

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, November 29, 1965, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman John H. Thrower

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Shelton M. Hutchinson, Pastor of Smallwood Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on November 22nd were approved as submitted to the City Council.

PASTOR OF SMALLWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMENTS ON ITS PROGRESS IN REGARD TO RACIAL RELATIONS.

Councilman Short remarked that the Reverend Hutchinson, who gave the invocation, has a very unusual and distinctive church, and he has read about the church and heard about it and he would like to ask him to take a minute or two and tell Council about it.

The Reverend Hutchinson stated he is Pastor of Smallwood Presbyterian Church, better known as "The Church of the Penny Bank," and they would like to thank the people for the million and a half pennies which have been put in the Walking Penny Banks, as it has made it possible for them to operate whereas otherwise they might not have. That Smallwood Homes Development began changing color about a year ago, and the people began to think about what is natural to do and that is, when colored people began to buy homes in Smallwood, the white people began to sell their homes. That he has been criticized for this and asked why he let the white people sell their houses. That his reply was that all the people out there are not Presbyterians, and all Presbyterians do not do what the preacher asks them to do, so he had no control over that. That their Presbytery, which is the Governing Body of their church under the local law covering four counties, said the church was built there to serve the community as a mission church, and, after some adjustments with individuals, they opened the doors of the church to colored people. They had a summer day camp program in which the colored people took part, and it was quite successful. Then after the day camp program was over, decided to receive into the Sunday School and Church any who cared to come in. However, this has not been overly successful because it is difficult to get people to make radical changes. A minority of the colored people are Presbyterian, most of them are Baptist, but he now has a Young Colored Theological Student from Johnson C. Smith helping him - he is not Assistant Pastor but assistant to the Pastor because he is not ordained, and they are working together to help carry on the work of the Kingdom in this little church. They have met with fair response; in the last month, it has been about two to one colored. So far they do not have any colored adult members, but have them in the Sunday School, and everything has gone very smoothly. They have introduced an evening service which extends the opportunity for people to

come to the community church who belong to another church. He stated that these Negro neighbors are very fine people. Two things - average education in the community has gone up and average environment around the homes has improved.

REQUESTS MADE FOR THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BISHOP DALE TO SUCCEED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Mr. Albert Pearson referred to an editorial in The Charlotte Observer entitled: "Let's State the Rules of the Game" in which they are speaking about the nomination of Bishop Dale for reappointment to the Redevelopment Commission. He stated he has mixed feelings on this because Ray King is a friend of his and Bishop Dale is a friend of his. That the editorial points out the fact that the men on this Commission have done exactly what the City Council has asked, and the article says a man who has served well over the years should not be disposed of for what is evidently no reason at all. Mr. Pearson stated that he does not know how many of the members of City Council have criticized Bishop Dale's work; whether they have spoken to him about it; whether he has failed to do something they asked him to do or anything else. But at a time when the Government of the State of North Carolina is being criticized for not putting more colored people on various committees, it seems ill advised to take a colored man off for no apparent reason; it could be that Bishop Dale's term just happens to be the one that expired. That the editorial says they do not suggest that Mr. Dale or Mr. King be held and the other be appointed; but it does say this program is on schedule, and while the paper thinks it should be speeded up, he thinks when you have approximately \$3,000,000.00 committed to a program and the program is on schedule until this Council makes plans public as to what they would like to see done, no member should be removed. That the editorial states that Bishop Dale has done as well as any man on that Board. Mr. Pearson remarked that Mr. King has been past Chairman of the Democratic Party and a good one. That in the last City Council election, six members of this Council received very high votes in certain areas, and he is afraid they can more than offset the good that has been done in the past 24 hours if they go ahead in their closed type meetings - and he does not mean in the other room - and make a change that can be construed as being anti-anyone, and he is sure Mr. King, who is an upstanding citizen, would be the last one in this County who would want to do anything to upset the seemingly good relations that we have. That he believes they will find that this will hurt Mr. King if they appoint him; and what they have already proposed will hurt Mr. Dale, who has done a good job, and he respectfully suggest they give this a great deal of thought. That he does not believe the statement that Mr. King can go to Washington and get money for any worthwhile program any quicker than any other citizen who is a resident of the City of Charlotte. That he believes the Senators - Mr. Ervin and Mr. Jordan - and Mr. Jonas have proved their willingness to cooperate with any part of the district in any worthwhile program.

Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross, referring to the Community Meeting held at the Auditorium on yesterday afternoon by Mayor Brookshire, stated that he thinks the Council of the City of Charlotte and the people of North Carolina ought to be proud of the leadership that was manifested in the meeting. That one sentence summarizes the character of the man and the fitness of the man for the time in which we live was this - "Ill fairs the land to hastening evils they prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay." It showed the bigness and the greatness of the man who quoted those lines yesterday - Our Mayor. Speaking of greatness, he arrested the outmoded notion of great cities, great people and great men by transferring the concept of greatness to the hearts and souls and spirits of men. That he hasn't the words to say what we think and what the citizenship of Charlotte thinks at this moment. Safety in guns, no; safety in power, no;

safety in authority, no; but safety in the spirits and hearts and souls of men and women exemplified by our Mayor, Mr. Brookshire. That he wants to speak of this Redevelopment battle that is coming up in the election of a man to fill the place now occupied on the Board by Mr. Bishop Dale. That it does not make one bit of sense to him whether a man be white, green or black or yellow for he has reached the place where he is largely color blind; and no man is really fit to lead unless he becomes color blind. That we have reached the state of maturity of the Council in our leadership, and we are beginning to prove to the world that we are color blind. That what the Mayor emphasized yesterday, he thinks we should use as a guideline in the adjustment of this matter. That he emphasized one work - not white or black - but preparation and fitness for whatever position or office a man or woman may be called. That here in the Council, some said we were premature in supporting one of your Councilmen here to day. From the beginning he said it would add to the greatness of men sitting here who are great to leadership, and the election of this man would add to the greatness and to the confidence of the public. And he stated they are proud of that member, Mr. Alexander. Dr. Tross urged that the Council in considering Bishop Dale, consider him not as a Negro but as a man who knows the heartbeat, the heartthrob of the Negroes of this community. They do not say if he is not considered, it is because of his color, or because of any prejudices; they may be sorry if he is not considered, but he will not impugn the Council's justice in this matter. But he is here to tell them that no Negro without exception knows better the heartbeat, the needs of the Negro community as it relates to the white community as does Bishop Dale. That he asks this afternoon that the Mayor and City Council give Mr. Dale some consideration, not in the light of what he has said but in the light of what they know of the man, his past history, his achievement, his loyalty, and fitness for this place.

Reverend J. W. Teamer stated he sent a personal letter last week to the members of Council regarding this appointment. That he is not only speaking for himself but for the majority of the people he comes in contact with, due to the fact that he has been in Charlotte since 1939 the last time as he was here in 1928, and he has been in the ministry dealing with people for the past 41 years; and he has been in the school business here in Charlotte for 21 years, and he was Chairman of their Precinct the last few years, and he thinks he has a pretty good idea of what most of their people are thinking. That in the letter he tried to include things a lot of people would be afraid to say; and, of course it was a personal letter and he did not expect it to be made public, unless the Council wishes to do so, and he hopes that Council will consider the things he mentioned in the letter.

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 8 IN CONTRACT WITH REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF McALPINE CREEK WASTE TREATMENT PLANT PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL SURFACING OF ROADWAYS ENTERING THE AREA FROM LANCASTER HIGHWAY, AUTHORIZED.**

Councilman Albea moved approval of Change Order No. 8 in the contract with Rea Construction Company for the construction of McAlpine Creek Waste Treatment Plant, providing for additional surfacing of roadways entering the area from the Lancaster Highway, in the amount of \$4,272.23 increase in the contract price, which funds are available in the Current Water and Sewer Bond Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

CONTRACTS FOR THE APPRAISAL OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY,  
EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING AND THIRD STREET WIDENING PROJECT, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the appraisal of rights of way were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Brevard Brookshire for the appraisal of seven parcels of land on Eastway Drive, for Eastway Drive Widening Project, and two parcels on East 11th Street, for the Northwest Expressway.
- (b) Contract with Stuart Elliott, for the appraisal of seven parcels of land on Eastway Drive, for Eastway Drive Widening.
- (c) Contract with Wallace D. Gibbs, for the appraisal of one parcel of land on East Third Street, for Third Street Widening Project.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO R. C. McDOWELL AUTHORIZED ISSUED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. R. C. McDowell, 1428 Waverly Avenue, for use on the premises of the Merchants Patrol, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO FINANCING OF EXPANDED EMERGENCY AND OUTPATIENT FACILITIES AT CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the following Report of the Mayor and Chairman of Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners relative to the financing of expanded emergency and outpatient facilities at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, including the implementation of the recommendations contained therein, as submitted at the Joint Session of the City Council and Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners on November 26, 1965, and informally approved by both Bodies:

"Within recent weeks, there have been many meetings and much discussion on how to meet the need for expanded emergency and outpatient facilities at Memorial Hospital. The need for the expanded facilities has not been questioned. The issue has been how to provide the \$1,000,000 in local funds which, along with approximately \$700,000 from federal funds and other sources, would pay for the expanded facilities.

We have discussed the subject a number of times and on Tuesday of this week, along with the County and City Managers, we reviewed it again. As a result, we have joint recommendations to make to the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council. These recommendations are:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners should agree to include \$1,000,000 for expanded outpatient and emergency facilities at Memorial Hospital among those bond issue projects to be submitted to the voters in January, 1966.
2. That the City Council should continue to finance a portion of Health Department expenses for two additional years and that the City's portion be \$250,000 for each of the two years. (This year has been scheduled as the last year of City participation in Health Department costs, and the current City budget provides \$289,000 for that purpose.)

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3. That the County accelerate efforts to obtain maximum state and federal reimbursements for those Memorial Hospital outpatient and emergency welfare expenditures now being paid for by the City. This year the City has \$328,000 budgeted for this purpose, and, while it is not known how much of this amount may be reimbursable, it may be that future annual deficits can be cut by as much as one-third.
4. That the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council agree to seek legislation at the 1967 session of the General Assembly that would permit the Board of County Commissioners to appoint members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority. We further recommend that discussions relating to the County assuming responsibility for annual deficits incurred by Memorial Hospital in operating outpatient and emergency facilities should take place during the preparation of the 1966-67 budgets."

APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND E. KING, JR. TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FIVE-YEAR TERM.

Councilman Whittington stated when the City Council Members returned from the National League of Cities Convention in Detroit in August, they were determined to take a fresh look at Federal Aid in the form of Urban Renewal, open Spaces for Parks and Playgrounds, Expressways, Roads, Housing and extension of water and sewer lines. That prior to their coming back to Charlotte the Housing and Urban Development Act was passed by the Congress on August 10. That he discussed creating a Task Force with Members of the Council and the Mayor and it was agreed that it would be called the Inter-Governmental Task Force and this Force was appointed by the Mayor shortly after their return from Detroit. The purpose of naming the Task-Force was to make optimum effort to secure for Charlotte the maximum available benefits of State and Federal Assistance Programs which can be used to meet our needs in the future. He stated the Mayor was kind enough to appoint him as the Council liaison man between these four Sub-Committees.

Today, we are attempting to meet the challenge of a growing community, and to do this, he believes that we need to appoint a man to the Urban Redevelopment Commission who first of all has the necessary contacts and know-how in Atlanta and in Washington; secondly, a comparatively young man, who has vision, energy and enthusiasm to help us with future Urban Redevelopment Programs, and for these reasons only the Council today should select Mr. Raymond E. King, Jr. as a member of this Commission, and he moved his appointment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Alexander remarked that he does not agree with the Statement presented by Mr. Whittington. That to comply with the statement would be altogether out of character at this time in light of what we have done in the past week. Monday morning a week ago as the sun broke across the skies of Charlotte, our name was blacken across the country because of bombings of four Negro homes in our community. The community has shown its good faith and the community has come forward eagerly, attempting to placate the wrong that was committed by those who, under the cover of night, perpetrated these dastardly acts. Then on yesterday, our entire citizenry practically, along with its leadership, showed that they endorsed what had been done during the previous week and showed a spirit of willingness to move forward. The Mayor showed his greatness of which the citizenry are well aware of now - in assuming a leadership that is unheard of in the south in times like these. Now if he were to

sit here today and agree with what this statement pretends, he would be stabbing the Mayor in the back and all the citizens of good will in this community, and those of the Council who vote to do the thing that this statement reports to do will certainly have upon their conscience the same guilt. These are times when petty politics should be shoved into the corner, and it is unfortunate that we should have to bring petty politics into an appointment of this type. That as he has stated previously, it is indeed unfortunate that he, today, should have to talk about a matter such as this in terms of race, but unfortunately, he must, for he could not agree to sit here and vote to take away from the Urban Redevelopment Commission - the only Negro representative when the work of this Commission is to deal with matters that will certainly affect the lives of the majority of the Negroes in this community. These are the things that force them at times to give some thought to why we do or do not do some things, and he would say that this would not be for the best interest of Charlotte, on the eve of their having tried to show how big they are where human relations are concerned, for those of us who are cloaked with leadership and responsibility to show by this act that hypocrisy lies just beneath the surface. That he cannot agree that the only reason we must replace the present member of this Commission whose term is expiring is because we have in our midst one individual who has the know-how and contacts with governmental sources in Atlanta and Washington, who by his mere presence will change any considerations that we will get when justly presented to either of those agencies, that he cannot sit here and accept that and he is sure that, as elected officials of this city, we should not commit one act here today that will jeopardize the future of Charlotte's program on the national level. That it was said by a Speaker on yesterday that on the national level, you hear more and more the crying need that Negroes be given representative positions in all governmental levels. So he asks how can we at this time remove a Negro from a Commission like this and leave it without any representation from that part of our community. Councilman Alexander stated further that he cannot vote for this recommendation, he thinks it is untimely that it is presented in this fashion at this time, and certainly he feels that if the intent of this recommendation is upheld, it will have done more to destroy all of the good will that we say we have in our community than another bomb explosion if it occurs in our city, and he shall vote "No" on the recommendation.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that he is sorry that the Council cannot be of one mind in the handling of this particular matter; that it is not unusual for the Council to find themselves divided on many matters, but in this particular matter he is sorry there is not complete harmony on the act to be handled by this motion.

The vote was taken on the motion, which carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Tuttle, Albea, Jordan and Short.  
NAYS: Councilman Alexander.

APPRECIATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSED TO BISHOP DALE FOR HIS SERVICE ON THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, CONCURRED IN BY THE MAYOR.

Councilman Tuttle advised that Mr. Bishop Dale was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. George Goodyear as a member of the Redevelopment Commission and he has served for the past two years, and he moved that the City Council go on record extending its sincere thanks to Mr. Dale for his service on this Commission, and he further moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an appropriate resolution

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expressing the appreciation of the Council and that a copy be furnished Mr. Dale and other interested persons. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington. Mayor Brookshire remarked that he adds his endorsement to the motion. The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY SIDEWALK AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF A CROSSING GUARD TO SERVE RAMA ROAD SCHOOL.

The City Manager stated that based on the report of the Traffic Engineer, which he has discussed with Council, he recommends approval of the transfer of \$2,650.00 from the General Fund Contingency Account - \$2,200.00 to be used for the installation of temporary sidewalks on Rama Road, along the east side from Kirkpatrick Road to within 100 feet of Lynnbrook Drive, and \$450.00 for a School Crossing Guard to be stationed at the crosswalk in front of the School. Councilman Albea moved approval of the transfer and use of the funds as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

ACQUISITION OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS FOR PEERLESS STREET AND GLORY STREET SANITARY SEWER LINES AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the acquisitions of easements for sanitary sewer lines and construction easement were authorized as follows:

- (a) Acquisition of right of way 10' x 405.33' on Interstate 85, from J. E. and Willi M. Messick, at \$1.00 for sanitary sewer line to serve Peerless Street.
- (b) Acquisition of right of way 10' x 381.37' at 401 Criaghead Road from Elliott M. Schwartz, single, at \$381.37, for sanitary sewer line to serve Glory Street.
- (c) Construction easement 10' x 100' at 1359 Woodlawn Road, from L. Paul Lewis and wife, Alice G., at \$150.00, for Woodlawn Road Widening.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FRANK N. LITTLEJOHN, ADOPTED.

Mayor Brookshire presented a resolution entitled: Resolution Expressing Sympathy on the Death of Frank N. Littlejohn, which he read.

Councilman Albea stated he has known Chief Littlejohn for more than 45 years; that he knew him before he came to the department and knew him while he was in the Department and since he left, and he would like the privilege of making the motion for the adoption of the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 161.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH RECORDER'S COURT WITH REGARD TO THE DIFFERENCE IN THE AMOUNT OF THE FINES FOR THE NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED THIS YEAR IN COMPARISON WITH THE FINES AND NUMBER OF CASES LAST YEAR, AND TO REPORT TO COUNCIL NEXT WEEK.

Councilman Tuttle stated that he has been looking at the Report of Recorder's Court and noted the difference in the amount of the fines, or revenues, and the number of cases compared with last year's. That the Council is aware of the increase in the crime rate, and it would appear from the Report that there is a crying need for more severe punishment. That the Report shows we had 18,470 cases last year, and this year we have 19,900 cases. The fines or revenues based on the cases last year amounted to \$9.04 per case, and the fines or revenues based on the cases for the current year amount to \$8.13 per case. He asked if this is an indication of a slacking crime or the punishment, or what this indicates? The City Manager replied that he cannot answer this without going into it. Councilman Tuttle stated it seems to him that with the situation such as it is with the public crying for more stringent action on the part of the Police and law enforcement agencies, and he is certain this would involve the Courts in the punishment they deal out, this reduction in the average fine does not make any sense. He asked the City Manager to check this with the Court and report to Council next Monday.

SPEECH BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE AT COMMUNITY MEETING, OVENS AUDITORIUM, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1965, FOLLOWING THE BOMBING OF FOUR NEGRO HOMES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd.

Councilman Short stated that the Mayor, with his usual perception and his ability to get into the heart of the situation, delivered a masterpiece of a speech yesterday at the Community Meeting. That he remembers the five points that were made as the essentials of the situation, and it seems to him that the Mayor pointed out more clearly than anyone else that we want to make it plain to criminals by our acts of brotherhood and our attitude of brotherhood that their aims of creating racial unrest in our city would be thwarted and that a good racial climate is something that does not cost us a cent and which we want to make sure to restore to our city. That for this reason he would like to move that this very fine speech be placed upon the minutes of this City Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brookshire stated he cannot accept Mr. Short's appraisal of the speech but he does accept his compliments with thanks.

"As has been clearly indicated here today, Charlotte had a rude awakening last Monday morning to the potential danger that hangs over all of the cities and towns of this nation. We did not think such could happen to Charlotte, a city that has moved progressively and voluntarily, out of social conscience and civic pride, to correct inequities of the past, to provide equal rights and opportunities, to maintain peace and order, and to do those things that would raise the level of responsible citizenship and build a better, as well as, a bigger city. But it did happen to Charlotte! To say that it could happen to any other city in the United States is no consolation - or excuse for not squarely facing the realities involved.

The community has promptly made its apologies to the injured families. It has, without reservation, condemned the unlawful acts committed against these homes and against our community. It has made amends as

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far as possible. Charlotte has recommitted itself to the all important task of promoting racial harmony and pursuing community progress through the fullest possible development of responsible citizenship. We will continue, and intensify, our efforts to provide equal rights, opportunities and encouragement to all of our citizens who have the desire to be self-respecting, self-supporting and contributing members of our complex and competitive society. Every one must have the right and the opportunity to earn a place in it. And, it must be earned - it cannot be given. Through better housing, health, education, recreation and economic opportunities, we hope to build happier lives and better citizenship, at the same time waging a continuing fight on the causes of poverty and crime. Through maximum law enforcement efforts, with community cooperation, we aim to reduce the incidents of crime in Charlotte and promote a greater respect for law and order. I call on all of the good citizens of Charlotte to help make this aim a reality.

By the responses in this community since last Monday morning, by your presence here this afternoon, and by the statements from community leaders which you have just heard, our problems and our determination to surmount them may be judged. Progress has been made and is being made. Much remains to be done in the future. To make continuing and maximum progress, we must not only guard against complacency, we must intensify our constructive and cooperative efforts. This week Charlotte has shown that it can withstand the assaults of prejudice, hate and crime, without falling victim to panic, and that, I think, is an omen of strength, character and will-to-progress. In the unwarranted and unprovoked attack on four Charlotte homes, described as an attack on all homes in Charlotte, I see five important aspects that need to be underscored.

First is the fact of the crime itself, a vicious deed committed by a handful of irresponsible and lawless citizens of what origin or race we do not know, perhaps even from another community, that has reflected unfavorably upon the good name of our city and its quarter million people. The crime, of course, cannot be undone.

Second, this crime posed a grave danger of interrupting, or even setting back, the on-going peaceful and constructive efforts of this community to meet the challenge of these changing times.

Third is the remarkable and creditable manner in which our community has repudiated this contemptible crime, at the same time expressing its heart-felt sympathy to the victims.

Fourth is the exemplary conduct of this community in preserving calmness and peace in the face of sudden stress and strain. Except for the good work done in the past to open and maintain clear lines of communication, to develop sympathetic understanding, to establish good will and to promote close cooperation, except for this good community climate, we might have had a conflagration that not only could have stopped all progress in race relations, but which might have set us back a score of years.

Fifth is the challenge, not only to continue, but to intensify our community-wide efforts to insure full citizenship rights, educational, training and job opportunities for all of our citizens, to see that every man, woman, boy and girl in our community has a chance to make the most of his or her life. This thought was exceedingly well expressed a generation ago by the late Thomas Wolfe when he wrote:

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"To every man his chance, to every man, regardless of his birth, his shining golden opportunity - to every man the right to live, to work, to be himself, and to become whatever thing his manhood and his vision can combine to make him - this, seeker, is the promise of America."

Let me thank all of you for coming today and for testifying by your presence your concern for the good name of your city, your interest in preserving racial harmony, and your willingness to help promote community progress in all of its human, as well as material, phases. Together we can and will win the battle against hate, prejudice, poverty, crime, delinquency and vandalism in Charlotte. It won't be easy and it won't be quick. The important thing is that we stand together, a community united, in facing and solving our problems and in building a better community. This is our challenge. This is our goal - and we will not be deterred."

#### DISCUSSION OF NUMBER OF MINIMUM HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Councilman Whittington called attention that the Building Inspection Report in the Monthly Index shows that this month there were 4,926 inspections and last month 5,196; he asked if this is the number of inspections for new construction or if it has to do with minimum housing? Mr. Veeder replied this is the total number of inspections, including all types of inspections. Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Jamison gave a report about two months ago, which he thought was very good, and he wonders if we are keeping pace with the minimum housing inspections? Mr. Veeder replied the last two items on the Report relate specifically to the Housing Code program. Councilman Whittington stated that the Report shows that last month there were 173 and this month 55. Mr. Veeder stated this certainly would not represent a lessening of effort; this would, in part, represent the change of emphasis that is going on; and, in part, represent that they are beginning now with the tougher ones. That there have been some 10,000 houses brought up to standard or demolished in the last two years. The result of the program will be equally sufficient even if the arithmetic changes.

#### AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR DISPOSITION OF RESIDUAL PROPERTY ON WEST SIDE GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the execution of an Agreement with the Southern Railway Company for the disposition of residual property remaining after the completion of the West Side Grade Crossing Elimination Project, whereby the City assumes title to one complete tract of the residual portions of the Allen Property, the Clanton property and the Wade property in return for payments totaling \$3,800.00, and the Southern Railway Company assumes title to the residual property known as the Boyle property in return for a payment of \$3,243.75 to the City of Charlotte - resulting in a net payment for the remaining residual properties by the City of Charlotte of \$556.25. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk