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The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 1975, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Harvey Gantt, Kenneth R. Harris, Pat Locke, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, Neil Williams and Joe Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman James B. Whittington.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ON THE ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO THE CITY.

Council was advised that the petition has been filed to annex 21.0 acres of property on the east side of Monroe Road for a satellite facility for the City. That the petition had been investigated and the City Clerk certifies the petition is signed by all owners of real property lying in the area described and the area is contiguous to the boundaries of the City of Charlotte, all in accordance with G. S. 160A-31, as amended.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the resolution fixing date of public hearing on Monday, October 6 on petition of the City of Charlotte for the annexation of property on the east side of Monroe Road for a satellite facility. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams for discussion.

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated the satellite facility will be used by the Public Works Department for the storage of vehicles and materials and such for everything operating out of that area.

Mr. Lee Rae of the Public Works Department stated the property is on Monroe Road going towards Matthews on the left; this is about 21 acres the city has acquired for use to serve that particular area. It will be cheaper to run the equipment than from the central yard area. He stated the land was purchased about two months ago by condemnation; that we paid \$96,000 for the 21 acres. He stated they have been in touch with the John Crosland Company and they are going over the plans with them, and they intend to work with the Company.

Councilman Gantt asked if the County operates a similar facility in that area? Mr. Rae replied the landfill that was there has been closed now, and the County has committed that property for a park.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to know why we cannot use part of the property that the county has abandoned where the landfill was located, rather than across the creek, and located across the street from a new subdivision. Second he would like to know how far back off the road the satellite facility will be located, if Council approves it. Third, how it will be screened. He stated he would like answers to those three questions at the hearing. He stated he is concerned about these questions as there is a new subdivision out there.

Mr. Rae stated this will be designed to be asthetically pleasing, and they will be prepared to answer these questions at the hearing.

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Councilman Williams asked why it is necessary to annex it in order to use it for this purpose? We have other facilities outside the city limits? Mr. Rae replied it is going to be city property, paid for by city funds and used by the city people, and they felt it should be inside the city limits. Councilman Williams stated the fire and police training facility is outside the city? Mr. Rae replied they plan to come back to Council and ask for annexation of that as well.

Councilwoman Locke stated in connection with annexation, that Eastland Mall is a possible annexation site. She asked how soon Council will have the report from the Planning Commission on how soon this will come about. Mr. Burkhalter replied he sent a report to Council recently on this stating if there were no objections from Council he would ask the Planning Commission to proceed with their study; that they say there are some areas, and he asked them to delineate those areas, and to come up with some costs figures on them. That he just gave them this request about two weeks ago.

Councilman Williams asked if this 21.0 acres will be a part of a larger tract to be annexed? Mr. Burkhalter replied he cannot answer that.

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

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, at Page 79.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO CLOSE A PORTION OF EAST KINGSTON AVENUE IN CONNECTION WITH THE DILWORTH NAP PROJECT, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1975.

Councilman Gantt moved adoption of the resolution declaring an intent to close a portion of East Kingston Avenue, and calling a public hearing on the question on November 10, 1975. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

After discussion of the date of the hearing, Councilman Gantt moved that the motion be rescinded, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gantt moved adoption of the resolution declaring an intent to close a portion of East Kingston Avenue in connection with the Dilworth NAP Project, and calling a public hearing on the question on Monday, October 27, 1975. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, beginning at Page 80.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AN INTENT TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF WHISNANT STREET, BURKE STREET AND WHITE STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, GREENVILLE URBAN RENEWAL AREA, N.C. R-78, AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE QUESTION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1975.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the resolution declaring an intent to close portions of Whisnant Street, Burke Street and White Street in Greenville Urban Renewal Area, N.C. R-78, and calling a public hearing on the question on Monday, October 27, 1975, at 3:00 o'clock p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, beginning at Page 82.

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SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A SOCIAL CLUB IN SHARON LAKES APARTMENTS AUTHORIZED.

Mrs. Marian K. Lowther stated there was a misunderstanding at the Planning Commission meeting that the Charlotte Tennis Club is a public club; this is not true as the Charlotte Tennis Club is a private club.

Mr. Scofield of the Planning Staff stated at the meeting of the Planning Commission two dissenting votes were cast against the special use permit as there was a misunderstanding that the Charlotte Tennis Club was a facility. And due to the nearness of the facility, the two dissenting votes were cast.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the special permit for a social club in Sharon Lakes Apartments.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED FOR ONE YEAR EACH.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following special officer permits for a period of one year each:

- (a) Renewal of permit to Coleman Green for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza.
- (b) Renewal of permit to Herbert Nolan Threatt for use on the premises of Jefferson First Union Plaza.
- (c) Renewal of permit to Robert C. Lawing for use on the premises of the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS OF CERTAIN TAXES LEVIED AND COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR AND ILLEGAL LEVY.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the resolution authorizing refund of certain taxes in the amount of \$392.73, which were levied and collected against two tax accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gantt, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, at Page 84.

RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING APPLICATIONS FOR 25 PERCENT STATE CLEAN WATER FUNDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following resolutions authorizing applications for 25 percent State Clean Water Funds were authorized:

- (a) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application requesting State Grant Assistance for Water Works Improvements for 12 inch water main along Newell-Hickory Grove Road (Annexation Area III-6).
- (b) Resolution authorizing the City Manager to file an application requesting State Grant Assistance for Water Works Improvements for water main construction for Pellyn Woods (Annexation Area I-2).

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, beginning at Page 86.

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ORDINANCE NO. 871 AMENDING CHAPTER 5, "BUILDINGS" OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ELECTRICAL STANDARDS.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, and seconded by Councilman Short to adopt the ordinance amending Sections 5-209(a) and (b) to reduce the sizes of places of public assemblies from 2,500 square feet to 1,500 square feet for which more stringent wiring methods will be required; Section 5-209(c) to strengthen the wiring method in buildings utilizing voltages in excess of 250 volts to ground; and Section 5-209(d) to allow electrical conduits supply gasoline pumps to be consolidated in approved junction box at the dispensing island rather than extending each conduit outside the hazardous area.

After explanation by Mr. Jamison, Superintendent of Building Inspection, the vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 22, beginning at Page 353.

MAYOR BELK LEFT THE CHAIR AT THIS TIME, AND MAYOR PRO TEM WHITTINGTON PRESIDED UNTIL HIS RETURN.

Mayor Belk left the Chair at this time, and Mayor pro tem Whittington presides during his absence.

ORDINANCES TRANSFERRING FUNDS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, and seconded by Councilman Short to adopt the following ordinances transferring funds:

- (a) Ordinance No. 872-X transferring \$1,350,000 from the 1975 Sidewalk Bond Fund to the General Capital Improvement Fund to provide an appropriation for sidewalk construction.
- (b) Ordinance No. 873-X amending the 1975-76 Budget Ordinance transferring \$4,800 from the Contingency Appropriation to the Police Department to cover the cost for four additional school crossing guards as recommended by the Traffic Engineering Department.
- (c) Ordinance No. 874-X transferring \$910,000 from the 1969 and 1972 Sewer Bond Funds to establish an appropriation for the construction of the Campbell Creek Outfall Sewer.

Councilman Gantt asked if the funds for sidewalks represent Phase II? Mr. Lee Rae of the Public Works Department replied that is correct; that one contract has been let which was Phase I. Now they are coming back to Council with Phase II. Councilman Gantt asked if they tried to get small contractors involved in the sidewalk program in Phase II? Mr. Rae replied they originally set up to let this work in four phases. The memorandum they sent out showed four phases. This past week they discussed going to five phases, and split it up smaller in order to get some smaller contractors.

Councilman Gantt stated sometime back Council requested that Staff try as best as they could to get as many small contractors involved with this type of construction. This was the case in the first contract let, and he wonders if an administrative decision has been made to change that as he notices on the bids today there is a recommendation to Crowder for \$500,000. Mr. Rae replied Phase II is larger, and they have taken bids on Phase III which will come to Council next week. They do have a little broader contracts on Phase III. Even at that they are good size contracts. They have not had any small bidders on this.

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After further discussion, the vote was taken on the motion to approve the ordinances transferring funds, and carried unanimously.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 22, beginning at Page 355 and ending at Page 357.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked that the Public Service & Information Officer get the information out to the people that these sidewalks will be built.

STAFF REQUESTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENTICE SMALL CONTRACTORS INTO THE BIDDING PROCESS ON SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTIONS.

Councilman Gantt moved that in the future sidewalk bond construction the Engineering Department make every effort in setting up bid process to entice small contractors into the bidding process. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Harris stated this is talking about the general sidewalk construction that has been going on since last spring. That he would like to know about the CDRS areas; they will be building sidewalks and streets there. He stated that is the area he would assume would require using some employers from those areas. Councilman Gantt stated he is talking about small builders, not minorities. Councilman Harris asked if this same criteria will be used the the CDRS areas? Councilman Gantt stated the motion is related to the sidewalk bond programs and that is over the entire city. Councilman Harris stated he is just asking more from the City Manager's point of view. That he thinks this same kind of message is for the same kind of improvements we are making in the CDRS area generally. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated there is only one difficulty. In the CDRS area we will be doing some paving and curbing and guttering. There are very few small contractors that do paving. If you do not do the grading for the sidewalk when you do the curbing and guttering, you pay a lot more for it. Councilman Harris asked if there are any specific regulations in the CDRS area such as we had before? Mr. Burkhalter replied he does not believe that is required under this program.

Councilman Gantt stated you will not find many small entrepreneur who have the capability of doing curb and gutters. One of the reasons he thought the sidewalk program was a good one in that it is basically a very simple operation.

Councilman Short asked Councilman Gantt if he would include in the motion that the Purchasing Agent would be asked to obtain a list of small contractors and direct the request for bids to them. Councilman Gantt replied he would think that would be a part of the motion he made in that every effort be made to notify the various groups in the community that keeps a list of small contractors.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 875-X ORDERING THE OCCUPIED DWELLING AT 1924 PARSON STREET TO BE VACATED AND CLOSED.

Motion was made by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 875-X ordering the occupied dwelling at 1924 Parson Street to be vacated and closed.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 22, at Page 358.

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MAYOR BELK RETURNS TO CHAIR AND PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION.

Mayor Belk returned to the meeting at this time, and presided for the remainder of the Session.

ORDINANCE NO. 876-X ORDERING THE DWELLING AT 619 EAST TRADE STREET TO BE VACATED AND CLOSED.

The ordinance ordering the occupied dwelling at 619 East Trade Street to be vacated and closed was presented for Council's consideration.

Mr. Scott Pollard, Attorney for the property owner J. R. Robinson, stated for quite some time the Building Inspection Department has been attempting to demolish the house at 619 East Trade Street owned by Mr. Robinson. He appeared before City Council sometime in April, and argued unsuccessfully that the house should not be demolished. He sought redress with the courts; he preceived that redress, and he is here again arguing the house should not be demolished. This action recommended by the Building Inspection Department is an extreme and extraordinary action. They are requiring that his client - a man of some 60 years vacate the premises; he does not have other residence at this time - that the house be demolished. The value Mr. Robinson has in that house will be lost; it will be required that a lien be attached on that property in the amount of the demolition charge.

Mr. Pollard stated every necessary and proper step should be taken by the Building Inspection Department before Council orders the demolition. He stated he does not think that has been done. He has had a lot of meetings with Mr. Jamison about this matter. There has not been an inspection of the interior of this dwelling. The interior of the house is the most important point when you are talking about the building - you are talking about the electricity, the cleanness of the house, bathrooms, kitchen, and all this type of thing. None of this has been reviewed. The burden is upon the Building Inspection Department.

Mr. Pollard stated his client respects and insists upon the privacy of his home. The Building Inspection Department can take, and it has remedy to get inside that house. It is incumbent upon them to take that course of action. Until they do he does not see how they can say they have entered valid findings of facts that the house be demolished. That he cannot see how the City Council can adopt the ordinance which will require that the house be demolished.

He stated the first time findings of facts were last entered; other things were done; he appeared before Council; and an ordinance was entered. In behalf of Mr. Robinson he entered an injunction which is allowed under the statutes. After 20 days they appeared before the Court, and were going to review what had been done. The Court listened; and the court ordered that the findings of facts by the Building Inspection Department and the ordinance adopted by City Council should be stricken. Now the Building Inspection Department has cranked things up again. Still, they have not looked nor inspected the interior of the house.

Councilman Whittington stated he commends Mr. Pollard for what he is doing for his client; but he has stated that Mr. Robinson will not allow the inspectors inside. That makes it difficult to inspect anything but the outside.

Mr. Pollard stated he has been speaking of the burden of proof - the Building Inspection Department is required to take certain actions. That he also questions another aspect. That is the service upon Mr. Robinson.

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They have attempted to serve him by publishing in the newspaper. That is provided under the statutes. This is the requirement they did not fulfill last time. The publication was defective. He stated before Council passes on the ordinance, he would like that the Building Inspection Department file with the City Council an affidavit, or whatever their contention is, saying the publication has been met. Under the Statute there is provision, be it a technicality, that they cannot comply with.

After further discussion, Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the ordinance ordering the dwelling at 619 East Trade Street to be vacated and demolished. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris.

During the discussion, Mr. Jamison stated his department was unable to serve Mr. Robinson personally; he would not accept his mail to a registered letter. They have advertised for two months in a local newspaper for the hearing. He has been served legally. Mr. Pollard stated this is what they said last time. They went into Court and he pointed out to the Judge a defect in that publication. He stated he believes it to be such at this time. That he thinks the affidavit should be shown to Council and allow him to see it. Then he can advise whether or not he feels legal publication or round of service exist.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 22, at Page 395.

#### ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS, GRASS AND TRASH.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances ordering the removal of weeds, grass and trash were adopted:

- (a) Ordinance No. 877-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 1025 Lewiston Avenue.
- (b) Ordinance No. 878-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 4624 Hovis Road.
- (c) Ordinance No. 879-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from the vacant lot adjacent to 2021 Gibbs Street.
- (d) Ordinance No. 880-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from vacant lot at rear of 2227 Marbetta Lane.
- (e) Ordinance No. 881-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from rear of 4526 Cloverdale on Idlewild Road.
- (f) Ordinance No. 882-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from vacant lot in 6200 block Fair Valley Drive, right side of street.
- (g) Ordinance No. 883-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 6801 Dummurry Lane.
- (h) Ordinance No. 884-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from vacant lot adjacent to 2401 Sharon Amity Road.
- (i) Ordinance No. 885-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from vacant lot adjacent to 6724 Nations Ford Road.
- (j) Ordinance No. 886-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from rear of 4500 Holbrook Drive.
- (k) Ordinance No. 887-X ordering the removal of weeds, grass and trash adjacent to 731 Tennyson Drive.
- (l) Ordinance No. 888-X ordering the removal of weeds, grass and trash at 2219 Irma Street.
- (m) Ordinance No. 889-X ordering the removal of weeds, grass and trash from vacant lot at 933 Holland Avenue.
- (n) Ordinance No. 890-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass from vacant lot at corner of Avalon and McQuay Avenue.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 22, beginning at Page 360, and ending at Page 373.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

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

I.

- (a) Option on 696.49 sq.ft. plus construction and drainage easement at 161 Shasta Lane, from G. C. Thomas, Jr. Attorney in fact for G. C. Thomas Sr., at \$767.00, for Randolph Road Widening.
- (b) R/W agreement with James H. Carson, Jr. and wife, on 309.15 sq.ft., plus construction easement at 5301 Randolph Road, at \$375.00, for Randolph Road Widening.
- (c) R/W agreement with Elliott J. Neal and wife, on 16.29 sq.ft., at 3815 Sedgewood Circle, at \$900.00 for Randolph Road Widening.
- (d) Option on 1,964 sq.ft. at 4611 East Independence Boulevard from Security Trust Company of Rochester, Executor of the last will and testament of Marshall H. Jones, deceased and Charlotte G. R. Kinney Co., Inc., at \$15,600.00 for Sharon Amity Road Widening.
- (e) Easement on 10.10' x 32.90' x 17.24' x 52.27' from Emmett L. Tweed, Jr. and wife, at 10606 Mr. Holly Road, at \$300.00, for Long Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall.
- (f) Easement on 30' x 406.63' from Mary Oates Moore and Ernest L. Moore, at 1212 Gum Branch Road, at \$1,000.00, for Long Creek Outfall.
- (g) Acquisition of 308' x 237' x 275' x 262' at Piney Top Road, from Charles W. Gadd & wife, at \$50,000, for Airport Expansion.

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- (a) Option on 150 sq.ft. at 4521 E. Independence Boulevard, from Hardy Oil, Inc., a North Carolina Corporation, at \$750 for Sharon Amity Widening.
- (b) Option on 343.89 sq.ft. plus construction easement at 5401 Randolph Road, at \$1,000.00 from Jack A. McBeth, et us, Margaret F. for Randolph Widening.
- (c) Option on 240.12 sq.ft. plus construction easement, at 5417 Randolph Road from Rose W. Tamny (widow), at \$1,600.00, for Randolph Road Widening.
- (d) Option on 232.40 sq.ft. plus construction easement at 5427 Randolph Road, from James R. Montgomery et us, Mary Ellen L., at \$1,600.00 for Randolph Road Widening.
- (e) R/W agreement with Charles M. Birmingham and wife, for 311.43 sq.ft. plus construction easement at 1100 Rutledge Avenue, at \$1,050.00 for Randolph Road Widening.
- (f) Option on 2,652.80 sq.ft. plus construction easement at 4900-5100 block Randolph Road, from First Union National Bank of N. C. Trustee for Oliver Reagan Rowe, Sr., at \$2,859.00 for Randolph Road Widening.
- (g) Option on 189.37 sq.ft. plus construction easement at 5530 Randolph Road, from Sumner S. Farmer and husband, Phillip C., at \$950.00, for Randolph Road Widening.
- (h) Easement on 15' x 122' on 12.50 acres off York Road at Irwin Creek, from Calvin Kenley and wife, at \$400.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Yorkwood Section II Pump Station.

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ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Gantt, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried, approving the following encroachment agreements:

- (a) Agreement with the North Carolina Department of Transportation permitting the City to construct an 8-inch water main crossing Carmel Road, SR 3611.
- (b) Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an encroachment agreement with Southern Railway Company for the installation of two 10-inch CI water mains crossing Southern Railway tracks near Nevada Boulevard.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, at Page 90.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE N.C. BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASS ON THE FAIRVIEW ROAD EXTENSION.

Mr. Corbett, Traffic Engineering Director, advised Council that the State has designed and intends to put in a pedestrian underpass where the culvert is located on Fairview Road Extension. The fixtures and associated equipment will be installed by the Board of Transportation and the City will assume the maintenance and operation cost after installation.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the resolution authorizing a supplement to the Municipal Agreement for the lighting of the pedestrian underpass. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 11, beginning at Page 91.

CONTRACTS FOR THE CHARLOTTE MANPOWER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried approving the following contracts for the Manpower Department:

- (a) Contract with Southeastern College of Beauty Culture to provide cosmetology training for ten persons at a cost of \$6,640.00.
- (b) Contract with Plaza School of Beauty Culture, Inc. to provide cosmetology training for five persons at a cost of \$3,070.00.
- (c) Contract with Kings College to provide clerk-stenography training for two persons, at a cost of \$3,980.00

CONTRACT WITH SEVENTY-SEVEN CENTER, INC. FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION.

Councilman Short moved approval of a contract with Seventy Seven Center, Inc. for the construction of 1,500 feet of 8-inch C.I. water main, and three fire hydrants to serve Seventy Seven Executive Center, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$16,600.00 with the applicant to finance the entire cost of the project and no funds to be required from the city all in accordance with the city policies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS.

- (a) Councilman Harris moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$6,056.00 on a unit price basis for 200 - 5/8" cold water meters, displacement type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 6,056.00
Neptune Water Meter Co.	6,156.00
Hersey Products, Inc.	6,600.00
Badger Meter, Inc.	6,840.00

- (b) Councilman Williams moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$3,250.00, on a unit price basis for 50 one-inch cold water meters, displacement type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 3,250.00
Neptune Water Meter Co.	3,303.00
Hersey Products, Inc.	3,600.00
Badger Meter, Inc.	3,671.00

- (c) Councilwoman Locke moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$4,200.90, on a unit price basis, for 30 one and a half inch cold water meters, displacement type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 4,200.90
Badger Meter, Inc.	4,576.50
Hersey Products, Inc.	4,770.00
Neptune Water Meter Co.	5,044.20

- (d) Councilwoman Locke moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$9,325.00 on a unit price basis for 50 two inch cold water meters, displacement type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 9,325.00
Hersey Products, Inc.	10,200.00
Badger Meter, Inc.	11,190.00
Neptune Water Meter Co.	11,575.00

- (e) Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$599.00 on a unit price basis for one three inch cold water meter, compound type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 599.00
Hersey Products, Inc.	679.00
Badger Meter, Inc.	730.60
Neptune Water Meter Co.	919.98

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- (f) Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rockwell International in the amount of \$968.00 on a unit price basis for one four inch cold water meter, compound type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rockwell International	\$ 968.00
Hersey Products, Inc.	1,000.00
Badger Meter, Inc.	1,025.40
Neptune Water Meter Co.	1,241.32

- (g) Councilwoman Locke moved award of contract to the only bidder meeting specifications, Hersey Products, Inc., in the amount of \$2,498.00 on a unit price basis for one six inch cold water meter, MFM-MCT Magnetic Drive type for fire and domestic service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bid not meeting specifications was received:

Rockwell International	\$ 2,100.00
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- (h) Councilman Short moved award of contract to the only bidder meeting specifications, Hersey Products, Inc., in the amount of \$3,636.00 on a unit price basis for one eight inch cold water meter, MFM-MCT Magnetic Drive type for fire and domestic service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

The following bid not meeting specifications was received:

Rockwell International	\$ 2,240.00
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- (i) Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder meeting specifications, Hersey Products, Inc. in the amount of \$5,699.00 on a unit price basis for one 10 x 6 x 1 1/2 inch water meter, MFM-MCT Magnetic Drive type for fire and domestic use service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bid not meeting specification was received:

Rockwell International	\$ 3,843.00
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- (j) Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder meeting specifications, Hersey Products, Inc., in the amount of \$6,242.00 on a unit price basis for one 10 x 12 x 1 1/2 inch cold water meter, MFM-MCT Magnetic Drive type for fire and domestic service. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bid not meeting specifications was received:

Rockwell International	\$ 4,305.00
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- (k) Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder, Bar-Fly Corporation in the amount of \$9,945.25 for engine replacement to the helicopter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Lieutenant H. R. Smith of the Police Department advised Council that Bar-Fly is the nearest location for the engine replacement; that the engine has to be replaced about every nine months. The helicopter is in operation normally from 2 A.M. to 6 P.M. and they normally do not fly on Sunday.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

- (l) Councilwoman Locke moved award of contract to the low bidder, Double Envelope Corporation, in the amount of \$10,398.24 on a unit price basis for water bill envelopes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Harris asked if any thought has been given to different methods of payments such as other utilities do - automatic draft authorization and things such as that versus the idea of sending out bills and people having to write checks? Mr. Dukes, Utilities Department Director, replied they have not done this, but it is worth exploring and they will be glad to do this.

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

The following bids were received:

Double Envelope Corporation	\$ 10,398.24
St. Regis Envelope Div.	10,607.40
Atlantic Envelope Co.	10,926.12
Henley Paper Company	11,947.22
Unijax	12,818.52
U. S. Envelope Co.	16,042.87

## II CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS.

- (a) Councilwoman Locke moved award of contract to the only bidder, Cummins Carolinas, Inc., in the amount of \$16,950.00 on a unit price basis for two diesel engines. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

- (b) Councilman Withrow moved award of contract to the low bidder, Wray Frazier Camping Center, in the amount of \$32,785.00 on a unit price basis for two mobile crime prevention vans. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and after explanation by Lieutenant Smith of the Police Department, the vote was taken and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Wray Frazier Camping Center	\$ 32,785.00
Sirchie Fingerprinting Labs, Inc.	45,538.50

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- (c) Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rea Brothers Inc., in the amount of \$83,412.25 on a unit price basis for construction of a 12-inch water main along Newell-Hickory Grove Road. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rea Brothers, Incorporated	\$ 83,412.25
Sanders Brothers, Incorporated	84,587.30
P & H Construction Company	87,062.50
O. L. Nixon Grading Company	88,038.38
McWhirter Grading Company	88,374.25
C. M. Allen Construction Company	90,131.25
Crowder Construction Company	97,335.00
Harrison-Wright Company, Inc.	101,307.00
Joe R. Abernethy Construction Co.	101,507.00
Gilbert Engineering Company	101,890.00
Ben B. Propst Contractor, Inc.	102,737.50
Thomas Structure Company	103,660.00
Dickerson, Incorporated	104,946.25
Propst Construction Company	112,039.00
Culp Brothers, Incorporated	136,142.25

- (d) Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$437,223.25 on a unit price basis for sidewalk construction on various streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Co.	\$ 437,223.25
T. A. Sherrill Co.	441,601.50
Blythe Brothers	447,291.25

- (e) Councilman Short moved award of contract to the low bidder, Hickory Construction Company, in the amount of \$104,323.48, on a unit price basis for Starita Road drainage improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Hickory Construction Company	\$ 104,323.48
Sanders Bros.	109,390.03
Crowder Construction Co.	119,792.66
Blythe Brothers	128,590.30
Propst Construction Co.	142,814.08
T. A. Sherrill	143,305.30
F. T. Williams	157,349.05

AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE STUDY ON 911 SYSTEM AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL IN JANUARY.

Councilwoman Locke stated she has looked through the preliminary study thoroughly on the 911 System, and she has gathered together some of her own information. The preliminary study did not tell how many emergency calls came into the fire department, police department, ambulance service and so forth. That should have been in the preliminary study. She would also like to find out how many calls go into the operator when you dial "0".

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Councilwoman Locke read the following statement:

"Recently the City Council decided to consider the possibility of establishing a 911 universal emergency number. The staff provided a preliminary report and estimated the cost to the city at approximately \$300,000 annually - the cost would be to the city-county. An indepth evaluation may show the cost to be lower, or greater than this preliminary estimate. When we need help in an emergency situation we can call for help by shouting, or by the telephone. Thousands face burglary, fire, injury or other emergencies every day in the United States. Charlotte is no exception.

The telephone is the universal method of getting help. Even this handy gadget offers problems. One, we must know whom to call; and two we must know the number. A seven digit number used only once in one or five years is hard to remember. England has had a three digit number 999 for 30 years.

In 1967 as the major cities of our country were faced with riots and rapidly increasing violent crime, the members of the President's Commission on Civil Disorder urged the FCC to use its influence in the adoption of a single nationwide emergency telephone number which would be used for summoning police, fire or rescue assistance. In January, 1968, AT&T announced its decision to research 911 as an emergency telephone number on a nationwide basis. In 1973, the latest data I have, there were about 250 - 911 systems in service throughout the country serving nearly 21.0 million people. The 911 concept has been endorsed by the Congress, by the FCC, by the Office of Tele-Communications Policy and the Executive Office of the President.

Although telephone operators have rendered outstanding service since securing the system in numerous situations, reliance upon telephone company operators acting as an Emergency Service Bureau has inherent limitations. Operators are chosen and trained primarily to handle normal telephone traffic such as person to person long distance calls. Emergency calls constitute only a minor fraction or one percent of their work. General service telephone company operators cannot be expected to behave with the same background and training in handling emergency calls as an attendant at a specialized emergency switchboard might. Any emergency calls to a telephone operator requires a second call by the operator, and by the operator to an emergency agent - this causes unavoidable delay.

Finally, fluctuation in the volume of traffic handled by the operator or calls to the operator are sometimes subject to much longer delay than should be in an acceptable emergency situation.

It has been suggested by our staff that emergency number - seven digit telephone stickers be placed on every public phone and mailed to every private residence. I would ask, what happens if one is blind? Or if you have difficulty reading without glasses or in poor light? What does one do if they have to make an emergency call and have lost or broken their glasses (as I have done in many situations)? What happens if an emergency occurs out-of-doors when the only telephone in site is a public phone? An inspection will show many of these phones have been vandalized or do not have telephone books. What happens if an emergency such as the sound of a burglar entering occurs at night in a dark house. The possibility of checking the telephone book or the lengthy list of emergency numbers is virtually non-existent. What happens if children or young teen-agers are left alone at home? They hear the sound of a burglar. Are they more likely to know or remember a local seven digit number or a well-known universal three digit number? What happens if a man is shot, stabbed or otherwise wounded in a hold-up? He staggers to an outside telephone booth, does he call the police or an ambulance? What are the numbers? And how does he find them before he passes out?

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Did you realize that some seven percent of the total population is estimated to be functionally illiterate? This proportion is much larger, I would probably say 20 percent, in poor or slum areas, where a large proportion of crime is committed. What do the illiterate or semi-illiterate and those unaccustomed to carefully reading such things as a telephone book, or complicated list of emergency numbers do? What do they do in an emergency? What happens if a normal person suddenly confronted with danger or the need to help another, panics and finds himself unable to thumb through his book, or consult the list of emergency numbers if carefully attached to the telephone? (I have had two such emergencies - a fire in my house and my child choking to death, and I could not look through the phone book, and I could not even read the numbers). What happens if a citizen observes a small gang of teenagers smashing a window, hitting an old man, or starting a fire? Does he call the police, ambulance or fire department? Which does he call first? What happens if you are involved in, or observe, an automobile accident in which there is a hit-run driver, serious personal injuries and a fire beginning in a damaged car? Whom do you call? These are just instances. And I would say the endangered panic stricken citizen is not in a position to undertake a hurried examination of reference sources even if they are available."

Councilwoman Locke stated she has done some preliminary studies and they are all here, and she moved that an indepth study be made with an ad hoc committee, appointed to work with the staff, to come to Council with a report in January. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Locke requested the Mayor to appoint the ad hoc committee, and he replied he would.

#### HOUSE TO HOUSE SURVEY TO BE MADE IN HAMPSHIRE HILLS AREA ON QUESTION OF BUS SERVICE TO SERVE THE AREA.

Mr. Hoose, Transportation Coordinator, stated in connection with Bus Route Plaza No. 3 there are six buses in the morning and six in the afternoon. He pointed out the location of the construction on the culvert on Milton Road, which made the change in the bus route necessary. He stated his Department studied this route prior to the construction from two points. First, the service that was rendered - every other bus goes clockwise-counter clockwise. If you got on one bus you would have to ride the entire circuit to get in, and this was very poor transportation. They studied the area and found that service should be made available to the concentrated area which involved single dwelling units and apartment complexes.

Mr. Hoose stated the routes were split, and service improved along The Plaza and in the Shamrock Area. One of the first alternates was coming out the same place at Quiet Cove Court, up Eastbrook. But they found the creek was a barrier, and the people could not get across this particular session. They then came to the present route. The second alternate was just a turn around; the third alternate was also to find a place to turn around. They rode the area prior to putting the buses on the streets. Since they have ridden it with the management company - City Coach - a member of his department and a member of the Traffic Engineering Department. They found it to be a safe route. There are no blind spots along the route; the drivers are professional drivers; and City Coach has a very good accident record.

He stated at present with six in the morning and six in the afternoon, they are hauling twenty-two people who have never had bus service before. He pointed out the locations showing that seven are hauled in one area, nine in another section, and eight in the other section.

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He stated they feel the area does need the bus service; and they are trying to expand the service. They picked up 22 riders by the third day the service was in. He stated they distributed some 5,000 handbills showing what service would be on a 36 minute basis.

Mayor Belk asked if there was any response to the handbills? Mr. Hoose replied they have received calls that they do like the route, and asking how long it will be in service? Mayor Belk asked if they have asked the people out there if they want the service? Mr. Hoose replied no; they handed out the handbills giving the service time. Mayor Belk asked if it would not be a good idea to ask the people if they want the service.

Councilman Gantt stated the biggest complaint right now is from the people on Sommersworth. If you examine Alternate No. 1, Mr. Hoose stated they would lose six people. He wonders if they would alleviate the problem by going with No. 1 which will pick up most of Barrington Drive, all of The Plaza, still get Quiet Cove and instead of going through Sommersworth Drive it swing around on the outer loop. It seems to him the six people could walk back to any number of intersections, and pick up the same bus; this would eliminate the problem of a lot of people who do not want the bus out there. Mr. Hoose stated if they did this it would add additional time, and they could not maintain the same schedule. They are running on a 36 minute schedule, and the alternate would make it a 40 minute schedule.

Councilman Gantt stated from talking to the people out there he understands that Alternate No. 1 would be a reasonable thing the community would accept; and he thinks they should survey those people on Alternate No. 1 because it is apparent the people on Sommersworth do not want the bus.

Councilman Short asked if ridership does not prove who wants the service? Mayor Belk stated he thinks they should put some flyers out there and find out if the people want the service.

Councilman Whittington stated he has talked to Mr. Owen, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Stokes in this neighborhood about the service. That Sommersworth seems to be where the problem is, or where the people think the problem is. He stated the information he has is they do not want the bus removed. There is a difference of opinion or difference of opinion about the service and where it should go. For that reason he is trying to find some alternatives and Sommersworth seems to be the street that there is more concern about than anything else. He thinks we should go back and get the input from the people and let them determine if they want it and where they want it.

Councilman Harris asked how many houses are located there? He stated he believes a person could walk along there in two afternoons and do a survey. You knock on the door and ask, "Do you want bus service in your neighborhood?"

Mr. Peterson, Harsell Place, reviewed again with Council his points about the bus service; the effects on the traffic in the area, and the safety hazards to their children. He stated it has been mentioned that notices were sent out. The only notice received in the Hampshire Hills area was in the Charlotte East, a Weekly Newspaper which was received on his doorsteps. There was a yellow flyer announcing the bus route. There was no public notice; no one asked him about the route prior to putting in in; no one has come around asking if he like it. Mr. Peterson stated they do not like it, and almost all the residents of Hampshire Hills feel this way. He also stated he has talked to 82 people in the area who do not want the service. Two of them ride the bus; but they say they would catch it in another location if it did not pass their homes in the area.

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After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Harris stated Council should ask for a specific survey of the neighborhood and find out what the people wish in bus service as far as the existing route through the neighborhood. That Staff make the survey and they work with Mr. Peterson and any other citizen who would like to assist in the survey.

Councilman Short stated he can think of neighborhoods where he does not believe that any of the residents would want a bus going through there; yet it is necessary to serve the general public.

Councilman Gantt asked how long it will take to run the survey of the general area asking one question - "Do you, or do you not, want bus service in that area?" Mr. Hoose replied he would have to do the total area, and it would probably take a couple of weeks. Councilman Gantt stated we could probably have a survey in a week's time.

Councilman Withrow suggested that Mr. Hoose schedule a trip to take Council out to the area.

Councilman Harris stated he thinks any area should be surveyed before sending a bus in there. Find out if they want the service. If they do not, then there are other areas who want it.

Councilman Harris moved that staff do a house to house survey, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH SALVATION ARMY FOR PURCHASE OF TRACT OF LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES IN FOURTH WARD AREA.**

Councilman Short moved that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate with the Salvation Army for the purchase of a tract of land as outlined in the Planning Commission report for park purposes in the Fourth Ward Area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

**CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO OBTAIN OPTIONS ON ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES FOR PARK PURPOSES IN THE FOURTH WARD AREA.**

Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager, stated the acquisition of land for park purposes in the Fourth Ward area, from the Salvation Army was to tie in together with some other land proposed to be bought in that sector. The opportunity seems to be right now for the City to obtain options on some additional land - maybe not the whole piece, but some of it.

He stated without objection from Council he would like to obtain the options on some of this and bring them back to Council before doing anything concrete on the land.

Councilman Short moved that Council suggest to the City Manager that he proceed as stated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

**CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND BOLT, BERANEK AND NEWMAN, INC. FOR DETAILED STUDY OF THE NOISE ASPECTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION AND USE OF RUNWAY 18R/36L AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.**

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the contract between the City of Charlotte and Bolt, Beranek and Newman, Inc at a cost of \$34,160.00 to prepare a detailed study of the noise aspects associated with the construction and use of Runway 18R/36L at Douglas Municipal Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

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The City Attorney stated this is a joint proposal between the City and the FAA. FAA will pay 75 percent of the cost and the city will pay 25 percent of the cost. In reviewing the initial proposal for \$27,800, the FAA asked the consultants to do three additional tasks which added to the cost, and the new total is \$34,160. He stated the City concurs with the FAA that the three additional task they are requiring would be helpful.

Councilman Gantt stated he would like to see what the contract calls for, and the proposal. Mr. Underhill replied he has a copy of the proposal which he will give Mr. Gantt at this time; it has not been reduced to contract form. The contract will in essence contain what is outlined in the proposal.

Mayor Belk asked what this has to do with letting the contract for the runway? Mr. Underhill replied the grading contractors are in the process of working on the runway now. We have been in litigation involving the adequacy of the environmental impact statement prepared on this project back in 1970. This contract with Bolt, Beranek and Newman is part of the court's order for a reassessment of the noise, and noise analysis in the area, including the schools involved off the ends of the runway.

Mr. Underhill stated Council has already authorized a contract with Rae Construction to do the paving; but the area is not yet ready for the paving to begin. We have been ordered by the Court not to proceed with paving until a new environmental analysis has been completed. This noise study is a portion of the environmental analysis, not the entire thing, but the main portion of what is going to be required.

Mr. Underhill stated in addition to the noise analysis there are at least two other broad areas that have to be considered. One is a review of the alternatives as to what use this runway will be put to; the third area will be an economic cost ratio type of analysis as to the actual construction of the runway. Those two things will essentially be done in-house.

Councilman Harris asked the name of the firm that did not do its job according to the court's interpretation? Mr. Beatty, Assistant Airport Manager, replied that is not right; the firm did a good job under the guidelines of 1970. The impact statement of 1970 was not in accordance with the 1975 guidelines. Mr. Underhill read the following quote from Judge McMillan in the transcript of the court hearing: "I don't see anything in the conduct of the city people to criticize in the formulation of the contents of this segment." He stated the original study was prepared by a consultant who was under contract with the city; that work was initially done for both the City and the FAA.

Councilman Harris stated he was disturbed that the Consultant was quoted in the news media as saying he was doing it from a political aspect, rather than any other consideration regarding the environment. Mr. Underhill stated the consultant was using a recognized method of determining noise impact; this particular firm developed that type of criteria. Councilman Harris stated he is not referring to what he used, but what he is quoted as saying.

Councilman Harris asked if we are talking about noise cone of 18R/36L only? Mr. Beatty replied it is talking about all three runways. Mr. Underhill replied the principal noise analysis will be done on 18R/36L. They will study flight paths and operations of all three runways.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

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ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BEHIND NORTHWEST JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR PARK IN NORTHWEST AREA; BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION AND PLAY AREA FOR TANGLEWOOD/DERITA WOODS AREA, AND NEGOTIATION FOR 117 ACRES ON PLAZA ROAD EXTENSION.

The study on the needs for neighborhood parks in Tanglewood/Derita Woods Area, Plaza Road Area, and Northwest Area was presented for Council's consideration.

Mr. Williams, Assistant City Manager, stated the report is in response to Council's request for staff to look at the three areas. There is one correction. Under the Tanglewood/Derita Woods Area section is a total request from the community of \$722,000. This is not staff's recommendation of \$722,000. The small play area for children one and a half to seven years at \$12,000 is one to be considered, plus the bridge from Fincher Boulevard to Allen Hills Park (pedestrian) at \$10,000 might be considered by Council.

Reverend Coleman of the Northwest area stated he hopes that Council will go along with the recommendations; that they are very happy that Council is honoring their requests.

Mr. Williams stated with the amendment to the Tanglewood/Derita Area it would change the estimated cost of the recommendations from \$1,067,000 to \$367,000.

During the discussions, Councilwoman Locke stated she is opposed to buying land for park and recreation outside the city.

Councilman Gantt moved that we proceed with the purchase of the property at the rear of the Northwest Junior High School at an estimated cost of \$125,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gantt moved that \$22,000 be authorized for the Tanglewood/Derita Woods Area for the pedestrian bridge plus the small play area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Councilman Withrow stated in the Old Providence Township the Board of Education owns 22 acres, all wooded not being utilized for anything, and he thinks it is a future site for the drivers' education program, but they will not use all of it. The people want to use a part of the 22 acres to see if they can get the Park and Recreation Commission to do some work in there. He asked that this be looked into also. There are other areas that we can look into with the Board of Education.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to come back to the staff recommendation for the 117 acres on Plaza Road Extension. That he respects what Mrs. Locke has stated; but if you look at the map on Plaza Road Extension, the city limits is almost at this site now. We already have 150 acres out there; the only reason we did not go ahead with the 117 acres in the revenue sharing budget is because we were trying to move this money all across the city by priorities. He moved that Council support the third recommendation of staff in the report to pin this 117 acres down in addition to the 115, and try to purchase it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Withrow, Gantt, Harris, Short, Williams.  
NAYS: Councilwoman Locke.

Councilman Gantt stated what Council has done today is to acquire two pieces of property. We still have to look at the problems of developing those into parks. He asked for a brief outline of the availability of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation funds for the development of urban parks. He asked if there is likely to be any money within the year or this fiscal year budget? Mr. Otts of the Park and Recreation Commission replied as it stands now there are no funds available for the year. They have already applied for additional funds. That he thinks we have received our quoto for the next two to three years.

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Councilman Short asked the total acreage in our park system when you add these in? Mr. Otts replied it will probably be around 1200 acres.

Councilman Whittington requested that the Park and Recreation Department go ahead and try to work up the figures on the construction of the Northwest Park, and the figures for the Derita Woods/Tanglewood area for the culvert over the creek at Fincher, and for the little park area. Those are two things that would be helpful to Council.

Councilman Short asked if there is any possibility of putting a municipal golf course on the 400 acres, and Mr. Otts replied there is.

Councilman Withrow asked if the City has ever done any research on a municipally operated skating rink? That if you go out to the Eastland Mall you can find about 400 children skating. That he wonders if any research has been done on the possibility of a roller skating rink for some of the areas. That this has been done in Raleigh. The City Manager replied there are several privately owned ones in Charlotte.

REQUEST THAT CITY STAFF WORK WITH PLANNING STAFF ON BETTER VISUALS FOR ZONING PETITION PRESENTATIONS.

Councilman Harris stated he has been thinking about an item for several weeks. That he would like for the City Manager to work with the Planning Commission to see if it is feasible. As long as we have had televised meetings, especially on zoning, and also in the Council Chamber, he has difficulty trying to understand what is on the boards concerning the areas being considered for rezoning. He wonders if we are really up to date as far as our graphics are concerned, and if we are using the best facilities available. Last Monday night during the televised zoning hearings, he was thinking that we could get movies or video tapes of the areas and show them in Council Meetings versus the idea of trying to look at the boards. They are good, but he would like to see the areas and the areas around the subject petition.

Councilman Harris requested that the City Manager have the Public Service and Information Director work with the Planning Staff on some ideas. Mr. Burkhalter, City Manager stated the two departments are working on this from the viewpoint of the viewing public. The thing that Council sees is very good, but it shows up very poorly on black and white TV.

COMMENTS ON INCREASING COSTS ON CONDITIONAL ZONING REQUESTS.

Councilman Harris asked if we are going to look seriously at increasing the cost as far as the conditional zoning is concerned? Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated he does not believe anyone is looking at it as far as this staff is concerned. Councilman Harris stated he is concerned about the supervision of it. Mr. McIntyre replied it would have to be administered through the Building Inspection Department.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk