. Harleston  
Mr. Carl White (absent)

Mayor Belk stated the Awards are presented in appreciation for their outstanding service to the City.

#### COUNCIL'S MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT THE BLUE HEAVEN COMMITTEE REQUESTED PLACED IN MINUTES OF THIS MEETING.

Mayor Belk stated because there seems to have been some misunderstanding last week about the appointment of the Blue Heaven Committee, he would like to place into the minutes the following motion adopted by Council in Meeting on July 21, 1969:

"Councilman Tuttle moved that the Mayor appoint a committee composed of an architect and lawyer and of a character mentioned by Mr. Pentes and they be asked to work with the Redevelopment Commission and come back to Council in 60 days with a proposal for the use of all the blue heaven land - if in the meantime a private developer comes along with an offer that will give us some sort of cake and eat it too plan, then we can re-evaluate the whole situation. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion with the following amendment - 'that this Committee be composed of representatives of the poor, both black and white'. Councilman Tuttle accepted the amendment and the motion carried unanimously."

Mayor Belk stated he would like this in the Minutes to show that Council did back Mr. Pentes.

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PETITION NO. 70-62 BY JAMES C. ALLISON FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WALLACE NEAL ROAD AND DOWD ROAD (OLD GASTONIA ROAD), DEFERRED.

Councilman Whittington stated the people who objected to the subject petition for a change in zoning two weeks ago objected on the basis that they did not want strip zoning up and down this road with the thought that the Planning Commission was considering an overall plan for this area as it relates to the airport. He stated realizing Holman and Moody is in the area, and this is another entrance into South Carolina by Highway 160, and the Old Dowd Road leads to Gastonia, he does not want to vote to deny or approve this petition today if the Planning Commission is anticipating going into this type of study any time in the foreseeable future. He asked Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, if the Planning Commission is working on this plan; that he is not asking him to say six months or even a year, but he does not want him to say five years.

Mr. Bryant replied they are already into the study. They have already spent about two months in the study of the entire area with the idea that with the revised airport development plan and other factors related to it that the whole area needs a re-appraisal in terms of the ultimate development of it. He stated they are engaged in this study and it will take several more months to complete but it will not be years; it will be a matter of months.

Councilman Thrower moved that the subject petition be deferred until the Planning Commission comes back to Council with their recommendations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

PETITION NO. 70-66 BY GEORGE GOODYEAR COMPANY AND JOE D. WITHROW FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WOODLAWN ROAD, BETWEEN MURRAYHILL ROAD AND FAIRBLUFF PLACE, DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, and seconded by Councilman Jordan, to deny the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-6MFH as recommended by the Planning Commission.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Thrower, Jordan, Short, Tuttle and Whittington.  
NAYS: None.

Councilman Withrow abstained from voting.

PETITION NO. 70-68 BY WILFORD M. SMITH FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF WOODLAWN ROAD, BEGINNING 182 FEET WEST OF FAIRBLUFF PLACE, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to O-6 be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Jordan, Short, Thrower and Tuttle.  
NAYS: None.

Councilman Withrow abstained from voting.

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PETITION NO. 70-69 BY W. PINKNEY HERBERT, JR. FOR CONDITIONAL OFF-STREET PARKING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES ON A LOT ZONED R-6MF AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower to defer decision on the subject petition for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 630-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LASALLE STREET AND NEWCASTLE STREET.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has been out and looked at this property; that it is very seldom that he does not agree with the Planning Commission, but he cannot agree this time.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6 to B-1 on petition of Mr. Hogan Jackson and M. W. Powell. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Thrower asked if he would add to the motion "after right-of-way acquisitions are completed"?

Councilman Short asked if this is legal, and Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied if it is to a definite date. Councilman Withrow asked if the zoning is changed today, will it affect the purchase price of the property; would the Highway Commission not have to pay a higher price for the property? Mr. Underhill replied since the zoning would not take effect until after the acquisition for the right of way for the interchange is completed, he would assume the appraisers would appraise the property for its residential use, which would be its present zoning, and should not have any effect on the increase of the purchase price.

After further discussion, Councilman Thrower withdrew his request to add to the motion.

Councilman Short stated he can only see this as premature and he cannot vote for it at this time.

Councilman Withrow asked if this will have any bearing on what it will cost the Highway Commission to buy this property with no strings attached? Mr. Underhill replied it could have.

Councilman Withrow made a substitute motion to postpone the subject petition until after the acquisition of the right of way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and lost by the following vote:

- YEAS: Councilmen Withrow and Short.
- NAYS: Councilmen Tuttle, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.

Councilman Whittington stated when you go out and sit at that intersection and you look to the northwest, you see that everything is going to be taken and is now being appraised and negotiated for; you look at the parcel of land and the road going right through the duplex and then look across the road and you see where the access road is going to come down across the school property, and this property is even further away after the roads are finished than it is now. He stated for that reason he does not see any need to wait and not ascertain what this is going to be when the road is finished.

Councilman Withrow stated he is not saying he is against this going business, but he is against the taxpayers paying more money for a piece of property; with the road going through it will make the property more valuable anyway, and he just thinks the rezoning should wait until after the property is bought.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Tuttle, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.  
NAYS: Councilmen Short and Withrow.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 136.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 70-79 BY HARRY M. MCCONNELL, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF SUGAR CREEK ROAD, FROM I-85 TO WILSON LANE AND EXTENDING NORTH OF I-85 TO CANNON AVENUE, DEFERRED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that action be deferred on the subject petition pending further study by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 631-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF JACKSON AVENUE, FROM PROSPECT STREET TO NEAR EAST TENTH STREET, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short to adopt the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 137.

ORDINANCE NO. 632-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY NORTH OF ALBEMARLE ROAD AND EAST OF CAMPBELL'S CREEK ADJACENT TO THE FOUR SEASONS APARTMENT PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-12 to R-9MF of a 52.41 acre tract of land was approved as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 138.

ORDINANCE NO. 633-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY NEAR THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ARROWOOD ROAD AND NATIONS FORD ROAD, BEGINNING 243 FEET WEST OF NATIONS FORD ROAD AND 315 FEET NORTH OF ARROWOOD ROAD.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of a 7.632 acre tract of land near the northwest corner of Arrowood Road and Nations Ford Road, beginning 243 feet west of Nations Ford Road and 315 feet north of Arrowood Road be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 139.

ORDINANCE NO. 634-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF ARROWOOD ROAD AND NATIONS FORD ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the subject petition requesting a zoning change from R-9 to B-1 of a 1.852 acre tract of land at the northwest corner of Arrowood Road and Nations Ford Road, <sup>was approved</sup> as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 140.

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ORDINANCE NO. 635-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ARROWOOD ROAD AND NATIONS FORD ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to B-1 of a 2.027 acre tract of land at the northeast corner of Arrowood Road and Nations Ford Road as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 141.

ORDINANCE NO. 636-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF LAND NEAR THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF ARROWOOD ROAD AND NATIONS FORD ROAD, BEGINNING 340 FEET EAST OF NATIONS FORD ROAD AND 325 FEET NORTH OF ARROWOOD ROAD.

Councilman Tuttle moved to approve subject petition for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of a 9.876 acre tract of land near the northeast corner of Arrowood Road and Nations Ford Road, beginning 340 feet east of Nations Ford Road and 325 feet north of Arrowood Road as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 142.

ORDINANCE NO. 637-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING ZONING OF TWO LOTS FROM O-6 to B-2 ON THE WEST SIDE OF NORLAND ROAD, BEGINNING 269 FEET SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE AND FRONTING A TOTAL OF 200 FEET ON NORLAND ROAD.

Councilman Short stated for about 15 years all these people have been at this corner and doing approximately what they are now doing, and they all want to go on this way except one man wants to do a little better in a new building, and apparently all the others are entirely with him. He stated he agrees this petition does not exactly square with the technicalities of zoning, but he thinks the zoning rules should move over in this instance, and let these people do what they all want to do; that it has not hurt anything in the past 15 years and he does not believe it ever will.

Councilman Short moved the adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from O-6 to B-2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 143.

ORDINANCE NO. 638 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, CHANGING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT ONE DETACHED SIGN AND OTHER SIGNS TO BE LOCATED ON NOT MORE THAN TWO SIDES OF THE BUILDING BUT WITHOUT INCREASING THE SIGN AREA.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the text of the zoning ordinance to permit in the office districts the placement of one detached sign and other signs to be located on not more than two sides of the building but without any increase in the sign area.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 144.

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ORDINANCE NO. 639 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, CHANGING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO PERMIT AUTOMOBILE RENTAL FACILITIES TO BE LOCATED IN B-1 DISTRICTS.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject ordinance amending the text of the zoning ordinance to permit automobile rental facilities to be located in B-1 districts provided a limitation of 10 is placed on the number of vehicles which may be associated with such activity. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Thrower asked if these ten vehicles include trucks and trailers? Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, replied the wording of the ordinance will be to amend the table of permitted uses to permit in the B-1 district "automobile rentals, provided no more than ten vehicles for rent are available on the site at any time". That trucks have a separate listing in the ordinance, and trailers have a separate listing.

Councilman Thrower stated he does not object to this but he would like to prevent 40-50 pieces of equipment on the site. Mr. Bryant stated this is their feelings also and that is the reason for the limitations on the number of vehicles; the ordinance differentiates between truck rentals, trailer or utility trailer rentals and automobiles.

Councilman Thrower stated Council should have a copy of the ordinance before them, but he will not object to the adoption of the ordinance.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 145.

ORDINANCE NO. 640-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, EXTENDING FROM 4800 THROUGH 5100.

Councilman Whittington stated after the hearing on the subject property, the Planning Commission stated in their recommendation to Council two things for their reasons to deny the petition. One was traffic and such a change would not conform to the pattern of Park Road now. He stated he cannot agree with this. If there is any office zone anywhere in Charlotte, it is on Park Road from the Park Road Shopping Center on the west side all the way to Sugar Creek on Park Road. He stated he has received letters from the people who live on Park Road who own these small homes who have difficulty getting in and out of their property and this is going to get worse; that he has received letters from the people who live behind this property on Buckingham Drive and the other streets who are in favor of this change. He stated for those reasons and for the reason that the traffic patterns out there make this highly undesirable for residential purposes, he is going to make a motion to change the property to O-6.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6 to O-6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 146.

PETITION NO. 70-57 BY HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF A PARCEL OF LAND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF RANDOLPH ROAD AND GAYNOR ROAD TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition by Humble Oil and Refining Company be placed on the agenda for next week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A SPECIAL TAX ELECTION ON MONDAY, JULY 13, 1970 FOR AN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TAX LEVY NOT EXCEEDING 5¢ ON THE \$100 VALUATION OF ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM BY THE CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Mr. Tom Sykes stated he would like to see the City Council go on record today against the subject resolution until a thorough study can be made through a merged government to bring about the use and utility purposes of the park areas already available, and that some study be made for the use of school property for parks. He stated some of the school grounds lying idle should be made into attractive parks for the purpose of neighborhood use - in the neighborhoods where they are needed. This could be beneficial to both city and county residents. To add a five cents tax onto an already overburdened group of taxpayers in Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte at this time would be very unwise.

He stated he realizes that two different groups are involved - the Board of Education and the Park and Recreation Commission; but it seems to him these two groups could get together and come up with a solution for the use of these properties so they would be placed where they will do the most good. That he is sure that most of the people who need parks can then receive the parks they need.

Mr. Sykes asked Council to consider this before accepting the resolution for a vote on July 13.

Councilman Short stated Mr. Sykes remarks about the use of school property sounds reasonable. But this is a situation where the tax levy now allocated for parks is used 100% for the salaries of those who maintain the parks and who work in the system and will not even meet salaries alone. That what he says is reasonable about the land. Councilman Short asked Mr. Sykes if he has a comment that will help just in the matter of meeting the salaries alone; there is some \$35,000 lacking even to meet the salaries if all money went for this purpose.

Mr. Sykes replied Mr. Short could perhaps better inform him on this; that he does not think he is a miracle man with dollars; that he would like to get into it and make a study; that some study should be given to the needs for a five cent tax increase before adopting the resolution to have a tax vote.

Councilman Thrower stated Council discussed this about two months ago; that this is a special tax levy not to exceed five cents; that does not mean there will be a five cent tax levy; the last increase they had was in 1961. The Park and Recreation has not acquired any additional property in the past twenty years; they have been living with what they have. This is to meet operational expenses.

Mr. Sykes stated he understands that, but he also understands that the people who need the parks do not have the parks after twenty years either; we still have people who definitely and desperately need parks to curb the things we have coming to us every day for our courts to try. If we could stop this - that they tie in. We have not done anything for a lot of people in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County through our park system to alleviate the neighborhood problems we have.

Councilman Thrower asked why this is brought up today when this was discussed about two months ago? These questions could have been answered then - why do we wait until now? Secondly, if we do not give these people any more money, if the electorate decides not to give it any more money, then how are they going to get any parks?

Mr. Sykes replied he does not have any solution to that; that two months ago he was involved in another project. He asked what was done with the anticipated \$7.0 million revenue that the four cent sales tax brought into Mecklenburg County?

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Sykes if he is suggesting that we close some parks we now have? Mr. Sykes replied he would not suggest that you tear up anything that has already been done. Councilman Tuttle asked if he realizes the Park and Recreation Commission has not been operating on their money; that Council has appropriated money? Mr. Sykes asked if the taxpayers are going to give them another nickel when they are already paying the bills; the bills have been paid up to now; why all of a sudden, do we have a five cent tax increase for Park and Recreation?

Councilman Withrow stated he thinks the taxpayers should be given the privilege to decide this for themselves.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject resolution setting date of special tax election on Monday, July 13, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 97.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,080 FOR URBAN BEAUTIFICATION GRANT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1970.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application in the amount of \$132,080 for Urban Beautification Grant for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1970. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 98.

SUB-CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$260,007 WHICH IS FULLY RE-IMBURSABLE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving subject sub-contract with University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the development of the Integrated Municipal System, in the amount of \$260,007, which is fully re-imbursable by the Federal Government.

Councilman Short stated he would hope that Council could learn a little more about this program and hopes that Mr. Fennell can come to one of the conference sessions and tell Council more about it.

Mr. Veeder replied the point is well taken and he will schedule a presentation on where the city stands and where it is going on this program.

CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN LOCKER COMPANY FOR THE OPERATION OF COIN-OPERATED LOCKERS IN DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject contract with American Locker Company, for the operation of coin-operated self-service parcel lockers in Douglas Municipal Airport Terminal Building, was approved.

CHANGE ORDER NO. P-1 IN PLUMBING CONTRACT WITH A. Z. PRICE AND ASSOCIATES, INC., FOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE STORAGE FACILITIES AT THE WATER DISTRIBUTION HEADQUARTERS ON FAIRMONT STREET, APPROVED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of subject change order for alterations and additions to the storage facilities at the Water Distribution Headquarters on Fairmont Street, increasing the contract price by \$365.54. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CHANGE ORDER NO. G-2 IN GENERAL CONTRACT WITH LAXTON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR RELOCATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF STORAGE FACILITIES AT THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SHOPS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving subject change order in general contract with Laxton Construction Company for relocation and construction of storage facilities at the Water Distribution Shops, increasing the contract price by \$2,225.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 641-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LOCATED AT 4715 HOLLOWAY STREET PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF CHARLOTTE AND CHAPTER 160-200(43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Councilman Tuttle moved to adopt subject ordinance ordering the removal of an abandoned motor vehicle located at 4715 Holloway Street pursuant to Article 13-1.2 of the Code of Charlotte and Chapter 160-200(43) of the General Statutes of North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 147.

CONTRACT WITH URBAN SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Thrower to approve the subject contract with Urban Systems Development Corporation for the construction of 1,445 feet of trunk and main to serve Little Rock Apartments, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$10,775.00.

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

- YEAS: Councilmen Jordan, Thrower, Short, Tuttle and Whittington.
- NAYS: Councilman Withrow.

CONTRACT WITH PYA GOODNIGHT BROTHERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, subject contract was approved for construction of 750 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve 4423 Wilkinson Boulevard, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$6,220.00.

CONTRACT WITH JAMES M. HOPKINS AND JAMES Q. APPLING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved that contract with James M. Hopkins and James Q. Appling for construction of 260 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve 1501 and 1515 Hoskins Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$1,625.00, be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT WITH ARTHUR SMITH'S FAMILY INN, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, approving subject contract with Arthur Smith's Family Inn, Inc., for the construction of 2,450 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve the Inn on Mulberry Church Road, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$20,000.00.

CONTRACT WITH URBAN SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington and seconded by Councilman Thrower, approving the subject contract with Urban Systems Development for the installation of 2,050 feet of mains and three (3) fire hydrants to serve the Little Rock Apartments, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$10,500.00.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Thrower, Jordan, Short and Tuttle.  
NAYS: Councilman Withrow.

CONTRACT WITH E. C. GRIFFIN COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN, APPROVED.

Councilman Thrower moved that contract be approved with E. C. Griffin Company for the installation of 720 feet of water main and one fire hydrant to serve property abutting on Hungerford Drive in the Eastover Section, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$3,700.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of 15' x 86.56' of easement at 316 Bennett Lane, from Ila Wofford Semendinger (widow), at \$87.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Lambeth Drive Apartments.
- (b) Acquisition of 6.61' x 18.88' x 20.55' of easement at 506 Burroughs Street, from John Wesley Clay (divorced), at \$20.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Lambeth Drive Apartments.
- (c) Acquisition of 10' x 307.87' of easement on Lanecrest Drive, at the 6900 and 7000 block of Barringer Road, from Ed Griffin Development Company, at \$1.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Hope Valley Section 2-D.
- (d) Acquisition of 15' x 146.80' of easement at 4800 Wilkinson Boulevard, from Mrs. Callie E. Pruette (widow), at \$300.00, for Mulberry Church Road sanitary sewer.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the following special officer permits were authorized:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Mr. Stephen J. Wilson for use on the premises of Charlotte Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital.
- (b) Issuance of permit to Mr. Marshall Lee Coble for use on the premises of English Village Townhouse Apartments.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Lottie G. Johnston for Grave No. 8, in Lot No. 22, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Elizabeth R. Hasbrouch for Lot No. 266, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$504.00.
- (c) Deed with William M. Brawley for Lot No. 933, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$320.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED STETSCO SERVICE COMPANY FOR PAINTING WATER TANK ON PATTON AVENUE AND BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Stetsco Service Company, in the amount of \$7,970.00, on a unit price basis, for painting water tank on Patton Avenue and Beatties Ford Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Stetsco Service Company	\$7,970.00
Charlotte Tank Lining Co.	9,009.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CAROLINA CONCRETE PIPE COMPANY FOR REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Carolina Concrete Pipe Company, in the amount of \$13,054.00, on a unit price basis, for reinforced concrete pipe.

The following bids were received:

Carolina Concrete Pipe Co.	\$13,054.00
Foltz Concrete Products	15,484.35
Gray Concrete Pipe Co., Inc.	15,614.09

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST THIRD STREET AND EAST FOURTH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, subject contract was awarded the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$899,743.76, on a unit price basis, for improvements to East Third Street and East Fourth Street.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Co.	\$899,743.76
Rea Construction Co.	982,801.35
Blythe Brothers Company	986,982.81
Dickerson, Incorporated	1,033,588.85

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REQUEST THAT CORRECTION BE MADE TO THE SEWER PUMPING PLANT AT END OF BRISTOL STREET WHERE OVERFLOW IS RUNNING INTO PARK.

Councilman Withrow stated in Westerly Hills Park where Bristol Street dead ends at the park, a sewer pumping plant is running over and running sewage down into the park; the weeds are waist high and the residents of the area called the Health Department and numerous departments but they cannot get anything done to correct the problem.

He requested the City Manager to have the problem taken care of.

RAILROAD CROSSING AT CAMDEN ROAD REQUESTED REPAIRED.

Councilman Withrow requested the City Manager to have the railroad crossing on Camden Road checked; that it is in need of repairs.

NOMINATION OF CLAUDE L. ALBEA TO THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Thrower placed in nomination the name of Mr. Claude L. Albea to succeed himself for a term of three (3) years on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF 4200 BLOCK OF CUSHMAN STREET.

Councilman Thrower requested the City Manager to bring Council up to date on the problem of Cushman Street.

Mr. Veeder stated the 4200 block of Cushman Street is the area under discussion; that Mr. Hopson, Director of Public Works, recommends that Council appropriate \$2,000.00 to be spent by the City's street maintenance forces in reconstructing the street; that although the existing right of way width of 35 feet would be inadequate for most residential streets, they feel that to secure the additional 15 feet estimated at \$11,900.00 would not be reasonable for the benefits received; they feel the \$2,000 improvements for reconstruction would result in a street compatible to the neighborhood and generally of the same magnitude of improvements as other streets in the area.

Councilman Thrower moved that \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the reconstruction of Cushman Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

RESIDENTS OF OAKDALE AND HOSKINS AREAS REQUEST FOR WATER AND SEWER TO BE LOOKED INTO.

Councilman Withrow stated he has received calls from the people in the Oakdale area and Hoskins Area saying why they were against the past bond issue; they stated they were promised water and sewer and they are having to haul their water in. He stated he does not know why they do not have water but he would like for it to be looked into.

TRAFFIC PROBLEM ON ASHLEY ROAD REQUESTED INVESTIGATED.

Councilman Withrow stated on Ashley Road just before you reach the traffic signal to turn into Harding High School, there is business property located there and when the people park on the road the people turning left cannot see down the road; there have been a number of accidents there, and he asked if something can be done to alleviate the problem.

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ORDINANCE ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING AT 301 WEST PARK AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA, DEFERRED UNTIL JULY 6, 1970.

Councilman Thrower requested Council to defer action on the subject ordinance until July 6th. That Mr. Bill Ingram is in the audience and he has made arrangements with the Heirs of the property to purchase it and bring it back to standard. If Council will defer this for that length of time, he is sure Mr. Ingram will get the house in order.

Councilman Thrower stated there are six owners of this property and they have not been able to get them together; but this would save one building structure in this city which is so desperately needed. After July 6th, if the house cannot be brought up to standard, then Council can order the demolition of it.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Jamison, Superintendent of Building Inspection Department, if this meets with his approval.

Mr. Jamison replied it is not beyond repair; the main thing is that it has become a nuisance to the neighborhood; that as far as his Department is concerned, they have no objections to the house being repaired. Mr. Jamison stated he thinks it would be much better if he can secure it during the interim to keep the vagrants and children out of it.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Ingram if he will make this house secure? That he brought this to the attention of the Inspection Department because of the complaints; that the people who live next door are afraid it will be set a fire and it will burn to the ground; that if Mr. Ingram can secure it and Mr. Jamison has no objections then he will vote for it.

Mr. Ingram replied he will secure it within twenty-four hours.

Mr. Jamison stated if it is not corrected by July 6, then he will ask that it be brought back to Council for action. Mr. Ingram stated he will have the house in good repair by this date.

Councilman Thrower moved that action on the ordinance be held in abeyance until July 6, and permanently in abeyance unless Mr. Jamison brings it back to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CHAIRMEN OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION TO BE REQUESTED TO COME TO COUNCIL TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE BLUE HEAVEN TRACT.

Councilman Short stated on May 11, he suggested that the Redevelopment Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission might talk with Council about the possibilities for a park in the Blue Heaven tract; this was a raw idea; that he made the suggestion that it might be whatever type of park as they in their best judgement would decide upon. He stated he thinks Council needs a preliminary conference with Mr. Walker and Mr. King and their staff and attorneys on this matter. That this idea has now been inacted by Council as a part of a motion. He stated we do not want to get into a delay if we can help it, but he thinks there should be a preliminary conference on this matter; that he wants us to build the finest, most interesting, and imaginative park possible in the Blue Heaven area; that he hopes we can incorporate Pearl Park; and also that we can dedicate some property there under the rules of urban renewal which means it would come into the hands of the Park and Recreation Commission without charge.

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Councilman Short requested the Mayor to ask the heads of these two commissions to come to visit Council as soon as the Mayor thinks is appropriate and discuss this idea further and make sure it has merits. Then if this is not the proper approach then do what is necessary to build the best possible park that we can in Blue Heaven.

Councilman Whittington thanked Mr. Short for this suggestion and stated that Mr. Walker, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission and Mr. Sawyer and his staff are to meet this week to get these preliminaries.

**COUNCILMAN TUTTLE REQUESTS THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT HE DID NOT VOTE FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY AT RANDOLPH AND GAYNOR ROAD BUT FOR THE SALE OF THE SITE AS REQUESTED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD.**

Councilman Tuttle stated there seems to be an assumption by some people that the resolution passed by Council some weeks ago for the sale of the library land included the assumption that meant the rezoning of the property.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would like the record to show that he did not vote for any rezoning of the property; that the resolution simply called for the sale of the property without rezoning. He stated Mr. Galvin's last letter said their Board "unanimously reaffirmed the Board's November 10, 1969 decision to sell the property as subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners and the City Council. Assuming that you and the City Council are agreeable, we propose that the question of rezoning of the Randolph-Gaynor site be placed on the Council agenda for June 1, 1970 for final action regarding the rezoning."

Councilman Tuttle stated his point is to let the record show that he did not vote for the rezoning of the property; he voted for the sale of it as it was presently zoned.

**MR. CHARLES MAXWELL INVITED TO MEET WITH COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER TO GIVE STATUS REPORT ON BOND PROJECTS.**

Councilman Whittington stated about six weeks ago he asked for a status report on the bond projects, and Mr. Veeder gave Council the report. Since that time the bridge on Archdale Drive is under construction.

He requested the City Manager to give Council another status report, and invite Mr. Charles Maxwell, Highway Commissioner, to come and meet with Council and again review the projects the City submitted to him some time ago, and show him again the urgency of such projects as Eastway Drive and the Belt Road. That hopefully there could be some other planning for another Belt Road with him for the future. He stated he would like to know where we are on Sugar Creek; that he knows we have been buying right of way but it seems it should be ready to go out to contract now.

**MYERS PARK MUSTANG BASEBALL CLUB COMMENDED FOR WINNING STATE FOUR A CHAMPIONSHIP AND MAYOR REQUESTED TO INVITE CLUB TO CITY HALL FOR PRESENTATION OF A PLAQUE.**

Councilman Whittington stated last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night at Griffith Park, the Myers Park Mustangs, representing our city, played Kingston in a two out of three series for the State Four A Championship.

He stated he would like to commend the Myers Park Mustang Ball Club and Coach Jack Sink and Mr. Robinson, his assistant, for the fine three games they played and for the fine spirit they had.

Councilman Whittington stated he would hope that before school closes, the Mayor and Council can invite this team here and give them a plaque. This is the first time Myers Park has won the Championship and it has been a long time since any of our schools have.

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He stated the two nights he was there and as he sat there and watched these kids with all this enthusiasm for Myers Park - the parents, kids in high school, Ministers and everyone else - he was thrilled at the way the kids displayed this enthusiasm for their team, and at the same time were good sports and good citizens. He stated this is the kind of momentum and energy these kids have locked up in them, and you see it and see the good they do, it proves to him that we, as a government and the people of the community, should do all we can to corral this energy and help these kids expell this energy in other ways that are good for the city.

He stated here were three or four thousand kids - good citizens, model citizens, behaving as good citizens, and at the same time letting all the enthusiasm they had come out for their team.

**NOMINATION OF MR. JOE MILLSAPS TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. John Vickers called him last week and asked that his name not be considered for re-appointment to the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees; he says his health will not allow him to serve; that his term expired January 18, 1970.

Councilman Short placed in nomination the name of Mr. Joe Millsaps for a two-year term on the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees.

**COUNCIL ADVISED THAT CONTRACTOR WILL BE NOTIFIED TO GO AHEAD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERT IN SECTION 3 OF BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL.**

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated two weeks ago Council gave the Redevelopment Commission the go ahead on the redevelopment of Brooklyn Urban Renewal Section 3. The development of that section involved a section of a culvert which extends through Section 2 into Section 3. When the contract came up for award on the culvert, the contract was awarded but this section that went through Section 3 was held up until Council made a decision on Section 3.

He stated no action of Council is required and he will notify the contractor to go ahead with that portion of the contract that was held up now that Council has made a decision on Section 3.

**NOMINATION OF JOHN HUNTER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.**

Councilman Jordan placed in nomination the name of Mr. John Hunter for a three year term of the Zoning Board of Adjustment as Mr. Brewer has requested that he not be considered for reappointment.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

*Ruth Armstrong*  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk

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The public hearing was held on proposed amendments to the Sanitation Ordinance on Monday, June 1, 1970, at 7:30 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Sandy R. Jordan, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Fred D. Alexander and Milton Short.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Belk called the meeting to order and stated the hearing is being held on proposed amendments to the Sanitation Ordinance. He stated Charlotte is growing and each year a better job has to be done. That this is the goal of the Mayor and Council; that we are subject to change and want to change for the betterment of the City and the Citizens of the City.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS EXPLAINS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SANITATION ORDINANCE.

Mr. Robert Hopson, Director of Public Works, stated the refuse collection system in Charlotte is a very expensive and costly system to the taxpayers, and we want to do the best we can with the amount of money we spend. He stated the City is spending in the neighborhood of \$3.4 million annually in refuse collection alone; that is in addition to a substantial sum being spent in refuse disposal.

He stated there are 505 employees in the refuse collection force and 66 refuse collection routes are operated in addition to 18 commercial routes which are serviced by the large dump masters. In addition there are 30 trucks which circulate through the city all the time collecting refuse other than garbage; these trucks work five days a week in addition to the 66 packers servicing the residential area.

Mr. Hopson stated they collect approximately one thousand tons of refuse a day in 260 working days a year. They give twice a week garbage collection to all homeowners in the city, and try to remove the trash once a week from the curb side; the trash removal day is Wednesday and that is the day they concentrate on the removal of trash itself; the 30 trucks are in the area during the week other than on Wednesday also removing a lot of debris and refuse piled at the curbs.

He stated the industrial retail and commercial establishments have refuse removed at least twice and often three or more times weekly throughout the city.

Mr. Hopson stated there is a need to improve the quality of the service and to make better use of the resources at hand. He stated he is recommending the adoption of an improved ordinance covering the collection of refuse and in particular how it affects the householder directly and how it affects the industries and commercial establishments. He stated the internal operations such as improved safety practices, cleanliness of equipment, safety committees and in service training are being improved. They also need to help themselves in eliminating and reducing some of the very costly procedures of trying to collect some of the refuse from the curbs in the unbundled and unpackaged process.

Mr. Hopson stated the first amendment in the ordinance changes the administration from the Motor Transport Division to the Department of Public Works.

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He stated they are proposing the following changes in the ordinances:

In the residential area there will be no change in the garbage pickup except residents will be permitted to have an unlimited number of receptacles. This will improve the conditions under which they can store their garbage on the site and will give the Sanitation Department a better change to have everything containerized. The Monday-Thursday and Tuesday-Friday pickup services will remain the same, and there will be no change in the backyard service. They will continue picking up residential trash on Wednesday, and the rolling trucks will remain in operation the remainder of the week. Under the present ordinance limbs are required to be in six foot links, and that ordinance is not abided by at present; also, each householder is permitted one truck load of trash or rubbish a week to be hauled away. The amendment to the ordinance proposes that the trash be brought to the same curb but that it be containerized or placed in bundles or packages so that one man can handle it; this will expediate the crew's reaction time and will help the appearance of the yards and will be an improvement in the working conditions of the men themselves. Dead animal removal will be the same as at present.

In the retail, wholesale and commercial collections they will service them twice a week as at present; there will be a limitation of eight containers per commercial establishment, or one bulk container. He stated there are about 1850 establishments now served with bulk containers. Only one of these containers will be serviced twice a week or the eight containers twice a week. When the ordinance goes into effect, all new bulk containers will be of six or eight cubic yard size; some now hold only a yard or two which is a waste of effort to have to service them; there are not too many of them but they would like to get rid of them. He stated they will give the owners now being serviced by the small containers a year in which to upgrade the size of the containers.

In the industrial collections from the factories, processing plants and manufacturing concerns they now service them the same as the commercial establishments. The amendments propose that the city no longer do this type of serving; that it becomes the responsibility of the industry producing this waste, and that the building materials will be hauled by the people who do the repair work and who are doing the building on the homes and businesses in the city. He stated the city does not presently collect any hazardous refuse, and is not supposed to, and the amendments will add that hazardous refuse will not be taken at the landfills.

Mr. Hopson stated an instance of a hazardous refuse is used oil; this cannot be handled at the landfill; it becomes a fire hazard. Sawdust will be difficult to get rid of but there is no way the landfill can handle it; once a pile of sawdust is on fire it is difficult to put it out.

Vehicles now hauling garbage or rubbish are illegal only if they scatter it. The amendments propose that all vehicles bringing refuse to the landfill be covered - that includes the city vehicles also.

Mr. Hopson stated in the interest of improved refuse collection for all citizens through the pre-packaging of the refuse and requiring the industrial and commercial establishments to assume their responsibilities for a portion of their waste disposal needs, a better job can be done for the citizens of Charlotte. By proper preparation of the refuse in front of our homes, the cleanliness of the city and the front yards can be improved and it will also do away with a lot of traffic hazards that now exist.

He stated their goal is a wholesome living environment where everyone will be glad to live on our City.

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CITIZENS EXPRESS OPINIONS ON PRESENT SERVICE AND ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Charles Henderson stated he is speaking for Charles Henderson and family. That he is concerned tonight because of what he senses is a negative approach to this and many other problems. That we are speaking here of an ordinance; an ordinance meaning a law; a law meaning a set of rules and regulations that are backed up by the possibility of criminal indictment and punishment of people, whether knowingly or whether inadvertently violate these laws if they go on the books. That while much of this must be done and is essential that we must have the laws that perhaps the strategy or the philosophy is in error and he would ask Council to help him find a way to solve this problem.

For example, if the stress could be on "how much more beautiful Charlotte would be, if" we did so and so. That the City of Charlotte says "if you have a problem with your trees or with your trash or with your litter, this is what you can do with it."

Mr. Henderson stated he makes a habit of cleaning one particular section of a median strip in the vicinity of where he lives, and when he picks up the beer cans and the bottles and all the other miscellaneous things there, there are no places along his street where he can put this litter, because in a positive way the city has not met him half way in order that there would be containers so he must take the litter and put it in his own garbage can. That within the last seven days he has put such debris in his garbage can and the garbage man refused to take it because he says it is trash and not garbage. That he put some on his curb and after notifying the City Manager's Office in a very personal way, and after three weeks and three different calls - (that he was received so beautifully in the City Manager's Office) - but the calls from the City Manager's office down the next step did not accomplish the removal of the leaves until they had been there for seven weeks. He stated the point is the City had not been setting an example. The worse smell in the City of Charlotte is the city's sewerage disposal plant on Sugar Creek.

Mr. Henderson stated he asked his wife what he should say tonight and she said to say that she would wrap trash anyway that is requested, but to please pick it up when they say it will be picked up.

He stated he would like to see in a positive sort of way some sort of plan where the householder could have left at his premises the container with which he could carry the trash to the curb. Heretofore any container that is substantial in nature and the trash is taken to the curb will not be there after the trash people have been along. He would like to propose some sort of method whereby our City government cooperates with the householder with the householder purchasing a suitable container with the house number on it so that someone can see where the container belongs. That plastic bags are an additional unsightliness rather than a help. He hopes the use of plastic bags will not be encouraged.

Mr. Henderson stated he would like for the citizens of Charlotte and the government to join hands in a positive means of being able to solve these problems where the citizens know what the city can do. That he has served on lots of clean-up, fix-up committees and he will be willing to serve on a sub-committee way down the line to help in this endeavor.

Mr. C. W. Folks, 4414 Longwood Drive, stated he thinks Charlotte has done a wonderful job on the first two types of service - residential and trash pickups. The reason is that you go into the back of the houses to pick up the garbage; that is time consuming and expensive. If you have a small lot you pay the same tax as a lot 200 feet deep. That he has been in Charlotte six years and he has the same garbage cans and the same containers for putting trash at the curb that he brought to Charlotte. He stated he has had to call only twice in the six years he has been in Charlotte. The reason for that was that his wife put the long branches at the curb; that as soon as he saw them he said it was not right, and they stayed there several days; normally all their rubbish, trash and everything is picked up on the days it is supposed to be picked up.

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Mr. Folks stated he puts all his trash at curb side in bushel containers so when the men come along in the truck they unload the container with no lost motion. He stated five feet lengths for limbs is too long; that he cuts his in three feet lengths and tie it in bundles.

Mr. Boyd Robinson, 3818 Avalon Avenue, stated on residential garbage pick up he will give Council an A grade because that job is being done well. As to residential trash pick up he will give the City Council a F-; sometimes they get trash pick-up once a week, sometimes they get it every four weeks and sometimes they get it every six weeks and sometimes longer.

He stated week before last he had a young boy help him clean his adjacent lot, and he had quite a pile of limbs on the side street; that someone from the City Trash Collection Office came in and said they were not piled right and they would not be picked up; that they had tried to pull it out and they could not do it. He told the man that he had a twelve year old boy who piled them out and if members of the trash collection are weaker and feebler than a twelve or fourteen year old kid and cannot pick them up, then it is too bad. He told them he would just pour gasoline on them and burn them up and the man said it was a good way to get rid of them. Mr. Robinson stated the next morning he called the trash department and gave them a piece of his mind, and they were very nice about it, and they did come out and get them. He stated the week after he had a small bunch out and the trash department just passed them up; if it had not been for the street department working on the road telling the trash department to go back and get them, he does not think they would have gotten them then. He stated he has a pile out there right now.

Mr. Robinson stated he chases up and down in front of his house and his vacant lot and he picks up beer cans and liquor bottles and puts them in his garbage can so he guesses the whole City of Charlotte thinks he is a drunkard. He stated once a week trash pick-up is alright and he has no objections to shortening the length of the limbs from six feet to five feet and 18 inches in diameter, and tying them up. He guesses the Trash Collection Department and City Council wants the people to put blue ribbons around the boy brushes and pink ribbons around the female brushes so they can tell which is which because they do not know.

Mrs. J. D. Stratton, 2165 Sharon Lane, stated she does not have any complaints about the pickups as of now; that it has been fine. That she would like to talk about the proposed requirement that you tie up all the shrubbery trimmings into bundles. If you have a bundle of woody materials as big as would be allowed, it will take a sizeable type of cord to go around it to be able to bear the weight if it is picked up by the cord; also she does not know how you can tie up shrubbery trimmings. That she is questioning whether it is feasible to tie these trimmings into bundles; that she has seen them pick this up with the big forks and this seems to be quite adequate the way it is being done; that this would really be a burden on the housewife and the taxpayers when they are taking care of their yards and have to tie this into bundles of a certain size.

Mr. Jake Cornelius, 1144 Linganore Place, stated at present his service is great and is all that he can ask for. What bothers him is the leaves. That he has tons of leaves which nobody has touched; that the last time his yard was thoroughly raked, it resulted in a pile of leaves six feet high and about 40 feet long; that he feels it would be physically impossible to put these leaves into bags.

Councilman Thrower stated for four or four and one-half months these leaves will be picked up in the conventional manner with the vacuum machines; after January 7th or 15th, when all the leaf-raking should be over, that is when the public will be asked to put the leaves in the plastic bags.

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Mr. Cornelius stated the pile of leaves he is referring to was in the latter part of February; that the investment has been made in this leaf machine and all he would ask is that Council consider using the machine because substantial piles of leaves are very difficult to handle.

Councilman Thrower stated these same trucks with the vacuum units on the back are used to pick up trash; that they take the vacuum machines off the trucks, and these are the 30 trucks we are referring to. That this is the reason for this ordinance.

Mr. Cornelius stated trees do not just shed from October to January; that his trees shed about 8 or 9 months; that his garbage service is great; that he would like to have his leaves picked up if possible.

Mrs. Carl Evans, 1936 East Eighth Street, stated she has no complaint on the garbage pick up; that occasionally she is missed on this pick-up, probably due to weather or a holiday, but she very much objects to tying up the cuttings from hedges and shrubberies into the small bundles which they are proposing. That so many people cannot get help anymore and the housewives have to do all this work; that she does not see how she can possibly do this.

Mr. Evans stated the string or rope will be an extreme expense to the homeowners and a great many homeowners cannot afford this kind of rope to tie up those bundles because it will really have to be strong. That you can tell this by the postal packages which come through the mail, you have to use nylon cord which would be used for fishing for a whale or else it is going to be broken when it arrives at your house.

Councilman Tuttle stated these things these people are saying are very pertinent and he would like to state when you trim some shrubs, you get little small clippings and it is impossible to tie this into bundles; that he agrees with Mrs. Evans but the ordinance states it is not necessary to tie these into bundles; they can be placed into containers, even the garbage can or a plastic container, and they will be poured out and the container will be left there.

He stated what concerns him the most is the question of leaves; that Oak Trees in this section of the country are clear up to April before they shed all their leaves; that he has two large oak trees in his front yard and he has no problem because he has a compost pile. That he puts his leaves in the back and saves them for fertilizer.

Councilman Tuttle stated his wife had a call from a lovely little 81-year old woman who has several large oaks in her front yard and this lady states she is able to rake these leaves to the curb, but after January 7th, she still has enough leaves to fall where she cannot bundle them; there are just too many to bundle. He stated this is something that a little thought will have to be given. He stated most of the leaves will fall within the time of the ordinance, but not oaks; they go clear up to the new-leaves before they finish shedding.

Mr. Soderberg of Soderberg Manufacturing Company stated his company is located in the Coddington Building.

He stated he has been having a very good association with the City on his pickups; that he has three large containers outside his plant; that he has a sewing factory which can be called a light industrial plant. That he receives three pick ups a week, and on top of that he has the sanitation container service pick him up one more day a week of paper and rubbish from the plant operation. He stated it costs him \$127.50 a month for the one pick up of the three containers; if this service is discontinued, it will cost his outfit \$2,400.00 a year. He stated he has three trucks picking up at one time. He asked if the amendments mean that you will send a truck in and pick up one container and leave the other two when all three are sitting along side each other?

Mr. Hopson replied the proposal on industrial waste is to give one unit service twice a week.

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Mr. Soderberg stated his service today costs him \$1,530 a year; the additional cost will be \$2,538 a year. That is a pretty expensive deal.

Councilman Tuttle asked if Mr. Hopson is not saying that the City will no longer pick up industrial waste and the one container is on the assumption that anyone who will have a container full of non-industrial waste. Mr. Hopson replied that is right such as waste from a small restaurant or from an office building, but they will only service the one unit. Mr. Soderberg stated when the truck is in there why stop with one? Councilman Tuttle replied he is saying they will not pick up industrial waste but they have to assume you have a certain amount of office trash and wrapping trash that is not industrial waste; and that will be picked up; they are not picking up any industrial waste. Mr. Soderberg stated he does not have anything now that would be called industrial waste; it would be paper, carton and papers that come in with their shipments.

Mr. Charles Moore, 4034 Churchill Road, asked the city's policy on discarded furniture at a residence? Mr. Hopson replied they intend to pick up material like that with special equipment; there will be no change in the pick up of an old sofa or old chair.

Mr. Moore stated if someone re-gutters their house, what must they do with their old gutters; will that be picked up? Mr. Hopson replied it can be broken into small pieces and they will haul it off from the containers.

Mr. Moore stated he has been impressed with the quality of the work done by the garbage collecting people; they seem to have good spirit; they seem to be efficient on the job; generally the workmen we have are to be commended on the garbage detail. Since the Union came in, it seems they have contributed to an attitude on the part of the workers that did not exist previously. He stated as he views the workers he thinks they are real gung-ho, an all-weather type bunch of people. That it was not until the Union got into the act that they suddenly got weak-back or they got to be fair-weather type workers.

He stated he talked to two tree companies today who have some similar type operation as the city. The first thing he got from them is that chippers for the handling of trash would be a much more economical and efficient way to handle limbs and wooden trash than by loading it on open body trucks. They said you can put four truck loads of this material in one truck when you chip it up; otherwise you have four loads. That Mr. Efird of the Davey Tree Company said he could think of no operation he had observed where there was more room for improvement of efficiency by management and supervision than in the City's Garbage collection operation.

Mr. Moore stated he would like to see the City take the attitude that we are here to give the best service to our citizens that is possible to give. When we present a proposed ordinance of this kind, which is designed more to reduce service than it is to increase efficiency. He stated perhaps we need to take a new look at our approach to this; if we approach this problem from the same standpoint as we do our business and we are out not to pick up garbage nor to pick up trash but we are out to render a service, then we will see the garbage and trash handled in a more economical and expeditious manner.

Councilman Tuttle stated the idea here is to not reduce service but to create a more efficient operation for our dollar and to help hold the tax rate.

Mayor Belk stated we do want to give better service to the citizens of Charlotte; that we are proud of the people who work for the city and want them to do a better job for the citizens. The only way we know how to do this is to line up a better job and get better results out of it, and this is the intent of everyone at City Hall. He stated we do not want to be unreasonable, and that is the reason for the meeting tonight - to hear the wishes of the citizens. We want to give the best service but we have to remember the cost of it.

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Mr. Pressly Beaver, Superintendent of the Sanitation Department, showed slides of some of the problems the department has to deal with on a daily basis.

Mr. Hal Herman, 4133 Kingway, stated he would like to direct his remarks to the proposed changes in retail, wholesale and commercial collections. He stated you are going to have a problem - a problem of education and a problem of control because of the proposed changes. A man may have as much as 15 containers and now it will be limited to eight. The sanitation man will come along and not only take eight containers and refuse to take any more. In effect there may be seven containers for the next trash pick up and this can go on an unlimited amount of time, and there will always be trash whenever you look in the backyard or in the back of your establishment. Every ordinance that he has come in contact with always prescribes a penalty for violation thereof. He stated if you insist that all vehicles be covered; if you insist that the owners now take care of industrial waste, you must be prepared to back this up with some penalty or else people will just go along and try to get away and do very little. He stated he does not know if there are any penalties attached to this ordinance; he assumes there are not at the moment, otherwise it would be here. This he recommends as one way of enforcing this ordinance.

Mrs. Margaret Kelly stated she is representing 45 women who are members of the Carolina Heritage Chapter of the American Business Women's Association; they have studied the presentation of the problems of the solid waste disposal field and they wish to go on record in support of the modernization necessary to the refuse ordinance and appropriations necessary to properly dispose of the solid waste in our community. She stated they realize the budgetary problems facing City Council at present; however, the adequate and proper disposal of solid waste is fundamental responsibility of local government and they sincerely hope the City Council can find the funds to support a proper solid waste disposal system. As to the recommended changes in the ordinances, particularly as they relate to the proper packaging by the householder, this is fundamental to the cleanliness of our great city; we can no longer afford the irresponsibility of just throwing our refuse in our front yards and expecting the city to spend time and money performing functions that are the responsibility of the householder. The proper packaging of the refuse will not only result in a much cleaner city but will expedite the refuse collection service and will make the premises of the individual citizens more presentable. Charlotte is moving into the 1970's as one of the most progressive cities in the nation, and we can no longer condone the past practices in the solid waste field. Carolina Heritage Chapter of the American Business Women Association strongly recommends the passage of the proposed refuse collection ordinance and suggest the public be informed and educated as to the requirements and as to their responsibilities.

Mr. Wesley Blanks, 4101 Sheridan Drive, stated the city is doing a fine job in this area. He suggested the possibility of separating the tree limbs and vegetation from the refuse; that there are so many hollows, valleys, ravines, and places of no use or value around the neighborhoods. He suggested pipes could be laid in these areas and chips and tree branches and things of those nature could be store in there and the next time a street is being torn up then it could be covered up with the dirt from the street, and makes the ravines and valleys a useful place.

Councilman Tuttle stated what Mr. Blanks has said is very important; that nearly everybody has a vacant lot near them where there is a hole or ravine. That if he owned a lot he would welcome anyone filling the holes and the ravines with grass clippings and things of this sort that through the years would level his land off.

Mrs. Joseph Yike, 222 Colonial Avenue, stated heretofore she has made a complaint about the garbage being picked up on the opposite side of the street twice a week, and on her side of the street just once a week. She stated she

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understands this is being looked into. She stated she is concerned about the containers in which to put the debris at the street; that she has lived in Charlotte since 1947; that she came from a town where the residents were required to do that. She stated she has had metal bushel baskets, split baskets, and metal paint cans and left notes on cardboard boxes to leave the container at her address and they still disappear. She stated there must be some way in which the homeowners, and especially women living alone, could have the containers left so they can again fill them up. Mrs. Yike stated she hopes the Department will look into the boundary situation which she understands is one reason why the trucks make two separate trips on her street.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

  

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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk