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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, September 21, 1970, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Moss, Stone and Turner.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mr. Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the minutes of the last Council Meeting, on September 14, 1970.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR BELK REGARDING SANITATION DEPARTMENT WILDCAT STRIKE.

Mayor Belk stated this morning a number of employees of the Sanitation Department joined in a Wildcat Strike. No substantial reason has been given for calling this strike. We intend to restore refuse collection service to the city as soon as possible. As Mayor and your City Council, we will not allow this unjustifiable threat to the health and safety of our citizens. Any employee of the Sanitation Department who does not report to go to work on Tuesday morning, September 22, 1970, will be dismissed.

We will not tolerate violence or threats of violence. Police protection will be available to all working employees. Anyone engaging in illegal acts will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I wish to express my wholehearted support for Pressley Beaver, Bob Hopson, Bob Earle and all others who are working to restore refuse collection service.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-115 BY C. RICHARD TURNER AND ROBERT G. PHILLIPS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-1SCD, O-6 AND R-9MF OF PROPERTY FRONTING APPROXIMATELY 475 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF MONROE ROAD AND APPROXIMATELY 597 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF RAMA ROAD.

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

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated this property is located at the intersection of Monroe Road and Rama Road and is to a large extent vacant property with one residential structure on it. The adjoining property generally speaking is either vacant or developed with single family residents. Beyond Idlewild intersection is an apartment project. On one side of Monroe Road is a small business establishment; a short distance from the subject

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property is an electrical contractor establishment; there is vacant land on the town side of the property; there is also vacant land directly across Rama Road from the property in question. Otherwise the property in the vicinity is developed with single family homes.

He stated the proposed zoning would establish B-1SCD zoning on the first 300 feet of property coming down Rama Road from the Monroe Road intersection; then it would establish O-6 zoning on the next 190 feet coming down Rama Road and it would establish R-9MF zoning on the last remaining footage of the property.

Mr. McIntyre stated on the town side of the property the zoning is R-9MF; across Monroe Road from the property is, in part, single family and in part, multi-family, with the multi-family zoning extending out to the intersection of Idlewild Road with Monroe Road. Directly across Rama Road, the zoning is single family as is the zoning extending down Rama Road from the boundaries of the property.

Mr. Lloyd Baucom stated his firm of Haynes and Baucom along with Mr. John Shaw, Attorney, represents the two petitioners.

Mr. Baucom stated there are four roads serving the property - Monroe Road on each side, Rama Road coming from the southwest and Idlewild Road going to the north or northeast. Monroe Road has recently been made four lanes through the intersection and it carries a high rate of traffic. A survey by the State Highway Commission in 1969 shows in excess of 13,000 vehicles using Monroe Road on the town side of the intersection before the apartments were built. Rama Road is rapidly acquiring the status Sharon Amity had four or five years ago; it is becoming a circumferential street carrying traffic around the southeast section of Charlotte, from Independence Boulevard over to Providence Road. Idlewild Road is a continuation of Rama Road but is a feeder road from Independence over to Monroe Road.

Mr. Baucom then showed a movie taken in the area, between 8:00 and 8:30 in May of this year showing the traffic through the intersection.

He stated there is no way to get neighborhood services and goods without going to Independence Boulevard or going up to Sharon Amity Road or beyond. In recognizing this they talked to many people in the community, and they have signed a petition to allow the rezoning of the property. He filed the petition with the City Clerk. He stated they feel this is some indication that the planning of the area should be reviewed.

Mr. Baucom stated on the B-1SCD; Humble Oil Company plans a service station, a convenience food store will be constructed, a prescription drug store, a laundry pick-up station and hopefully, a bank. They are also providing for a covered bus stop where the buses can service the area off the street. That if the B-1SCD is approved, it cannot be changed. He stated they have letters of intent from a convenience food store chain, and an office developer.

Mr. John Shaw stated he talked with a member of the expert staff of the Commission and he told him he did not think the staff would go along with this petition; that there is a four-way traffic light on Monroe Road, and traffic there is awesome; that school buses are turning to go out Rama Road, and the traffic is getting worse; that they would not want business there on account of traffic. Mr. Shaw stated by the same purpose it is now zoned R-9, and the same argument condemns the present zoning. He stated they think the controlled business zoning is the best possible use to be made of this particular piece of property. He stated because of traffic, because of changing conditions they request the Commission and Council to give the petition very careful consideration.

Councilman Withrow asked how much acreage is included in the portion to be for apartments, and Mr. Shaw replied 2/3 of an acre.

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Mr. James A. Hunnicutt, 6100 Monroe Road, stated it has not been many months since he was before Council on another zoning petition. That a traffic count was made by the Traffic Engineering the 5th of August, 1970, and the count was 20,500 automobiles, without benefit of schools; this was vacation time and some people were gone. Last year 96 buses went through that intersection. He stated the schools in the area have parking for approximately 500 cars, and half of those cars go through the intersection daily; this does not take into consideration the parents who drive their children to school. That 337 apartments units have been built in East Forest and approximately 300 more automobiles will go through the intersection at least one way. There are four service stations at the intersection of Idlewild Road and Independence Boulevard; half way up Idlewild Road from Monroe Road is a little community store and there will be a laundry there also. He stated this is a bad intersection and there have been many accidents there.

Mr. Hunnicutt stated he has a petition signed by approximately 30 people who live within 1500 feet who are against the rezoning of the property. He filed the petition with the City Clerk.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-111 BY CONSTRUCTION BRICK AND TILE COMPANY TO CHANGE FROM INST TO B-1SCD A 34.79 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF UNIVERSITY CITY BOULEVARD (N. C. 49) AND THE FUTURE EXTENSION OF HARRIS BOULEVARD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director stated this property is vacant land at the intersection of University City Boulevard and the T-intersection of Harris Boulevard. The property is surrounded by vacant land with one exception which is a section of College Downs lying in close proximity to the subject property. The land across Highway 49 is owned by UNCC; the other nearest resident to the property is a residential establishment on Shady Hills Drive, a few hundred feet from the property.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is zoned Institutional; the land all around it is zoned Institutional except for the property this is developed with a portion of the College Downs Subdivision.

Councilman Whittington stated in the overall University City Institutional zoning, the Planning Commission had said the shopping center should go at this location. Mr. McIntyre stated that is true. He referred to the University area plan showing the shopping center indicated.

Mayor Balk asked how far the Harris Boulevard extension goes across the area? Mr. McIntyre replied that Harris Boulevard does not extend in front of the shopping center at all today; it is the intent that the Boulevard will be extended in an easterly direction, tying into the major road system. He stated they have received from the State Highway Commission two alternative alignments of this extension, and in establishing the ground space to be covered by the subject petition, they have used the most conservative one.

Councilman Whittington asked why this was not recommended for business at the time Council passed the Institutional zoning? Mr McIntyre replied they wanted to exercise planned control over the development of this particular property for a business site; they did not want to zone it out of hand and cut it loose for any type of business development. He stated a long time ago they pointed out that this was the Planning Commission's recommended location for a town city which would be the major business center to serve this whole community. This plan was established about two years and there was a great deal of publicity about it.

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Mr. Emil Kratt, attorney representing the property owner and petitioner, Construction Brick and Tile Company, stated they have tried to check with the State Highway Commission on the proposed extension of Harris Boulevard and stated it will obviously come through this property. He stated the Planning Commission's thoughts in keeping this a controlled zone is agreeable to the owners, and they are very willing to go along with the Planning Commission on it. There have been no protests from the Subdivision next door, and they feel it will be an advantage to these people.

Mr. Bonson Hobson, with the architectural firm of Benson and Hobson, presented a drawing showing the plans for the shopping center. He stated their criteria was the basic criteria drawn up by the City Planning Commission, dated August, 1968, for a town center of University City. He stated because the shopping center will not only serve the residents in the area who have automobiles, but students, they have looked into the possibility of a pedestrian bridge; this is planned and will not carry vehicular traffic but will be for cyclists and pedestrians. The site is generally bounded on the west and north by highways; it is cut partially in two by a Duke Power right-of-way approximately 100 feet wide; parking is allowed under the right-of-way but no building is allowed. There is also a creek that runs through a portion of the site generally paralleling the Duke Power right-of-way for a distance then sweeping away from it.

He stated with the fact that the property is cut up somewhat and with the idea of pedestrians in mind, they went to a multi-level center. Because of the sloping site, the center can be entered from grade on two levels. The pedestrians from UNCC would enter the middle level and then you can enter by the parking level below. He stated they have approximately 35 acres of land and they plan for a maximum of 409,000 square feet. Because of the terrain, they felt their neighbors would be looking down on them and the roofs of the center became important and they are trying to pay attention to this.

Councilman Withrow asked if they propose to build the pedestrian bridge? Mr. Kratt replied they have entered into an agreement to see that it is completed before the completion of the shopping center; if necessary, they might have to pay for it. Mr. McIntyre stated it would be rather difficult to enforce this as part of a conditional agreement, but there is a commitment from the firm to assure that the bridge will be built; it does not say who will build it, but there is a letter in the Planning Office file to the effect that the bridge will be built.

Councilman Short stated this should be made a binding factor by something that is recorded. Mr. Kratt stated they have received from the University the fact that it is being built and they have joined in this planning and they will develop their side of the property with this bridge in mind; but eventually they will have to enter into an agreement with the University's office in Raleigh and with the State Highway Commission as the bridge will be across a state highway.

Councilman Short requested Mr. Kratt to write him a letter with Mr. Stafford joining in stating the intent to build this bridge.

Councilman Alexander asked what would this request do for one Councilman that it would not do for another in getting such a statement; if it benefits one, it should benefit all Councilmembers. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, replied he is sure Mr. Kratt will provide all members of Council, including the Mayor, with a copy of the statement.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-112 BY MARY LOUISE DAVIDSON AND ALICE DAVIDSON ABEL FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM I-1 TO B-2 AND O-6 THIRTY FOUR ACRES OF LAND FRONTING 1,015 FEET ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF NORTH TRYON STREET AND 915 FEET ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF CRAIGHEAD ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated this land is located at the intersection of Craighead and North Tryon Street; one portion of the property is the portion fronting on Craighead and Tryon Street and is developed at present with a drive-in theater; there is some vacant land in this portion of the property. The other portion of the property has no frontage on Tryon Street but does have frontage on Frew Road; this portion is requested changed to O-6. South of Frew Road, with a small amount of frontage on Craighead Avenue is a piece of property which has apartments under construction; across from the apartments is some vacant land and single family development. The property up North Tryon Street is developed with housing and a motel and beyond that is the K-Mart. Across North Tryon Street from the property in question is a mixture of business establishments, residential use and vacant land. Immediately on the town side of the property in question to be zoned O-6 the land is vacant. Across Frew Road and adjoining one of the property boundaries are three or four houses that have been established on Frew Road.

He stated the property is presently zoned I-1; the zoning on the north along Frew Road is O-6 and the zoning otherwise is I-1.

Mr. Irwin Boyle, Attorney for the petitioners, stated this petition was filed as a result of the owners having filed with the Planning Commission the request to dedicate a street extending from North Tryon Street to the area that has been referred to as an apartment area. That tract of land was sold by the Davidson Heirs who commenced the construction of an apartment. At the time the sale was made the Davidson sisters told them they would extend from Tryon Street to that apartment site a street in order to relieve the traffic congestion which would be created back at the apartment site. He stated he then prepared the specifications for a roadway in conformity with the requirements of the ordinance. At that time the members of the Staff raised some question about extending a roadway through industrially zoned property to the apartment complex. The theory of the objection being that industrial type traffic should not be using the same roadway as the traffic from this dense residential area. That Davidson Heirs having given their word to the apartment owner to make the application for the street were left with only one alternative which was to request the zoning classification change to eliminate the industrial zoning.

Councilman Short asked if this interferes or violates in any way the city's regulations against off-set intersections? Mr. McIntyre replied no as the intersection to be created will be more than 125 feet from any other street across North 29.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-113 BY MAUDE S. HAYWOOD HEIRS, THELMA EDWARDS, CHARLES N. KNAPP HEIRS AND A. L. WILEY, JR., HEIRS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MFH TO O-6 OF FOUR LOTS AT 211, 217, 221 AND 225 SOUTH CASWELL ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director advised this property consists of four lots which are presently developed with single family structures and these four lots are the only four pieces of property on this side of Caswell Road between Providence Road and Colonel Avenue. The corner properties on both sides of

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the property covered by this petition are both occupied by apartment structures. Immediately behind the property are single family homes. Directly across Caswell Road is another piece of property which is the subject of the next petition, and is today occupied by a single family residence. Directly across and diagonally across from the property is the Providence Medical Center which is located on the corner of Third Street and Caswell Road. The property towards Queens Road is a vacant corner lot.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is presently zoned R-6MFH; the zoning on Providence Road is O-6; there is a small boundary of R-6MFH property adjoining the subject property extending along Colonel Avenue. Otherwise the adjoining zoning is R-6MFH.

Mayor Belk asked is there a problem of a buffer on Queens Road and Mr. McIntyre replied this property would not front on Queens Road; there is one lot between this one and the one on Queens Road.

Councilman Short stated the thought here is to make this similar to Providence Road zoning and more related to Providence Road than to Queens Road and take it away from the Queens Road type of zoning.

Mr. Ray Bradley, attorney representing the petitioner, stated Mrs. Thelma Edwards, who owns 217 Caswell Road, has lived in this house for many, many years but has now found it necessary to move into an apartment because she does not feel comfortable living there by herself at this time. That she has had this house listed with a real estate and through multiple listing service for some time but has had no offers for it yet.

He stated Mr. Wade Haywood and his sister own 211 Caswell, which is on Caswell up towards Providence Road. That they inherited this property from their father and mother who lived there for most of their lives. Mr. Bradley stated 221 Caswell Road is owned by the heirs of Mr. C. N. Knapp who lived there a greater part of his life; that 225 Caswell Road is owned by Mrs. Jean McGuarity and her sister, who inherited this property from their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley, who lived there most of their lives.

Mr. Bradley stated the last two houses, 221 and 225, are now rental houses and it has become very difficult to find any tenants at all, much less desirable ones. This is an old neighborhood, these houses are old to the point of being almost obsolete. At either end of the property included in the petition, there are two old apartment houses. In the one fronting on Providence Road, there is at least one business because there is a sign out front saying "Ward Drafting Service".

He stated the other property on Providence Road, whose backyard comes down to the property covered by the petition, there is a commercial photographic studio. Across Caswell is a very large old residence owned by two dentists who are making a petition today to change their lot at 206; that they plan to put a clinic there if they can under the new zoning.

Mr. Bradley stated across the street is the Providence Medical Clinic which is a very large medical office center. He stated the zoning pattern shows O-6 all along Providence down to the Park and all along Providence on down beyond the park on the side of where Caswell runs into Providence and on down to Mecklenburg Furniture Stores. That Dr. Reid Gaskin owns the property across Providence at the other corner of Caswell and Providence and plans a clinic also. This area is becoming a part of a great medical district because of its proximity to both Mercy and Presbyterian Hospitals.

He stated the petitioners would like to develop this property on Caswell for a medical clinic or doctor's offices. That this is in an office-oriented area and is not suited for residential development. The shape of the block surrounded by Providence Road, Caswell Road and Colonel Street is a triangle and because of this the lots in the petition are isolated from the property that fronts on Colonel Street to an extent that the change in zoning would not affect that property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-114 BY CEWD, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MFH TO O-6 OF A LOT AT 224 SOUTH CASWELL ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated this property is across Caswell Road from the property under Petition No. 70-113 and the surrounding property is as described under that petition.

Mr. George Miller, attorney for the petitioners, stated they feel the piece of property is not suitable for development in a residential manner. The principals in the corporation are two dentists who want to use the property for their own use and have their own offices there. The adjoining property is already medically oriented, and other surrounding areas are the same way, and there is no quarrel with the Bradley's clients wanting to use their property for office or medical uses.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-116 BY STAR CITY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF A PARCEL OF LAND 76' X 145' ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF TELEVISION PLACE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH WASHBURN AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director stated Television Place is a very short street that runs between Washburn Avenue and the Coliseum Drive. This property is adjacent to the television station and other than that adjacent development, there is the coliseum-auditorium in the general vicinity, with residential development along Washburn Avenue, and vacant land to the rear of the property, and vacant land diagonally north of the property.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is zoned R-6MF and is adjoined on the Coliseum Drive by property zoned B-1; across Coliseum Drive from the subject property the Coliseum property is zoned B-2. All the other zoning of adjacent property is R-6MF.

Mr. Henry Harkey, attorney for the petitioner, stated the petitioner is an affiliate company with Bahakel Broadcasting Company. That the building and property will be occupied and continued in use by Channel 18. The property is only 74 feet wide and is adjacent to the B-1 zoning. The property on the north side is the Dwight Phillips' parking lot and they cannot extend in that direction; to the east, they face Independence Boulevard and it is now being used for Channel 18 parking. He stated they cannot expand to the east or to the south and the only way they can expand the building is across this 74 feet.

He stated the highest and best use of the property is for business. The property is vacant and is a wooded area. The purpose of the petition is to provide for further expansion and they will put it to use immediately for the construction of a large driveway or street coming from Television Place to the left side of their building to get to the rear of their property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

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HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-117 BY MARGARET L. WASHBURN FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF A PARCEL OF LAND FRONTING 183 FEET ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF WASHBURN AVENUE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH TELEVISION PLACE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, advised this property lies immediately adjacent to the property just discussed under Petition No. 70-116, and the surrounding area is the same.

Mr. Lloyd Baucom, Attorney for the petitioner, stated they intended to file this petition on a joint basis with Star City Development Company, but they failed to coordinate the signatures properly and it had to be handled separately. He stated they feel this is logical zoning.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-118 BY DAN F. LINDER FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-15 TO O-6 OF PROPERTY AT 4705 PARK ROAD, FRONTING 201 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE STREET.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director stated the subject property is already developed for office purposes and is adjoined on both sides by offices already built or under construction. Immediately to the rear is some residential development in the form of single and multi-family construction. Directly across Park Road from the property in question is a gymnasium and service station with another service station at the intersection of Park Road and Mockingbird Lane.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is presently zoned O-15 and directly across Park Road the zoning is O-6; to the south the zoning is O-6 and otherwise the adjacent zoning is O-15.

Mr. McIntyre stated he understands the interest in the zoning change is to get a more favorable situation with respect to setback and the use of the property in front of the setback. Under O-15 zoning, the setback has to be 40 feet and there is no parking between the street and the 40-foot setback; under O-6 zoning the setback is 20 feet and there is no parking in the 20 foot space. These people are now setback 40 feet and they want a better use of that 40 feet by using some of the 40 feet for parking purposes.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1970, ON PETITIONS NO. 70-119 THROUGH 70-122 AND 70-124 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject resolution setting date of public hearing on Monday, October 19, on petitions for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 143.

MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED.

Mayor Belk called a recess at 3:30 o'clock p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 3:45 o'clock p.m.

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REPORT BY CHIEF J. C. GOODMAN ON POLICE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES.

Chief J. C. Goodman, Charlotte Police Chief, stated he is happy to have this opportunity to inform Council of a new system they have developed for the deployment of uniformed police officers which they plan to implement on October 4th. They feel this plan will be effective in reducing Charlotte's crime rate; they are very enthused about this plan which will more evenly distribute the workload and provide maximum use of the police officers they have, and the equipment.

Chief Goodman stated since the 40's, they have had a specialized traffic bureau which was responsible for traffic law enforcement and accident investigation. This bureau provides an "umbrella" type coverage of the city.

The Patrol Bureau is the largest unit and is responsible to respond to calls for service on a 24-hour basis to cover all areas of the city; they also enforce traffic laws and investigate accidents when necessary. They are assigned rotating shifts and they rotate from one area of the city to the other. In 1960, when Charlotte doubled in size, they devised a system which called for 14 patrol zones; since that time it has been increased to 17 zones. For the past two years the Department has been before Council requesting funds for personnel to expand the system to 24 zones. The requests have been granted but at their very best it will be July, 1971 before they can employ the people and train them and get them on the street. With crime increasing they felt they could not afford to wait nine months to implement the 24 zone system.

Chief Goodman stated the new system of deployment was devised after considerable planning which began early this year. First, they eliminated the use of motorcycles on a regular basis and assigned these officers to blue and white marked police cars which afforded them higher visibility and greater mobility in all types of weather. Next, they provided training for over 200 of their officers by instructors from the Northwestern University in traffic supervision and accident investigation. Later, training was provided by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs for over 100 officers in the identification of drugs and investigative techniques in drug abuse cases.

He stated recently they purchased 35 speed detection units which are installed in 35 police cars where speed of vehicles can be clocked while the vehicle is moving.

Chief Goodman stated they have fully utilized the Crime Analysis Section whereby information from the computer is studied and analyzed to define where and when crimes are occurring, and when and where arrests are being made and where and when they are receiving calls for service, where accidents are happening, and a lot of other pertinent information which is useful for deployment of personnel.

He stated for several months they have had conferences with officers of all ranks within the department, asking for suggestions on how to better deploy personnel. They have visited several other cities and studied their methods and systems to see how the plan seems to be working.

Chief Goodman stated the plan will divide the city into five geographical districts. This division was made based on the factors just mentioned, and this attempts to distribute the workload as evenly as possible in each district. He stated the central business district is very small, compared to the southeastern district.

He stated they have attempted to deploy all uniform personnel evenly to all the districts. An example: officers currently assigned to Traffic Bureau will be evenly distributed to each area which will provide experienced accident investigators at all times to handle major traffic accidents. The combined force of patrol and traffic will be responsible for

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responding to all calls in their area; for enforcing all traffic and criminal laws, for making preliminary investigations of criminal activities. A lieutenant will be assigned the responsibility of each district, and he will be assisted by six sergeants and six squads of patrolmen. Captains will be assigned to duty at all times when chief officers are not present to assist the men in the overall operation.

Chief Goodman stated the officers will still rotate shifts but will be assigned permanently to a district which will allow them to become more familiar with the people in the area in which they work.

He stated the most significant advantage of the plan is that they will be able to almost double the current number of uniform officers and marked police cars on the streets during those hours when crime is most frequent and will provide a more rapid response to emergency calls during these hours.

Another advantage is the flexibility which the plan affords. The District Commanders will be better able to utilize current crime data and can continually re-deploy manpower to the locations within their district at the time when criminal activity is more prevalent.

These advantages are possible due to the fact that within each district, an additional squad of officers are assigned to supplement the normal operations. There will be six squads; it will take a squad for each shift plus relief squad, and there will be an additional squad of men. This squad will be assigned at the discretion of the lieutenant during those hours to that area he feels they will be most effective. In other words, they are adding a fourth shift to their operation which overlaps the overshift.

Chief Goodman stated the Tactical Unit will be continued; it is highly flexible and will provide additional support to any of the districts.

He stated they have taken special care not to de-emphasize any of their current functions and will continue to provide and improve all the services they have rendered in the past. In addition, they are doubling the number of uniform officers on duty during those hours when crime is most frequent.

Chief Goodman stated he believes these changes will provide the citizens of Charlotte the most efficient and effective police service possible with current personnel and equipment and hopefully will reduce our crime rate.

Councilman Jordan stated when he says putting more men on the street - if he means actually that - on the street, or in the cars? Chief Goodman replied he would like to say on the street but they are still waiting delivery on 160 walkie-talkie radios which have been promised all summer. Hopefully as soon as they are received it will actually mean getting men on the street.

Councilman Short asked if he is saying when the walkie-talkies arrive, he will have 160 more men on foot? Chief Goodman replied, no, but they will have the availability of putting the 160 on foot if they need to; they will not use all the walkie-talkies this way, but they will provide each man in each car one so that one can get out and walk around.

Chief Goodman stated they will continue patrolling the airport as they have in the past. As new men are hired and allocated they will distribute them evenly to the areas.

Mayor Belk thanked Chief Goodman for improving communications and supervision for better service of our citizens. He stated he and Council are proud of the job Chief Goodman is doing as head of the Police Department.

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PETITION NO. 69-25 BY JAMES RIVER REALTY CORPORATION FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF A TRACT OF LAND AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EASTWAY DRIVE AND FRONTENAC AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, denying the subject petition as the property was rezoned under the overall zoning change for the Eastway-Shamrock vicinity.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, APPROVING PURCHASE OF LAND IN REDEVELOPMENT SECTION NO. 3, PROJECT NO. N. C. R-37, BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject resolution approving the purchase of 563,591 square feet of land to be used for expressway right-of-way purposes at a total cost of \$1,006,376.14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 144.

ORDINANCE NO. 839-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 732-X, THE 1970-71 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADDITION OF A POSITION IN THE INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted to include the addition of one Accountant II in the budget of the Finance Department, with the cost fully reimbursable from Model Cities funds.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 357.

Councilman Alexander suggested that the staff give high priority to the employment of a Negro in our Finance Department.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 4 IN CONTRACT WITH JAMES T. TRIPLETT, INC. AND A. E. ANDERSON, INC. (A JOINT VENTURE) FOR THE EAST THIRTIETH STREET EXTENSION.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan approving the subject Change Order No. 4 increasing the contract price by \$1,654.08 to complete the East Thirtieth Street Extension Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDERS IN CONTRACT WITH CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION IN BELMONT NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject change orders, increasing the original contract price of \$87,251.00 by \$2,687.50, were approved as follows:

- (a) Change Order No. 1, increasing the contract price by \$800.00, to cover the cost of removing three trees not anticipated in the original contract.
- (b) Change Order No. 2, increasing the contract price by \$1,276.00, to cover the cost of removing 485 l.f. of existing curb and gutter which was not anticipated and replacing it with the city standard curb and gutter.
- (c) Change Order No. 3, increasing the contract price by \$611.50, covering the cost of replacing defective sidewalk and curb on Kennon Street not anticipated in the original contract.

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HEARING SET FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW LEASING OF TAXICABS.

Councilman Whittington moved that a hearing be set for Monday, October 5, to consider the request of The Charlotte Cab Company, Inc. and Baker Cab Company, Inc. to amend the City Code to allow leasing of taxicabs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and after discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

DEED TRANSFERRING PUBLIC LIBRARY PROPERTY AT RANDOLPH AND GAYNOR ROADS TO HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY, DEFERRED.

Councilman Whittington moved that approval of deed transferring public library property at Randolph and Gaynor Roads to Humble Oil & Refining Company be postponed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT BETWEEN MANAGEMENT MANPOWER ASSOCIATES AND MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE THIRD MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD AGENT CLASS, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the subject contract in the amount of \$4,670.00, which funds are available in the Neighborhood Agent Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT BETWEEN ERIC HILL ASSOCIATES, INC. AND THE CHARLOTTE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION FOR TECHNICAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, and seconded by Councilman Short, to approve the subject contract in the amount of \$12,000.00, which funds are available in the Model Cities Budget, to provide technical information on portions of the Model Cities area not now certified and approved for urban renewal.

Councilman Whittington asked what Eric Hill will help Model Cities do? Councilman Alexander replied it will help determine the feasibility of bringing in areas in this section not now under urban renewal under urban renewal and how it can be best developed. Mr. Charlie Green, of Model Cities, stated Eric Hill will, in effect, do physical inspections of not only the housing but all buildings in these areas not now covered by urban renewal projects; they will bring in data the Planning Commission will need in order to certify any type of renewal or rehabilitation program; they will also recommend types of programs that will be needed; the timing and sequence of the programs and the possible funding sources. He stated the Upper Greenville Area is not now included in urban renewal; also Double Oaks is not included.

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

CONTRACT BETWEEN FLORENCE CRITTENTON SERVICE, INC. AND THE CHARLOTTE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the subject contract in the amount of \$30,000, which will be funded through Model Cities Program, to develop a demonstration project for adolescent expectant mothers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Alexander stated this is one of the new programs that is growing out of the Model Cities programming and it is one of the most interesting programs that Charlotte will have. The results that come from this program will be most beneficial to the City of Charlotte; this shows what can be done under the Model Cities Program. That Florence Crittenton Services was not in position to do the extended services and this is the type of work they can do now with the assistance of Model Cities money and services.

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**APPRAISAL CONTRACTS APPROVED.**

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the following appraisal contracts were authorized:

- (a) Contract with John C. McDonald, Jr. for appraisal of seven parcels of land at fees ranging from \$125.00 to \$175.00 for the Eastway Drive Project.
- (b) Contract with Alan J. Davis for appraisal of seven parcels of land at fees of \$175.00 for the Eastway Drive Project.
- (c) Contract with Leo Phelan, Jr. for appraisal of seven parcels of land at fees ranging from \$100.00 to \$155.00 for the Belmont Neighborhood Improvement Project.

**PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Tuttle to approve the following property transactions:

- (a) Acquisition of easement 100' x 109' at 814 Belmont Avenue, from Edgar Dorsett Moore and Geraldene M., at \$350.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (b) Acquisition of easement 130' x 111' x 141' at 818 Belmont Avenue, from Edgar D. Moore and wife, Geraldene M., at \$750.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (c) Acquisition of easement 50' x 110.5' at 1001 McAden Street, from Nellie Scarborough, at \$450.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (d) Acquisition of easement 200' x 136.1' x 240.45' x 20' x 264.35' at 1000 Eveningside Drive, from Jerome H. Starnes and Vera E., at \$3,000.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (e) Acquisition of easement 100' x 233.5' at 808-14 East 16th Street from T. Ray Helms and wife, Telitha J., at \$2,600.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (f) Acquisition of easement 50' x 145.5' at 800 East 16th Street, from T. Ray Helms and wife, Telitha J., at \$800.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.
- (g) Acquisition of easement 45' x 130' x 50' x 130' at 804 East 16th Street, from T. Ray Helms and wife, Telitha J., at \$1,400.00, for Sugar Creek-Irwin Creek Open Space Project.

Councilman Whittington asked if these transactions <sup>are</sup> involved in the park area and recreational area where the Neighborhood Center will be built in the Villa Heights area? Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied no, this is along the creek; this involves only beautification areas of the creek.

Mayor Belk stated what we have been doing wrong is asking for a little open space here and another little open space and have not taken into consideration the whole project. That he and Mr. Tuttle were down in Atlanta and it was the first time the City of Charlotte had ever looked at the whole project. That we have been going about this in an indirect way; that we have just been piece-mealing and not doing the job. That we are going to have to do a better job in planning the whole project.

Councilman Whittington asked if this is the first parcel of land the city is buying along these creeks for the purpose of open space and beautification? Mayor Belk replied there are about four of them in various stages and none of them are completed to the satisfaction of the neighbors. Councilman Whittington stated he has been for the project all along but there are some things we should concern ourselves with. One is we are buying property here

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and for two or three years the Planning Commission has been trying to get the people along Sugar Creek to give land so that it could be widened and dredged and used for the very things that Mr. Tuttle and the Mayor went to Atlanta for, and for the same thing all went to San Antonio for and looked at the river project. That he is not against this, but on the north side of town the City is buying it and on the south side the City is trying to get the people to give it to the City. That he thinks this will create some problems that are not anticipated.

Mr. Bobo stated there is a difference in that the Sugar Creek from Archdale Drive to Princeton Avenue involves the Corp of Engineers; that this project involves only the widening and dredging of the creek. That this project involves more land than the creek right of way; it involves green space in addition to land that would be necessary to widen the creek.

Mayor Belk stated what has been done and where we have not received the benefit is that we went to the Corp of Engineers, the BOR and HUD and others to make them tie in with the Model Cities and other programs and then went up to Princeton Street and stopped and then came back and got a little project on a creek bank. Where do you start unless you take the whole project? That this is where the fault has been. That we are going to have to take the overall viewpoint and take the project as a whole.

Councilman Tuttle stated they found in Atlanta something that someone who knows about these federal programs should have known; they had what they called a Federal Regional Council and they went before this Council. With one application, they made a pitch to OEO, Department of Labor, HUD, Corp of Engineers, right down the line. That they made one pitch and there is no one single application for this. That you sell this Regional Council on it and let them start putting it together.

Councilman Alexander stated this is why he has stated time and time again that we needed a federal coordinator to run range on all federal programs and tie in services that we could get from them, and they would fit our immediate community needs; all federal programs tie in with one another, and this is how communities get money for their improvements by using all the facets of federal government that match up. That this is why he has said he has not been pleased with what we have been getting out of our office; this is why he stated at the last Council Meeting that he did not think we could any longer afford the luxury of having an office out of which we are getting so little. This is a good example of what he is talking about.

Councilman Tuttle stated this is one of the things the President has been harping on about all these different agencies coordinating these things; that there has been a lot of waste in applying to a number of units and getting a piece of money here and a piece of money there. That this project got as far as the White House; that we are getting action but we are getting it much too late.

Councilman Whittington stated he is not against this project, he just wants to understand it. That this action today begins our acquiring property along Sugar and Irwin Creeks for beautification and open space from one end to the other, and it will be done gradually.

Mayor Belk stated this particular one is only for this one spot. That we have asked for four of these spots, and this is all open space, and this is in the Model Cities. Anything you bring up today in Model Neighborhood the federal government will pass it quicker than the Sugar Creek Project at Freedom Drive. That they will try to get it tied in with Model Neighborhood so that we can get it all the way up the creek, and then we would have the whole project, and tie it all in together.

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

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

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinances were adopted as follows:

- (a) Ordinance No. 840-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 4022 Northhaven Drive.
- (b) Ordinance No. 841-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1403 Parker Drive.
- (c) Ordinance No. 842-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2943 Morning Drive.
- (d) Ordinance No. 843-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at rear of 2001 Monterey Street.
- (e) Ordinance No. 844-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2005 Russell Street.
- (f) Ordinance No. 845-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at rear of 2726 Grimes Street.
- (g) Ordinance No. 846-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Garnett Place and Welch Street.
- (h) Ordinance No. 847-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 321 Oregon Street.
- (i) Ordinance No. 848-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 600 Lexington Avenue.
- (j) Ordinance No. 849-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2100 Cloister Drive.
- (k) Ordinance No. 850-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 1521 Landis Avenue.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, beginning on Page 358.

**STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.**

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, authorizing the following streets be taken over for continuous maintenance by the City:

- (a) Telfair Cove, from 200 feet south of Sunview Drive to Archdale Drive.
- (b) Roxborough Road, from Colony Road to Morrison Boulevard.
- (c) Rexford Road, from Roxborough Road to 230 feet northwest of Roxborough Road.
- (d) Pressley Road, from 234 feet north of centerline of Rose-Thorn Place to 480 feet north of centerline of Rose-Ridge Place.
- (e) Rose-Ridge Place, from 330 feet west of centerline of Pressley Road to 360 feet east of centerline of Pressley Road.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of cemetery lots, as follows:

- (a) Deed with John Evans Schott and wife, for Lot No. 317, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$504.00.
- (b) Deed with Wayne Robert Huff, for Grave No. 3, in Lot No. 146, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Diana C. Lee for Grave No. 6, in Lot No. 162, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (d) Deed with George G. Summers and wife, for southeast 1/4 of Lot No. 32, Section X, transferred from Mrs. Estelle H. Summers, widow, at \$3.00, for transfer deed.
- (e) Deed with Mrs. Virginia S. Settlemyer for southwest 1/4 of Lot No. 32, Section X, transferred from Mrs. Estelle H. Summers, widow, at \$3.00, for transfer deed.
- (f) Deed with Ben E. Robertson for Grave No. 1, in south half of Lot No. 37, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00, for new deed.
- (g) Deed with Maurice Dickson and wife, for Graves No. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, in south half of Lot No. 37, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Ben E. Robertson, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the renewal of Special Officer Permits as follows:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Mrs. Shirley Griffin for use on the premises of K-Mart, 6025 Pineville Road.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Mr. Bowell Adams, for use on the premises of Morris Speizman Company, Inc., 508-14 West Fifth Street.

CONTRACT AWARDED GOODALL RUBBER COMPANY FOR ARTIC OVERSHOES.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Goodall Rubber Company, in the amount of \$3,286.00, on a unit price basis, for 620 pairs of artic overshoes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Goodall Rubber Company	\$3,286.00
Harmon Products Co.	3,498.66
The Henry Walke Company	3,602.20
Lehigh Safety Shoe Co.	3,999.00

CONTRACT AWARDED GOODALL RUBBER COMPANY FOR RUBBER RAINWEAR.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow to award contract to the low bidder, Goodall Rubber Company, in the amount of \$6,304.55, on a unit price basis, for rubber rainwear. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Goodall Rubber Company	\$6,304.55
Allied Safety Supply Co.	6,545.25
The Henry Walke Company	7,125.40
Harmon Products Company	9,997.92

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Mr. Bob Crowe, Allied Safety Supply, stated three years ago they were the low bidder on this particular contract and it was not allowed because they did not have a suit that met the city's specifications. Historically, this contract has gone to the person not listed as the low bidder, but the person who met the specifications on city paper. Last year they did not bid because they could not meet the specifications. This year they met the specifications and were not low, but they still recommended the bid to Goodall Rubber Company. That it seems there is something afoot to keep him from getting the business. That he has gone at it from the low bidding standpoint and did not make it, and then he went after it by meeting the specifications and did not make it. That he is not too happy with the way it turned out.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Crowe if he is saying that Goodall does not meet the specifications? Mr. Crowe replied that is right.

Mr. Brown, Purchasing Agent, stated there is nothing afoot here. That in the specifications there is a small item that said the rain suits seams are to be stitched with nylon thread and heat sealed. He stated both companies have bid good rain jackets; there are no complaints about either; they have looked at both samples and the using people have looked at them, and either one is acceptable. The technicality is how the jacket is sewn together. The one recommended has two cotton stitching and it is vulcanized and heat sealed. Mr. Crowe's jacket is stitched with mylon. Mr. Brown stated both appear to be real good.

Mr. Brown stated in the contract for bids there is a clause that reads: "The award of contract will be made to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration quality, performance and the time specified. The receiver reserves the right to reject all bids or accept such bid as appears in its own best interest and to waive technicalities." He stated he and Mr. Underhill have discussed this and they feel this is a technicality; both jackets are good; and they recommend it on that basis.

Mayor Belk asked why Mr. Crowe's bid was turned down two years ago? Mr. Brown replied he will have to go back and check on that point. Mayor Belk requested Mr. Brown to write Mr. Crowe stating why he was not accepted on the bid two years ago.

Councilman Alexander asked if the difference between the two processes of stitching is a major concern; if one has more holding ability than the other? Mr. Brown replied they do not think so; both are equal.

**CONTRACT AWARDED MEDART PRODUCTS COMPANY, INC. FOR PORTABLE FOLDING BACKSTOPS.**

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Medart Products Company, Inc., in the amount of \$3,586.00, on a unit price basis, for portable folding backstops.

The following bids were received:

Medart Products Co., Inc.	\$3,586.00
DiNatale Floors, Inc.	4,200.00

**SALE OF TIMBER FROM AIRPORT PROPERTY DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.**

Councilman Thrower moved that sale of timber from airport property to the highest bidder, Wester Brothers Company, be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR FALL ASPHALT RESURFACING.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Rea Construction Company, in the amount of \$223,426.52, on a unit price basis, for fall asphalt resurfacing.

The following bids were received:

Rea Construction Company	\$223,426.52
Blythe Brothers Company	226,540.98
Dickerson, Incorporated	254,296.10

Councilman Thrower stated some of the city streets are in bad shape; that it is all over town, and you cannot locate just one area. He stated the inspectors should be put to work. Councilman Whittington stated this is true; but you can hardly ride any place without getting the front end of the car knocked out on a manhole cover being three inches below the asphalt.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Assistant Public Works Director, stated they now have some 18 miles they are preparing to resurface under the subject contract, along with some 30 to 40 miles being re-worked with city forces. He stated he would be happy to check out any of the complaints.

Councilman Thrower stated he does not think the City is following up with temporary patching fast enough; and this makes for hazardous driving. If the Inspectors would follow up a little closer, he thinks they would find what he is saying is true.

Councilman Whittington stated that East Fourth, between McDowell Street and the Creek is in bad shape. That East Boulevard is bad also. Councilman Tuttle asked if the block in front of the County Jail is complete? Mr. Birmingham replied that block is completed. Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated this had to be depressed to go down into the new jail.

CONTRACT AWARDED CATER PAINTING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR PAINTING EXTERIOR OF MINT MUSEUM OF ART.

Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, H. J. Cater Painting Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$3,900.00, for painting exterior of Mint Museum of Art. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

H. J. Cater Painting Contractor, Inc.	\$3,900.00
Reeves Paint Contractors	4,205.00
Ben W. Richardson	4,478.00
F. T. Lyerly & Son	5,504.00

CITY MANAGER'S STAFF REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE SUGGESTION OF EMPLOYING MAN TO SURVEY CITY ON REGULAR BASIS TO CHECK FOR LITTERING.

Councilman Jordan stated for the past couple of weeks he has had some business associates in town and they have been doing quite a bit of survey over the city. He stated you can see that the people who have been making complaints about the litter have a legitimate complaint. A lot of drive-ins, not only restaurants, but other places do not clean up this trash; a lot of the shopping centers and stores have boxes and trash piled up on the streets.

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Councilman Jordan suggested that a man be employed on a permanent basis, and furnished a car, and have him make a survey of the city on a regular basis to cover each section of the city, and check these places, and when he sees these things in violation, then give the people a warning ticket and if they continue not cleaning-up, then fine them. That this is something that can be done without hiring any more personnel; that there is probably someone in one of the departments that can do this. That he would like to make a motion that the City Manager's office investigate this and look into the possibility of hiring a man, and furnishing him a car to do this on a regular basis. That this would benefit the city.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated he is sure this would be a welcome suggestion to the Community Improvements Division which is concerned with this type of work; there are three or four men in this division and they have the whole town to cover, and there is not enough personnel to get around to all the drive-ins and restaurants.

Mayor Belk stated Mr. Jordan's idea is excellent; that he thinks we should contact some of the clubs and the Boy Scouts as you cannot clean up the city without the help of the citizens. Councilman Tuttle stated he agrees; that this has to be an attitude of the people for one town to be clean and one to be dirty; in Denver, you would have to look for a piece of trash; that this is the attitude of the people; we are going to have to use action line and an educational program and try to make people proud.

Councilman Alexander asked why the Sanitation Supervisors cannot do this; that Supervisors in the Sanitation Department have a truck with a radio in it and they have this town broken down into districts. What does the Supervisor do who rides this district, other than just look for trash that has been left by the Sanitation crews; why cannot he take a look at these various places in his area, and work out some way that he can report this. He stated he questions just what these Sanitation Supervisors really do. That this should be a part of their duty to see that their area is clean.

Councilman Whittington stated Council is going to meet with Mr. Hopson on the Sanitation ordinance and other problems related to this, and he suggested that Council get his reaction to this suggestion.

Councilman Jordan stated he feels if there was one person who had nothing else to do he could comb the city on a permanent basis and get these places cleaned up.

Councilman Tuttle stated a big part of this problem goes back to the Sanitation Department. There is a certain parking lot downtown that is always littered with trash; that 90% of that trash comes from the back of a building downtown that throws its trash out in the back in corrugated boxes loose and the wind blows it and it whips down an alley into this parking lot. This is a problem of the Sanitation Department as they allow this.

Councilman Jordan moved that the City Manager's Office investigate this possibility as suggested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

#### PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENDED FOR WORK WITH SENIOR CITIZENS.

Councilman Whittington stated last week the Park and Recreation Commission met with the Senior Citizens Club Presidents here - this is a program that Governor Scott and the North Carolina Coordinating Council on the Aged and President Nixon have a conference in November of this year. He stated Council should commend the Park and Recreation Commission for their work in this area over the years and thank them particularly for kicking off this project last week in our City. This was a very informative program and one that will be very helpful to the city in the future.

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Councilman Jordan stated he has been furnishing, through the Musician's Association, free music to the elderly citizens for some years now, and they also give free music for Edwin Towers.

Councilman Whittington stated all together they are doing a good job.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO PERMIT PARKING ON PROVIDENCE ROAD AT TEMPLE BETH EL FOR FOUR DAYS DURING CELEBRATION OF HOLIDAYS.

Councilman Whittington stated he has received a letter from Rabbi Gerber of Temple Beth El requesting permission to park on Providence Road at the Synagogue during the celebration of four holidays. That they are going to have an over-flow of worshipers and they would like permission to park on the street; they will have off-duty policemen there at all times. He stated he thinks this request should be granted. If there are no objections from other members of Council, he asked Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, to handle this request through the Traffic Engineering Department. He gave the letter specifying the days to Mr. Bobo.

UP-TO-DATE REPORT REQUESTED ON STREET BOND MONIES.

Councilman Whittington requested an up-to-date report on where we stand on the bond money as it relates to streets. That we are going to contract in November on Sharon Lane. That he would like to know about Kilborne and Central Avenue and about Sharon Lane and any other projects if the city is in position to sell any of these bonds.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO MAKE REPORT ON STREETS AND ROADS THAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR BELT ROADS.

Councilman Whittington requested that Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, give Council a report of any streets in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that could be considered belt roads or circumferential routes <sup>in our</sup> /thoroughfare plan. This would be something that he could up-date. He stated an example is Shamrock Drive and Eastway Drive and Sharon Amity Road which will tie into Sharon Lane, and then into Sharon Road. There are a lot of streets that perhaps in the near future we can get on some sort of capital improvement budget. That we have to begin to think about them for the future; there are many of these streets. If you went to the east and took Highway 51, there is a road from Matthews to Pineville; if you took Sharon Amity and Shamrock and Eastway you have one on the east along the Belt Road. If you would hook up Sardis Road with Carmel Road, there is another road that would connect all the way from Matthews to Pineville. If you go to the north side of the city, there are several streets that could be done the same way, as well as the west and the south. It is a matter of putting some of them together, and getting some plan development for them and hopefully next year, get back into a capital improvement budget.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, stated they hope to give Council a report on the outer belt route about the middle of October.

COUNCIL ATTENTION CALLED TO SEVERAL ITEMS CONCERNING DENVER CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Tuttle stated he noticed a couple of items in the Denver paper, and this was a City Council report.

One that the city communications officer said by using the city switchboard they have cut the cost of the 9-11 program from \$250,000 to \$30,000. Councilman Tuttle stated he has brought this up several times and it has been so expensive; he asked how they can cut their program from a quarter of million dollars to \$30,000, in a city twice the size of Charlotte, and use the 9-11 Program for their switchboard.

Another item was they had added 294.5 acres of park last year. Also, they have just increased their budget from \$50,000 to \$200,000 to fight their Dutch Elm Disease.

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CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO REPORT ON MAP STREET ACT.

Councilman Short stated he has asked the City Attorney to give Council some explanation of the workings of the Map Street Act. That he hopes he will keep this in mind. That the reason he brings it up now is that just last week Council approved another zoning case which said the major thoroughfare plan has a road extending through the area. That he thinks it would be good to head off having to pay huge prices for street right of way by use of this act if it is possible.

Mr. Underhill replied they are planning to make this a subject of a conference session. That he has been working with Mr. Birmingham and Mr. Reading to have something prepared.

REQUEST THAT SOMEONE RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING UP DEAD ANIMALS BE ON DUTY OVER HOLIDAY PERIOD.

Councilman Alexander stated a condition was brought to his attention which he did not know existed. That over the holidays, he found that there is only one person who has the responsibility for picking up dead animals; when that person is off, there is no one to do this work. That he was rightly off on a holiday, and from the time he was off to the holiday ended, there was no one to pick up a dead animal.

Councilman Alexander stated there should be some type of emergency situation especially over a long period where that situation could be taken care of. Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, replied he agrees and he will look into it.

MODIFICATION NO. 1 TO INTEGRATED MUNICIPAL INFORMATION SYSTEM CONTRACT, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute Modification No. 1 to HUD contract H-1216 for the development of the Integrated Municipal Information System. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO REVIEW REGULATIONS COVERING MAGAZINE SALES WITH RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Thrower requested the City Attorney to review the ordinances covering magazine sales. Mr. Underhill replied there are none. Councilman Thrower stated then he recommends that an ordinance be made to cover this. That people come into the city and take solicitations for such magazines and they leave this city with a lot of signature on a lot of contracts. That he knows we could require these people to register at City Hall.

REMARKS CONCERNING POLICE BUDGET.

Councilman Thrower stated Council has received criticism for the drastic cuts in the police budget. That to his knowledge only \$30,000 was cut directly out of the Police Budget. That he received one letter and he tried to call the lady on different occasions and he could not get an answer. That Council cut \$30,000 out of \$5.6 million. Councilman Whittington replied this letter has been answered to advise that only \$30,000 was cut from the budget.

Councilman Short stated the cut itself had nothing directly to do with crime fighting; it was purely an auxiliary type matter.

Councilman Alexander stated the citizens of Charlotte have a certain responsibility about the public welfare that they are not exerting. That Council had public hearings on the budget and he has yet to find any citizens down here showing any concern about the police department and telling Council they wanted them to give the Department what is wanted. That Council gets

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these criticisms but it gets very little direction other than don't raise taxes. That his answer has been to these citizens "Why did you all not appear in the budget hearing to speak as citizens and let us know about your concern about the police department, over against the raise in the tax rate?"

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN WITHROW CONCERNING SCHOOL OVERCROWDING AND PUBLIC HOUSING ON WEST SIDE.

Councilman Withrow stated our city has come to a critical point in history. While we are in the process of a major re-organization of the school systems, we are also faced with the problem which will affect the whole development of the Charlotte area. That he has been called by many parents, both black and white, who are very concerned about the west side schools that have predominately black students enrolled. These schools are also terribly over-crowded. The situation in these schools is the obvious result of locating almost all of public housing on the west side. If this factor is not reversed now; if these schools are allowed to re-segregate, the whole west side will become all black and we will have to cope with the drastic problem of a divided city. Some of us recognized this alarming trend a long time ago. Early in 1968, the Citizens for Orderly Development brought the issue sharply to the attention of City Council, Housing Authority, and the Board of Education.

Dalton Village and Boulevard Homes spring up within a mile of each other. And even now, construction continues on the Little Rock Apartments in the very same area. About four months ago, he brought to City Council a proposed project by the Little Rock Apartment buildings and asked City Council to prepare a motion asking HUD and the FHA to give the Housing Authority the right to approve the location of this type of project. A group of black residents in the Barringer Woods area has a suit pending against the FHA, the Housing Authority and HUD and the A.M.E. Zion Church. Our federal courts have refused to rule on this suit. By not ruling on this suit, the government becomes a part of the problem. The government ruled on the busing situation because of a situation which the Housing Authority, Board of Education and this Council created. Now the government, in fact, is making the situation worse. By doing this, they are putting their stamp of approval on these such projects. That he really does not see how the federal judge can rule on a situation such as busing when they are, in fact, helping create a similar situation, and a broader problem.

Dalton Village has added over 300 elementary students to the Amay James School with more to come. Boulevard Homes has already added over 350 children to Berryhill School, with more to come. The Little Rock Apartments with 240 units under construction will add approximately 500 more to the already over-crowded school district. He asked the Mayor and City Council to go on record, looking into this and bringing this to the attention of the School Board. He said some of the percentages he has been able to obtain in these areas are as follows:

Amay James is 83% Black, 17% White.  
Berryhill is 65% Black, 35% White.  
Barringer Drive is 61% Black, 39% White.  
Enderly Park is 38% Black, 62% White.

The other schools, he understands has about the same ratio. That he has not been able to get these.

Councilman Withrow stated these people need some sort of relief, and they need this relief at once. And if we are to protect our school system, and this side of Charlotte, we need this now. These problems could have been prevented. The Housing Authority must take the responsibility for allowing such public housing to be built in one area. The School Board must take the responsibility to anticipate the schools that are required in these areas.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, adjourning the meeting to Tuesday, September 22, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., in the County Commissioner's Board Room, Fourth Floor, Courthouse Office Building to consider amendments to the zoning ordinance concerning the planning and development of apartment projects.

  
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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk