A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, August 18, 1969, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John 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 hearing on Petitions for changes in Zoning Classifications concurrently with the City Council with the following members present: Chairman Toy, Commissioners Albay, Brewer, Embry, Godley, Sibley, Stone and Turner.

ABSENT: Commissioners Blanton and Tate.

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INVOCATION.

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

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on August 4, 1969, were approved as submitted.

PORTION OF MINUTES HELD IN SUSPENSE ON AUGUST 4, 1969, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington stated on August 4, 1969, he made a motion to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting of July 21, with the exception of that portion relating to Zoning Petition No. 69-34. Councilman Whittington moved that now that portion of the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD PRESENTED M. H. CASKEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Belk recognized Mr. M. H. Caskey, retiring Patrolman of the Charlotte Police Department, and presented him the City of Charlotte Employee Service Award for his services from July 1, 1943 to July 31, 1969. He thanked him for his fine services to the City and wished him well in his retirement.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-75 BY NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK TRUSTEE FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF PROPERTY OF QUEENS GATE SHOPPING CENTER AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WILKINSON BOULEVARD AND ASHLEY ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, advised the subject property is basically used by the Queensgate Shopping Center and is located at the intersection of Wilkinson Boulevard and Ashley Road; it consists of 1,380 feet of frontage on Wilkinson Boulevard with the total depth of property being 1,250 feet; the principal user of the property is Woolco Department Store; there is a grocery store-service station on the corner and a bank.
He stated there is a good deal of vacant property on the western portion of the property with a variety of uses scattered along Wilkinson Boulevard; to the north in the Westerly Hills area is a combination of duplex uses and some single family uses toward Ashley Road; to the east across Ashley Road is vacant with the exception of a bank site.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property is zoned B-1 in its entirety as is the property to the west running to Westerly Hills Drive; across Wilkinson Boulevard it is zoned I-2 all the way along; to the east of the property it is zoned B-1 along Ashley Road with a small portion of O-6 in the northeast corner; to the west is B-2 zoning from Wilkinson Boulevard back about a block and half and then a band of office zoning and then multi-family zoning along both sides of Westerly Hills Drive; to the north in the Westerly Hills Subdivision area, it is zoned for single family purposes only.

No one was present to speak for or against the petition.

Council decision was deferred until its next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-76 BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-3 OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY SOUTHERN RAILWAY TRACKS, EAST THIRD STREET, SOUTH BREvard STREET, YOUNG MOTOR COMPANY PROPERTY, AND STONEWALL STREET.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the request involves property in the central portion of the city; the boundaries of the property being Third Street, Brevard Street, one portion coming down to Stonewall Street, and then along the railroad. The property is for the most part vacant with the railroad tracks occupying the center portion; the area along Brevard Street is vacant near Second Street, then the FCX Store building is at the corner of Second and Brevard and a warehouse type of operation including the surplus food operation on the property. Near Third Street is a portion of the buildings at one time occupied by the Central Lumber Company. The area on the east is the new building of the United Community Services; then the A.M.E. Zion Publishing House, the ABC warehouse and office building, and Young Motor Company. On the west side of the property it is predominately vacant with a combination of parking plus the railroad tracks. The vacant area is the site of the NCNB Computer System located between Second and what would be the extension of First Street. He stated the area is basically located between Brevard Street and the Railroad.

Mr. Bryant stated the B-3 Zoning is the central business district zoning, and extends from the center portion of the Downtown Area out to the railroad which is the boundary of the subject petition, and then extends along Brevard Street to Third Street. At present the boundaries of the B-3 district come up Third Street and down the Railroad so that the area proposed for a change is in the corner of the existing B-3 area. The subject property as is all the property to the east into the Brooklyn Redevelopment area is zoned for B-2.

Mr. H. C. Hewson, Attorney for the Petitioner, stated this request is to join the subject area to the central downtown area; that he understands it is hoped one day to put a civic center on the site.

No objections were expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.
HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-77 BY TRUSTEES OF THE FIRST ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 AND O-6 TO B-1 OF A TRACT OF LAND 155' x 342' ON THE WEST SIDE OF REMOUNT ROAD BETWEEN COWLES ROAD AND WEST BOULEVARD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the subject property is utilized for church purposes; it is adjoined on the north side by business uses; to the west and to the north is a large multi-family apartment; to the south along Cowles Road is a solid line of single family residences as is all the property along Remount Road and various other streets between the subject property and Revolution Park. There are many business uses around the intersection of Remount Road and West Boulevard; there is a combination of apartments and duplex uses along Watson Drive and single family uses in the Kimberlee Road and Fordham Road area.

The zoning around the intersection of Remount Road and West Boulevard is B-1 on all four corners; the subject property is zoned O-6 on the front portion and R-9 on the rear portion; immediately to the north of the property in addition to the business zoning at the intersection, there is some office zoning, and then R-6MF throughout the area; adjoining the property in the Cowles Road area it is zoned R-9; there is O-6 zoning directly across Remount Road from the property.

No one spoke for or against the petition.

Council decision was deferred until the next Meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-78 BY SAMUEL J. KING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-2 TO I-2 OF PROPERTY FRONTING 394 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF STARITA ROAD, BEGINNING 218 FEET EAST OF STATESVILLE ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated this consists of land that fronts 394 feet on the south side of Starita Road with a maximum depth of 178 feet; the land is predominately vacant with a driveway area leading from an established use on property that leads across the subject property out to Starita Road, and a small residence on the east section of the property. To the south it is adjoined by industrial type uses; to the east is vacant property and one single family residence and a large vacant area; further east are industrial uses already established; to the north are two single family houses plus a vacant lot; along Highland Street are a number of single family homes. Along Statesville Road and to the west of the property there are single family residences at the corner of Starita and Statesville and then a small service station-drug store combination on the northeast corner. Other than that is a variety of scattering of business and residential uses along Statesville, between Starita and I-85.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning is B-2 along both sides of Statesville Road and extends along Starita Road on the south side to include the subject property. The area to the east is solidly zoned I-2; directly across Starita to the north, the zoning is single family.

Mr. John Mraz, with the firm of Mraz and Aycock, stated they represent the petitioner. Mr. Mraz stated on both sides of Starita Road the property is zoned I-2, and the development is heavy industrial. He stated the land is bounded by I-2 and the rezoning of the subject property will allow the Piedmont Welding Supply Company to expand its operation in long range planning; at present, it will be leased to General Steel Tank Company to erect a small metal fabrication shop for a machine shop operation. He stated there will be no noise or fume of any kind; the immediate payroll will be in excess of $200,000 a year for fifteen people.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next Meeting.
HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-79 BY RAY H. MAPLES FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-9MF OF A 5.35 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF SHAMROCK DRIVE BEGINNING AT FLAMINGO AVENUE AND EXTENDING EASTWARD TOWARD CONNECTICUT AVENUE.

The public 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 Councilmen in order to rezone the property.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the property is located on the north side of Shamrock Drive and extends 3/4 of the way through the block towards Connecticut Avenue; it has a frontage of 345 feet on Shamrock with a depth of 350 feet on the west and an off-set depth of 184 feet on the east and an additional depth of 250 feet plus. The land use is for the most part vacant; on the Shamrock Drive frontage there is one duplex and a single family residence located; to the west the adjacent land use is single family; it is almost solidly single family on the south side; to the east it is single family; on the north side of the property is Garinger High School; the adjacent property fronting on Eastway Drive is utilized with three single family structures and vacant land.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property is zoned R-9 as is most of the property surrounding it; the only exception is at the northeast side where it contacts the rear of lots on Eastway Drive which is zoned multi-family; there are several types of business zoning plus some office zoning around the intersection of Shamrock and Eastway. The Garinger School property is zoned R-9.

Mr. Ashley Hogewood, Attorney with Berry and Bledsoe, stated they represent the petitioners. He stated the petitioners would like to develop the area with duplexes which will be built in compliance with the ordinances of the city. The change will permit the development of the property behind the frontage on Shamrock Drive. The request will continue the R-9MF zoning, and will make no visual change in the development along Shamrock Drive.

Speaking in opposition to the rezoning was Mr. Johnnie Kinsey, 2631 Shamrock Drive, Mrs. James T. Griffin, 2607 Shamrock Drive, Mrs. Frank Wyant, 2735 Shamrock Drive, and a gentlemen who lives at 2708 Shamrock Drive. It was stated the children walk to school and it is a narrow street with heavy traffic; that the duplexes will de-value their homes and this is a residential area.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-80 BY CORNELIA K. HAWKINS AND ANDREW M. WILLIAMS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO I-2 OF PROPERTY FRONTING 79 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF PRESSLEY ROAD AND 635 FEET ON THE WEST SIDE OF YORKWOOD ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject property is west of the new I-77, between the Barringer Drive area and I-77; the Southern Railroad Crossline is located to one side; the subject property has a narrow frontage on Pressley Road and is much wider at the rear of the property; it is occupied by a single family structure on the front portion of Pressley and has a house to the southwest of the property and one structure unoccupied on the edge of the property. Otherwise the surrounding property is predominately vacant with a number of single family residential structures along Pressley Road.

Mr. Bryant stated the subject property is zoned R-6MF as is the property between it and I-77; to the northwest along Pressley Road is a large area of I-2 zoning; there is B-2 and some B-1 zoning around the interchange between the expressway of Woodlawn and South Tryon Street; South Tryon Street is predominantly B-2 and to the east of South Tryon there is I-2 zoning. This places a narrow band of multi-family zoning between an industrial district on one side and business and industrial districts on the other side.

No one spoke for or against the zoning petition.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.
HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-81 BY DOMAR CORPORATION, INC. FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-1 OF A 2.28 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF IDLEWILD ROAD AND IDLEWILD ROAD NORTH.

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

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated the subject property is located at the corner and is occupied by a vacant store building which has been at the location for years; it is adjacent on the Idlewild Road North side by a single family house and a single family house on the Idlewild Road side; to the west along Idlewild Road is a church with the area along Idlewild Road being single family. A Day Care Center is located at the corner of Ware Road and Idlewild Road. There is considerable vacant property to the north of the subject property along Idlewild Road North; to the east the property is predominately vacant; the area has scattered single family developments.

Mr. Bryant stated the entire area is zoned for single family purposes only.

Councilman Whittington stated while the store may be vacant now, as long as he can remember it has been in operation. Mr. Bryant replied it has been in operation for a number of years and only recently become vacant; he stated it would have to remain vacant voluntarily for a year before it could not be re-occupied.

Mr. Marshall Haywood, Attorney, stated he represents the Domar Corporation who has an option to purchase the subject property, and the L. J. Wallace Heirs who actually own the property.

Mr. Haywood stated the store building is within 3 or 4 feet of the pavement; the single family house just behind the store is occupied by Mr. Wallace's widow. He stated at Idlewild Road where it runs into Lawyers Road is an oil company with tremendous oil storage tanks; up Lawyers Road is a 7-11 Store with the intersection of Albemarle Road and Lawyers Road occupied by Harris-Teeter Super Market and gas stations on the other corners. He stated across the street from the subject property is the property of Mrs. Davis, one of the protestors, and there are two buildings - one is a cabinet shop and the small building is for storage purposes. Out Idlewild Road is a beauty shop, horse stable, and an area used by Laxton Construction Company for storage.

Mr. Haywood stated the store on the property was occupied until about six weeks ago and was run by a member of the Wallace family who ceased his operation when plans were made to sell the property to Domar Corporation. He stated the proposed use is for a small community service type center - such as 7-11, Handy Pantry, Little General. He stated there is a large segment of the area which is totally unpopulated and has a great deal of acreage in farm production.

He stated the proposed use would tear down everything that is presently on the property in erecting a community service facility back from the road; this would eliminate the traffic hazard and would improve the appearance of the neighborhood.
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(MAYOR BELK LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME AND MAYOR PRO TEM WHITTINGTON PRESIDED UNTIL HIS RETURN.)

Mr. Nelson Casstevens, Attorney for the opposition, stated there were three protest petitions filed - (1) New Hope Baptist Church; (2) Mrs. Minnie Lee Davis; (3) Mrs. Boyce Jones Rowe and James Lee Davis.

Mr. Casstevens filed a general protest containing 526 names, stating 129 of the names are people who own property down Idlewild Road or Idlewild Road North. These people have moved into the area and have considered it a residential area; this is a quiet community and does not have any commercial business in it; they are opposed to any business being constructed in the area.

Mr. Casstevens stated the old store building is a wooden building and does not have a lot of floor space in it, and it has created no type of hazard or problem within the community; he stated it is 1.5 mile to Independence Boulevard where there are probably more square footage of shopping centers, super markets, 7-11 and things of that nature than 90 percent of the people in North Carolina have within a 30 mile radius of their home.

He stated in 1966 Council saw fit to zone this property as R-9; there has been no change in the community; there is residential property all around this corner; if this zoning is permitted then someone else will come in and want a change and this will create more traffic in the area and it will detract from the single family property. The Church in the area was organized in 1938 and it now has a brick structure and 425 membership; the Church voted to oppose this change as it will not do the Church any good; beer will be sold on the property and the Church would be opposed to that; that the traffic from the facility would interfere with the Church during Church services.

At the question of Councilman Tuttle, Mr. Casstevens advised the oil tanks are located at the intersection of Lawyers Road and Idlewild Road, North and is approximately one mile from the subject property.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-82 BY ROBERT E. MASON COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM 0-6 TO 1-2 OF A PARCEL OF LAND 60' x 200' ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF KESWICK AVENUE BEGINNING 100 FEET FROM GRAHAM STREET.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director stated the subject property is located on Keswick Avenue and North Graham Street, is a small lot and is occupied by one duplex structure and is adjoined on the east by another duplex with duplex structures on Sylvania Avenue and industrial type uses on Graham Street adjacent to the property.

Mr. Bryant stated there is I-2 zoning along North Graham Street with a row of 0-6 zoning leading out to Bancroft Street, with the remainder of the section being R-8BF. This is basically a small area of multi-family surrounded by industrial zoning with the exception of transitional office zoning adjacent to Graham Street.

Mr. Beverly Webb, Attorney with Moore and Van Allen, stated they are representing the petitioner who owns the four lots on the corner of North Graham and Keswick Avenue; that the petitioner also owns the property to the rear and a lot which goes down to Bancroft Street. He stated the petitioner wants to expand the building which would entail going back on the property which he owns and is presently zoned 0-6. They are proposing an extension from the existing I-2 one more lot; the buffer between the present industrial and present residential above is 100 feet and at the
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subject point it is 150 feet; they are asking that the 100 foot setback be continued for one more lot and then widen back to its 150 feet; this will make the same buffer on the south side of Keswick as there is on the north side.

Mr. Webb passed around pictures showing the property as it is now.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-83 BY GLADYS JACKSON, ET AL, FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6 TO O-6 OF ONE LOT 100' X 326' ON THE WEST SIDE OF GLENWOOD DRIVE BETWEEN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85 AND PLAINVIEW ROAD, AND THREE LOTS FRONTING 358 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF TENNYSON DRIVE.

The scheduled hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated this petition contains property that fronts on two basic streets - Glenwood Drive and Tennyson Drive. It has frontage of 100 feet on Glenwood Drive and frontage in excess of 300 feet on Tennyson Drive. It is at present under several different ownerships. On Tennyson Avenue the property has on it several single family residences and an abandoned garage building; on Glenwood Drive is one single family residential structure.

He stated in general the area around the property is utilized for single family purposes; there are single family uses on Glenwood Drive, on Plainview Road and adjacent to the subject property on Tennyson Avenue as well as across the street; there is vacant property to the rear with several service stations at the intersection of Glenwood Avenue and I-85 and vacant property basically along I-85.

Mr. Bryant stated there is business zoning around the intersection to I-85 and Glenwood Drive and office zoning along Glenwood Drive down to the subject property; otherwise the area is zoned R-6 including the subject property. There is B-2 zoning along the frontage of I-85.

Mr. Ward McKeithen, Attorney with Fleming, Robinson & Bradshaw, stated they represent the three petitioners - Reverend Chandler who owns property on Tennyson Drive, Mr. Malcolm who owns property on Tennyson Drive and Mrs. Gladys Jackson who owns property fronting on Glenwood Drive. The request is to change the zoning from R-6 to O-6; the purpose of the request is to allow the location of a 100 unit motel complex to the rear of the Esso Station that sits on the intersection of I-85 and Glenwood Drive. He stated this is a national motel chain and will be 100 units constructed at a cost of approximately $800,000; a local construction company anticipates doing the construction work on the project, and the necessary land is under option. The problem is the establishment of the 100-foot buffer around the motel.

(MAYOR BELK RETURNED TO THE MEETING AT THIS TIME AND PRESIDED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.)

Mr. McKeithen stated while there are residences in this neighborhood most of the property is rental and this is a street that dead-ends into the service road for I-85. The location is on a ridge and is visible and accessible to I-85. Ingress and egress to the motel will be from Glenwood Drive through the property they own and they anticipate coming off the service bypass through the service station.
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Mr. Mckeithen stated they would appreciate an acceleration of the petition as they plan to start construction in October.

Councilman Short asked if there are special factors that apply to a motel in office zones that do not apply to other motels? Mr. Bryant replied there are some dimensional factors; the first this petitioner is concerned with is that no portion of the motel shall be closer than 100 feet to any residentially zoned property; about two years ago the ordinance was amended to permit motels in an office district; because the office districts are closely related to residential areas it was felt that some additional protection should be made to the residential areas adjoining and one of the principal stipulations is the 100 foot setback, from residential; there is also the control of the amount of commercial space that can be associated with a motel such as restaurants.

Mr. Bryant stated he believes the cut-off point at which no commercial activity is permitted is 100 units; they must have 100 units in the motel to qualify for any commercial type space.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 69-84 BY CARMEL PROPERTIES FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING ON A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL ON LAND ZONED R-15 BOUNDED GENERALLY BY CARMEL ROAD, SHARON VIEW ROAD, MCMULLEN CREEK AND COLUMBINE SUBDIVISION TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR SINGLE FAMILY, TOWNHOUSE, AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL USES AS WELL AS A CONVENIENCE BUSINESS CENTER AND RECREATIONAL OPEN SPACE.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Assistant Planning Director advised this is the second request that has been filed for planned unit development; this involves in excess of 200 acres located in the Carmel Road-Sharon View Road area.

Mr. Bryant stated the property is an irregular-shaped tract of land that extends from Sharon View Road south, touches Carmel Road at one point on the east and runs to the rear of property owned by and partially utilized by Country Day School, it adjoins the Columbine Circle Subdivision area on the northeast side and runs along McMullen Creek on the east with a portion of Foxcroft Community and runs around two sides of the now under construction Governor's Square Subdivision.

He stated the subject property is entirely vacant; it is adjoined on the west side by the creek and most of the land it adjoins is also vacant with single family residences extending down Anchor Way; there are single family residences throughout the Foxcroft Area. On the Columbine Circle side are scattered residential developments; Carmel Road is predominately vacant with the existing Country Day School and St. John's Episcopal Church on the east side of Carmel Road and a non-conforming grocery store on the west side of Carmel Road opposite the church. Behind the grocery store is a small apartment building, beside the store is a single family structure; two churches have recently been built around the intersection of Carmel Road and Sharon View Road; there is single family residences in the Town-and-Country Subdivision and there is now under construction single family residences in the Governor's Square area.

Mr. Bryant stated the zoning is all single family with the exception of the R-15MF along Providence Road near the intersection of Carmel and Sardis Roads.
Mr. Robert Perry, Attorney for John Crosland Company and Alta Enterprises, as a joint venture known as Carmel Properties, stated they have a present plan to build and construct this project starting immediately if they are successful in their zoning petition. He stated if this is approved they have to abide by exactly what they say they are going to do; they will not be able to come back and move the shopping area around, or change the single family to multi-family or to build anything other than what they present today.

Mr. Perry stated they have met with the Trustees of the Charlotte Country Day School and were most concerned about their reaction to this plan, and the petitioners have made certain concessions to their wishes and they have written a very strong letter of endorsement to the plan.

He presented drawings of the plans and pointed out the single family detached area and stated they will be in the highest cost bracket beginning at $50,000; the lots are somewhat smaller than those in the Foxcroft area but they feel this is not a detraction because of the green open area which is public space in the sense that it belongs to the Home Association; it will be used for walkways so that the people can get throughout the entire subdivision without having to do anything other than cross the street. The walkways will be variously treated; sometimes they will be paved and sometimes they will be rough, but they will always be taken care of. He stated the next development will be at Carmel Road and Sharon Road which will be in keeping with the development of Governor's Square; these houses will be in the $40,000 to $50,000 range; it will have the same green area around with the walkways and the public park ways. Next will be the development of the multi-family - this will be the single family attached which is the townhouse for sale. The multi-family will be rental units in keeping with the area; the shopping area will be the last portion to be developed; this has a built-in protection against the commercial property being built first; it is necessary for a minimum of 100 houses to be built before one acre of that land can be developed; you must have 50 percent of all the units in your planned unit development constructed before you can construct any commercial, and then it can be constructed in increments of one acre of commercial to every 50 dwelling units constructed.

Mr. Perry stated the petitioners have taken advantage of the density bonus point only to the extent that they will have five and one half percent more dwelling units in the area than would be permitted if the zoning remained as it is now.

Mr. Perry stated a single type of architecture will not be used throughout the project. He stated one of the most attractive points will be the convenience shopping area known as the Commons where it will be a meeting place for the residents.

Councilman Whittington asked if there are any plans for additional streets other than Arbor Way and the extension of Fairview Drive? Mr. Perry replied Silver Bell runs into Columbine and gives access to Carmel Road; that Clematis Drive is not opened but it is a dedicated street.

Commissioner Brewer asked when Fairview Road will be opened? Mr. Bryant replied the State has made some preliminary studies of the route which indicates there is interest at the state level; that we are hopeful Fairview will be placed on the state program in the next two years; that no one knows any definite date. Commissioner Brewer asked if Sharon Lane is to be widened into a four lane street, and Mr. Bryant replied yes and it is included in the streets in the bond package program.
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Mr. Paul Leonard asked if there is any plan to widen Sharon View Road; that there have been five deaths since he has lived in the area? Mr. Bryant replied to his knowledge there are no plans to widen Sharon View; that when the major thoroughfare plan is achieved for this area a great deal of the through traffic should come off Sharon View Road.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 317 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION I, SECTION 23-41 PARAGRAPH (a)(3) TO REDUCE LOT REQUIREMENT FOR SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED AND TO REDUCE LOT WIDTH IN THE R-20MF DISTRICT.

The public hearing was held on Petition No. 69-85 by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission to amend Article IV, Division 1, Section 23-41, paragraph (a)(3) to reduce a lot requirement for single family attached to include only the land under the structure plus a minimum of 400 square feet for private open space, and to reduce the lot width for these units in the R-20MF District from 25 feet to 22 feet.

Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, stated as they are working with the ordinance on planned unit development, they are beginning to find some areas which they feel need some attention.

He stated the ordinance at present is contrary to FHA Regulations; one of the reasons for the subject petition is to bring our ordinance a little closer to compliance to the FHA Requirements.

He stated assume you have a six unit townhouse unit for sale structure with the further extension of patio or private space for that unit with everything else common open space owned by the Homeowners Association; at present there is a minimum lot requirement that there must be associated with each of the units a minimum of 2,000 square feet of land conveyed with the structure. They have found this to be very difficult to work with from a legal standpoint. As a result of some discussions with FHA and review of other ordinances they now suggest that the actual lot area requirement be reduced in the R-12 instance and other similarly, from a total of 2,000 square feet to include only the land that is under the actual physical structure itself to a minimum of 400 square feet of space that can be located either at the front or the rear depending on the design of the building; this will insure there would be some private space available to the potential buyers of the property; the remaining portion would become a part of the open space under the common ownership category and there would be no complications with parking, and no complications with sidewalks areas.

He stated they recommend the amendment to the ordinance to reduce the lot area from this type of requirement. He stated this would apply to all single family attached or one family attached dwelling units; this could be a part of a planned unit development or in a townhouse for sale project.

Mr. Bryant stated the second portion of the petition pertains to minimum widths for the units. When they came to the R-20MF they were following a gradually increasing pattern to minimum lot areas and 25 feet was specified as a minimum lot width under the R-20MF category. They now find that 25 feet is a rather wide width for normal townhouse planning and recommend that the minimum lot width be reduced from 25 feet down to 22 feet; this is still in excess of the FHA Requirements.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed text amendment.

After further discussion, Councilman Short moved adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 23, Article IV, Division 1, Section 23-41, Paragraph (a) (3) as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at Page 286.
MEETING RECESSED AND RECONVENED.

Mayor Belk called a recess at 4:05 o’clock p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 4:15 o’clock p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 318-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY LIMITS BY ANNEXING THREE TRACTS OF LAND ON PETITION OF GRIFFIN REALTY COMPANY AND ED GRIFFIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

The public hearing was held on the petition of Griffin Realty Company and Ed Griffin Construction Company for the annexation of three tracts of land located in Crab Orchard Township to the City of Charlotte. The Engineering Department estimates the cost for providing sewer service to the property is $30,000; the Water Department estimates it will cost $28,200.00 to provide adequate water supply and the Planning Commission advises the extension is a logical extension of the existing boundaries.

Councilman Jordan moved adoption of an ordinance extending the corporate limits of the City as petitioned. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Whittington stated when the Planning Commission gave Council their recommendations on the annexation of that property on Independence Boulevard, one of the reasons for waiting was sewer. He stated this is undeveloped land running along Idlewild Road; if sewer can be placed over there in sparsely populated residential property, why cannot sewer be installed along the Boulevard where there are millions of dollars worth of property outside the city. He stated it is a fact that from the present city limits you have three tremendous automobile agencies on one side of the road and on the other side you have super markets, banks, restaurants, super markets again and banks again all the way to Idlewild; that it seems ridiculous to keep annexing the Crab Orchard Section as it relates to Idlewild when there is this tremendous property that would bring in revenue to the city.

Councilman Tuttle asked if this is not the area where the apartments are nearing completion? Mr. Everett Escott stated he is associated with the petitions; there are 337 units on tract 1; this is a continuation of East Forest Subdivision which adjoins the Evans-Howard Subdivision on the north side of the railroad.

Councilman Whittington stated he is not going to vote to annex property under this petition when Council is told that it should wait until water and sewer is available along Independence Boulevard to annex that area. If it can be gotten for the subject area then he does not see why it cannot be gotten for the Independence Boulevard. He requested Council to not act on this petition until Council receives this information. He stated about 18 months ago on one petition there was serious doubt by our Engineering Department that the city’s sewage facilities could take this annexation as it relates to property east of Sharon Amity Road and to the north of Independence Boulevard.

Mr. Escott stated there is a city sewer line serving East High School running towards Stonehaven and the Engineering Department indicates would be satisfactory to tie into that sewer line to serve this area.

Mr. Paul Bobo, Administrative Assistant, stated the overall area of Idlewild is in the McAlpine Creek area which drains away from the city; there is a fringe area that is within the area which drains back to this city.
Councilman Short stated he thinks this petition should be approved; that we cannot hold off making a good use of the sewer mains we have just because there may be some area where we have not done all we should have done on outfalls; that there is $550,000 budgeted for this purpose and it would seem to him to be in order to go ahead with this.

Councilman Whittington stated since he has been on the Council money has been budgeted every year to pay back developers when they are annexed; there is nothing wrong with that. His point is that some of this money should be used to get a sewer line and a pumping station so that this property on Independence Boulevard can be annexed and can become a part of the ad valorem tax of this city.

After further discussion, Council Tuttle stated he will vote for the motion, but he expects to hear from Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, very soon on the plan for annexation of the area on Independence Boulevard.

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

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 287.

ORDINANCE NO. 319 AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE III, SECTION 20, OF THE CITY CODE SUBSTITUTING A REVISED AIRPORT ZONING MAP FOR THE PRESENT MAP.

The public hearing was held on a proposed amendment to Chapter 4, Article III, Section 20, of the City Code which substitutes a revised Douglas Municipal Airport Zoning Map for the present map to incorporate a new parallel north-south runway to be protected by the height limit zoning.

Mr. Ross Knight, Airport Manager, explained the revised map and the zoning as it applies to the Douglas Municipal Airport.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed amendment.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 290.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PURCHASE AND ACCEPTANCE OF DEDICATION OF LAND IN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT NO. N. C. R-37 BY THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution approving the purchase of 23,738 square feet of land and the acceptance of the dedication of 52,797 square feet of land located in Project No. N. C. R-37 to be used as a right-of-way for widening of certain boundary streets and other street purposes in this project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 389.
CONSIDERATION OF LEASE WITH HOME REALTY AND MANAGEMENT COMPANY FOR OFFICE SPACE IN EXECUTIVE BUILDING, DEFERRED.

In discussing the subject lease, Councilman Whittington asked why this space is not leased for longer than one year as we know it will be needed until we get a new office building? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied the lease is for 21 months; on July 1, the rate increased from $3.79 to $4.00 and the proposed lease provides for the rental of 6,732 square feet of space at a monthly rental of $2,264.00.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the lease for a period of 21 months from July 1st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

Councilman Whittington asked again why this is not leased for a longer period of time? Mr. Veeder replied he cannot answer that question.

Councilman Alexander stated when matters of this nature are brought to Council and involves money, all the facts should be given to Council; if the City can gain by extending the time of the lease, it would be advantageous to know why it can or cannot be extended; that if it will save the city money, then the motion should be amended now to extend the lease and take advantage of it. Mr. Veeder replied Mr. Alexander is right and Council does not have the information it should have to take action and he suggested that Council hold up the lease and he will come back with additional information.

Councilman Whittington moved that consideration of the lease be deferred. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY FOR LOCAL STREAM GAGING PROJECTS, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving the subject agreement and the payment of $12,500 for the fiscal year 1969-70.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 ON PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted setting date of public hearing on Petitions No. 69-86 through 69-90 for zoning changes.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 390.

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENTS WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTION.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, approving encroachment agreements with the State Highway Commission, as follows:

(a) Agreement permitting the City of Charlotte to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer line within the right-of-way of LaSalle Street and Dawson Avenue at the Northwest Freeway.

(b) Agreement permitting the City of Charlotte to construct an 8-inch sanitary sewer line within the right-of-way of Pennsylvania Avenue and Northwest Freeway.
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH JAMES T. TRIPPLETT, INC. AND A. E. ANDERSON, INC., APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of the subject change order increasing the contract price by $748.48 which will be re-imbursed by the North Carolina State Highway Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH SANDERS BROTHERS, INC., APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject change order was approved increasing the contract price by $5,940.00 to substitute 12-inch pipe for 8-inch pipe in Sharon Road as recommended by the Community Facilities Committee.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, approving contracts for the construction of sanitary sewer mains, as follows:

(a) Contract with H. L. Coble Construction Company, for the construction of 5,162 feet of 8-inch sewer trunk and mains located inside the city, to serve Low Rent Housing Project N. C. 3-11, at an estimated cost of $44,910, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(b) Contract with William Trotter Development Company for the construction of 1,462 feet of 8-inch main to serve Eastbrook Woods, Section IV, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $12,580.48, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(c) Contract with Evans Construction Company for construction of an 8-inch main to serve Lots 1 and 2, Block 5 and Lot 21, Block 2 of McClintock Woods Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $840.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(d) Contract with James E. Todd for the construction of a 100-foot 8-inch sanitary sewer main to serve 5601 Sardis Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $600.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(e) Contract with John V. Andrews for construction of an 8-inch sanitary sewer trunk to serve 3615 Marvin Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $1,505, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(f) Contract with Roseland Apartments, Inc., D. L. Phillips, President, for construction of 2,035 feet of 8-inch trunk and mains to serve Roseland Apartments, Phase 2, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $16,265, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Withrow and unanimously carried, contracts for the installation of water mains were authorized as follows:

(a) Contract with H. L. Coble Construction Company for the installation of 1,570 feet of 8-inch water main, 2,290 feet of 6-inch water main and five fire hydrants to serve Boulevard Homes Housing Project No. N. C. 3-11, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $18,500.00. The applicant will advance the entire cost of the project and funds will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

(b) Contract with D. M. King for the installation of 225 feet of 2-inch water main to serve residential property on Argyle Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $425.00. The City is to finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

(c) Contract with Kale Knitting Mills, Inc. for the construction of 1,675 feet of 6-inch water mains and one fire hydrant to serve a portion of Bridlewood Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $7,000.00. The City is to finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

(d) Contract with Briarbreak Kwik-Pik, Inc. for the construction of 250 feet of 2-inch water main to serve Briarbreak Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $500.00. The City is to finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

(e) Contract with Mrs. Johnsie Evans for the construction of 350 feet of 2-inch water main to serve property abutting on the 1400 block of North Hoskins Drive, at an estimated cost of $675.00. The City is to finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

UTILITY RELOCATION AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RELOCATION OF WATER MAINS IN THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the subject agreement with the State Highway Commission for the relocation of 8-inch, 6-inch and 2-inch water mains in the area of Pennsylvania Avenue, Prince Street and LaSalle Street with the Commission to bear 100% of the cost of the work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH THOMAS STRUCTURE COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF 24 INCH DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER MAIN ALONG SOUTH TRYON STREET, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the subject change order increasing the contract price by $375.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.
RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING REFUND OF CERTAIN TAXES COLLECTED THROUGH CLERICAL ERROR.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, adopting the following resolutions:

(a) Resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of $322.64.

(b) Resolution authorizing the refund of certain taxes in the total amount of $74.63 to Queen City Coach Company.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 391.


Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinances ordering the removal of weeds and grass were adopted, as follows:

(a) Ordinance No. 320-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Commonwealth and Morningside Drive.

(b) Ordinance No. 321-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 4033 Seaforth Drive.

(c) Ordinance No. 322-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2616 Beechnut Road.

(d) Ordinance No. 323-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1416 Newland Road.

(e) Ordinance No. 324-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 3621 Ritch Avenue.

(f) Ordinance No. 325-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 5321 Ruth Drive.

(g) Ordinance No. 326-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 342 Circle Avenue.

(h) Ordinance No. 327-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 3132 Barfield Drive.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 291.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLINGS PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinances ordering the demolition and removal of dwellings as follows:

(a) Ordinance No. 328-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 228 Center Street.

(b) Ordinance No. 329-X ordering the demolition and removal of dwelling at 1421 Harrill Street.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, beginning at Page 299.
PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following property transactions were authorized:

(a) Acquisition of 100 square feet of easement at 4329 East Independence Boulevard, from Beverly Development Company, at $1.00, for sanitary sewer to serve 4329 East Independence Boulevard.

(b) Acquisition of 1,114 square feet of easement at West Boulevard and Ashley Circle, from Luther Alexander Linsberger and wife, Georgie H., at $110.00, for sanitary sewer to serve Boulevard Homes Low Rent Housing Project.

(c) Acquisition of 14,018 square feet of easement at 1705 Vernon Drive, from Edward H. Thomas and wife, Ann D., at $1.00, for the Briar Creek Outfall Project.

(d) Acquisition of 8,550 square feet of easement at 1927 Arnold Drive, from Leonard W. Coppala and Ralph Coppala, at $792.00, for the Upper Briar Creek Outfall Project.

(e) Acquisition of 5,001.75 square feet of easement at 3200 Brixton Court, from Richard E. Robertson and wife, Hilda, at $350.00, for the Upper Briar Creek Outfall Project.

(f) Acquisition of 7,921.50 square feet of easement at 3101 Connecticut Avenue, at $517.00, for the Upper Briar Creek Outfall Project.

(g) Acquisition of 325.59 square feet of property at 215 Sugar Creek Road, from W. Pinkney Herbert, Jr., Trustee, at $1,250.00, for the Sugar Creek Road - North Tryon Street Intersection Project.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF BETTIE DUELL MARSHALL MORRISON AND THE HEIRS-AT-LAW OF SUE MORRISON MISCHNEIDER, LOCATED ON OLD DOWD ROAD IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP, FOR THE AIRPORT EXPANSION PROJECT.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution authorizing condemnation of 19.684 acres of land at a condemnation price of $49,500.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 393.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving appraisal contract, as follows:

(a) Contract with Stuart W. Elliott for appraisal of one parcel of land (Myers Park Club, Inc.), for the Sugar Creek-Briar Creek Flood Control Project, at a fee of $1,000.00.

(b) Contract with W. I. Henderson, Sr., for appraisal of one parcel of land (Myers Park Club, Inc.), for the Sugar Creek-Briar Creek Flood Control Project, at a fee of $1,000.00.

(c) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of two parcels of land for South McDowell Street Project at a fee of $250.00 each.

(d) Contract with D. A. Stout for appraisal of one parcel of land for South McDowell Street Project at a fee of $250.00.
CLAIM OF F. B. GARRISON FOR PROPERTY DAMAGES DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Council was advised a claim in the amount of $1,127 has been filed by Mr. F. B. Garrison, 1600 Hertford Road, for alleged damages to an apartment building at 2241 Park Road caused when a tree located in the street right-of-way fell against the building during a severe storm on June 23, 1969.

Councilman Whittington stated a lady called him today and wanted to know what the city was going to do about this claim; that he has talked with Mr. Underhill about it and he gave him a copy of what was recommended. Councilman Whittington suggested that Council not take any action on this and instruct the legal staff and the engineering department to talk to these people and explain to them why Council is going to deny the claim, and go through this procedure about the tree as far as the depth of the roots is concerned; that the people would feel better about it if someone would sit down and talk to them and tell them why the city is not responsible or why you cannot determine the depth of the roots of the tree.

Councilman Whittington moved that consideration of the claim be deferred for two weeks and the proper explanation be given to the people by the Engineering Department and City Attorney's office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO LEWIS JAMES JACKSON.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, approving the issuance of a special officer permit for a period of one year to Mr. Lewis James Jackson for use on the premises of Johnson C. Smith University.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Short, 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 Harley Gamble, Sr. and Lillian M. Gamble for Lot No. 289, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at $320.00.

(b) Deed with Mrs. Dorothy D. Mahaffey for Lot No. 89, Section 4A, Evergreen Cemetery, at $504.00.

(c) Deed with Mrs. Ruth S. Redfern for Lot No. 309, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at $320.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED NATIONAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE RELOCATION OF THE WATERWORKS SHOP FACILITIES.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, National Electric Company, in the amount of $25,407.00 for electrical work in the relocation of the waterworks shop facilities. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

- National Electric Company: $25,407.00
- Harrison-Wright Co., Inc.: $39,250.00
APPOINTMENT OF MR. RAY FARRIS TO THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM.

Councilman Alexander moved the appointment of Mrs. Raymond Jolly to the Redevelopment Commission for an unexpired term to expire on November 27, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow.

Councilman Whittington made a substitute motion to appoint Mr. Ray Farris to the Redevelopment Commission for an unexpired term to expire on November 27, 1973. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN ORDER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND AIR RESOURCES.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 394.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN MECKLENBURG COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Short stated on July 11 in an informal session Council approved an agreement between Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte with respect to the establishment of a Community Facilities Committee. This agreement was suggested by the Water Study Committee by Mr. Patrick Calhoun. He stated Council has not formalized this action. That the agreement calls for a five man community facilities committee, a permanent committee, to extend the water lines under the partnership plan; Council is to appoint two members, the County Commission is to appoint two members, and the Mayor and Chairman are to appoint a chairman.

Councilman Short moved the approval of the agreement between Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte with respect to the establishment of a Community Facilities Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The agreement is as follows:

"The Board of Commissions of Mecklenburg County and the City Council of the City of Charlotte do hereby agree to jointly establish a Community Facilities Committee to be constituted and charged with the duties, responsibilities, and functions as set forth in this agreement.

Section 1. Composition. The Community Facilities Committee shall be composed of five members, one of whom shall be Chairman, appointed for terms of two years. Two members shall be appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County; two members shall be appointed by the City Council; and the Chairman shall be appointed jointly by the Mayor of the City of Charlotte and the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County. Of the members initially appointed by each of the two governing bodies, one shall be appointed for a term of two years and one shall be appointed for a term of one year. The Chairman shall be initially appointed for a term of two years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of two years. No member, nor the Chairman, shall be appointed to more than two consecutive full terms. No member of either the Charlotte City Council or the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County, or regular employees of either, shall be eligible for appointment."
Section 2. Organization and Procedure. The Committee shall adopt its own rules of procedure and select from within its membership a Vice Chairman to preside in the absence of the Chairman. Every action of the Committee shall require the concurring votes of at least three members. The Committee shall hold regular quarterly meetings at times and places to be set by the Committee. Other meetings, either regular or special, may be held as the Committee determines to be necessary.

Section 3. Duties and Responsibilities. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Community Facilities Committee to advise the City Council and the Board of Commissioners with respect to planning and providing water and sewerage services within the jurisdictions of the City and County governments. More specifically, it shall be the responsibility of the Committee to:

A. Develop a comprehensive plan for the extension of water and sewerage services in the county, and recommend such plan to the City Council and Board of Commissioners for adoption.

B. Make periodic reviews of the comprehensive plan and recommend changes in it to the City Council and Board of Commissioners as may be appropriate.

C. Develop a general water and sewerage services financing plan and recommend it to the City Council and Board of Commissioners for adoption.

D. Develop water and sewer extension policies and recommend same to the City Council and Board of Commissioners for adoption.

E. Develop standard specifications for the installation of water and sewer facilities and recommend same to the City Council and Board of Commissioners for adoption.

F. Review all applications, or proposals, for major extensions of either water or sewerage services in areas outside the City's boundaries, and advise the City Council and the Board of Commissioners of the Committee's recommendation on the making of the extension and the manner of its financing. In each case not covered by existing policy, the Committee shall recommend whether the particular extension under consideration should be financed initially by the County, by the City, by the developer or property owner, or by some combination of these.

G. Recommend to the City Council and the Board of Commissioners any reimbursement by the City to the County, or assumption of County debt service by the City, the Committee deems appropriate whenever the City annexes facilities that were installed initially with the County financing, in whole or in part.

H. Make recommendations to the City Council and the Board of Commissioners on any other matter related to water and sewerage services.

A major extension that requires review under the provisions of paragraph "F" above is any extension of a water line 8 inches or larger in size, a sewer line 10 inches or larger in size, or a project involving extensions of any size when the estimated cost is $75,000 or more, and when such extensions or projects are located outside the City. Provided, either the City or the County may request a review by the Committee of any project or extension regardless of its size or location.
Neither the City Council nor the Board of County Commissioners shall approve a major water or sewer extension or project, or authorize the expenditure of funds therefor, except in the case of special emergencies involving the health and safety of the people or their property, unless such proposed extension or project has been reviewed and acted on by the Community Facilities Committee as provided in this agreement. Provided, any application or proposal received by the Community Facilities Committee and not transmitted with recommendations to the City Council and the Board of Commissioners within sixty days of its receipt by the Committee shall be presumed to have been transmitted to the City Council and the Board of Commissioners, or both of them, without prejudice, and either governing board shall then be free to act on the application or proposal in its discretion.

Section 4. Staff. The engineering staffs of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County shall serve as staff to the Committee, which also shall be furnished or shall employ such secretarial services as may be required. A representative of both the City and the County Engineering Staffs shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Committee and provide advice and assistance as may be requested. At the request of the Committee, consultants employed by either the City or the County shall be made available to advise the Committee. The Committee may recommend to the City Council and the Board of Commissioners at any time the employment of special consultants for particular projects. Any such recommendation by the Committee shall also include a recommended plan for sharing the cost between the City and the County.

Section 5. Costs of the Committee. The cost of staff assistance to the Committee, as represented by the staff time from the engineering offices of the City and the County, shall be met by each government with respect to its own employees. The cost of consultants shall be met in accordance with individual agreements reached prior to the engagement of each consultant. All other expenses of the Committee (telephone, postage, travel, etc.) shall be shared equally by the City and the County. The Committee shall by March 15 each year submit to the City Manager and the County Manager its budget request for the forthcoming fiscal year. Disbursements on behalf of the Committee shall be made through the offices of the City, and the County shall meet its share of the costs through appropriations to the City for the Committee's account.

Section 6. Existing policies continued. The plans, policies, agreements, and operating procedures in effect at the time of the adoption of this agreement shall continue in effect until changed by the City Council and the Board of Commissioners acting separately, or jointly, or on the recommendation of the Community Facilities Committee as set forth in the Partnership Plan for Water and Sewer Extensions in Mecklenburg County adopted February 3, 1969, and any amendments thereto, shall continue to be in effect unless changed by the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners acting separately or jointly, or on the recommendations of the Community Facilities Committee under the procedures established by this agreement.

Section 7. Effective date. This agreement shall be in full force and effect from and after August 1, 1969. The appointment of the initial Committee as set forth in Section 1 above shall be made not later than September 1, 1969. The Mayor of the City of Charlotte shall be responsible for convening the first and organizational meeting of the Committee, which shall be held in the City Hall not later than September 15, 1969.
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APPOINTMENT OF SYNDOR THOMPSON AND PATRICK CALHOUN TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE.

Councilman Short moved the appointment of Mr. Syndor Thompson for a term of one year to the Community Facilities Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Jordan moved the appointment of Mr. Patrick Calhoun for a term of two years to the Community Facilities Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Belk advised he and Chairman Lowe will name the Chairman of the Committee either Tuesday or Wednesday of this week which will complete this committee.

SUGGESTION OF PURCHASE OF HELICOPTER TO BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT BY COUNCIL, CITY MANAGER AND CHIEF OF POLICE.

Councilman Short stated he would like to throw out for discussion the possibility of the city purchasing a helicopter with a powerful search light; there is quite a number of possible uses such as catching criminals, a crime deterrent, putting the spot light on disaster scenes, taking industrial prospects around the county, and picking up VIPs at the airport, and making a quick trip to the legislature.

Councilman Jordan stated he understands that federal money can be allocated for this purpose - approximately 60-70% where it is used in crime prevention. That he thinks it is worth looking into.

Councilman Tuttle moved that this be taken under advisement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Short asked Mr. Tuttle to include in the motion that the City Manager and Chief of Police take it under advisement with Council and give some comments about the possibilities. Councilman Tuttle replied he would accept this amendment.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY ENGINEER REQUESTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION IN TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Tuttle stated during budget sessions he asked that $15,000 be included for a safety engineer, and this was deferred and Council was to get back to this discussion. He stated it is doubtful that you can find any city with 2,700 employees or any store with 2,700 employees or industry with 2,700 employees that does not have a safety engineer. That aside from the highly substantial insurance savings that may be available we have our own employees to think about and Council has promised some safety measures to the sanitation department.

Councilman Tuttle moved that $15,000 be found for a safety engineer and that the appointment be under Mr. Veeder, City Manager, to the extent that Mr. Veeder decides what department he will work under, and that whatever department he is placed under that he will have some authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Tuttle stated this is to become effective as soon as Mr. Veeder can find the type man to recommend to Council. Councilman Thrower asked if Council can have a couple of weeks to think about this to put in its proper prospective? Councilman Tuttle stated he would not like to put this off as this is dealing with lives, and a safety engineer for this city is a must, and he does not think putting this off any longer is the answer.
Councilman Alexander asked how much this will save the city in insurance premiums? Councilman Tuttle replied we are talking about the possibility of anywhere from $10 to $50 thousand a year, but the savings in insurance is not the only thing, you have lives and people and the loss of hands and fingers and disease and everything else; that no one can say that a safety engineer will save "X" number of dollars.

Mr. Veeder stated what a safety engineer can do has been demonstrated elsewhere; the discussion at budget time was where such an activity should be located and not whether the city should have one, and it was left out of the budget with the understanding that it would be brought back to Council later with recommendations; that there is adequate justifications for a safety engineer on the payroll for many reasons.

(COUNCILMAN JORDAN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS TIME, AND WAS ABSENT FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.)

Councilman Alexander stated he is not against the employment of an engineer; that he sees nothing wrong with deferring action on it at this time and ask the City Manager to come back to Council with recommendations on where he would be located and what is needed.

Councilman Alexander made a substitute motion to defer action for two weeks and ask the City Manager to come back to Council with concrete facts on the employment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks it would be better to postpone the motion so that Council can have the recommendations of the City Manager and his staff as to what the man will do, a program and how much it will cost.

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

REQUEST THAT FOUR LANE STREETS BE MARKED PROPERLY AS TO SPEED ZONES.

Councilman Tuttle stated a very good friend and a substantial citizen paid a speeding ticket on Old Monroe Road near McAlway Road at the new four lane paved section. That he called him and said he had no objections to paying the ticket as he was speeding going 45 in a 35 MPH zone. That his assumption was because Eastway Drive, Sharon Amity Road and most of the new four-lane roads are 45, this was also; there are no markers out there anywhere, and the man suggested that the four lane roads be marked.

The City Manager stated he has received other comments similar to these and he has talked with Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, and he has assured him that he will have some recommended changes for Council review shortly.

DISCUSSION OF DOWNTOWN PARKING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARKING AUTHORITY.

Councilman Tuttle asked what happened to the Council's committee on Downtown Parking? Councilman Short replied this was some years ago and there was a report with recommended parking downtown in a certain location; subsequently this fell into the hands of Southern Railroad and those dealing with Southern Railroad and parking is now planned in large quantities in connection with the new Civic Center. The site recommended by the Committee which included him and Mr. Stewart is a part of the railroad downtown development but is not being used for parking.

Councilman Tuttle stated Council should be giving this some thought as this will not be adequate parking even when the Civic Center is built.
Councilman Short stated although Council is considering the possibility of B-3 zoning in that area, the plans as presented call for a great deal of parking in the area.

Councilman Thrower stated a parking authority is needed in Charlotte; that he would like Council to give consideration to making such an authority; that the more we grow the more complex the situation gets. He stated an authority in this city at this time is most desirable.

REQUEST THAT OWNERS OF TRYON MALL SHOPPING CENTER BE CONTACTED CONCERNING DAMAGES TO PARKING LOT DURING CONSTRUCTION OF SUGAR CREEK ROAD-TRYON STREET INTERSECTION.

Councilman Whittington stated the developers of Tryon Mall Shopping Center at the corner of Sugar Creek Road and North Tryon Street called him long distance last week and said they had conferred with Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, about their problem. When this intersection was closed off, they claim trucks and cars headed west on Sugar Creek Road went through their parking lot to get to Tryon Street, and traffic coming south on Tryon Street would turn left through their parking lot into Sugar Creek Road. Because of this, they have a minimum of $3,000 they are being forced to pay to repave and re-work a section of this parking lot and they feel the City did not adequately take care of the situation as far as traffic being forced through their parking facilities. Councilman Whittington stated he told them he would bring this to Council and the City Manager today.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this possibility was anticipated in advance of the construction of Sugar Creek-Tryon intersection and they took very good photographs of every inch of that road they thought might be claimed. That he went out about two weeks ago with Mr. Josh Birmingham, Acting City Engineer, rode it, looked at it and he thinks the Engineering Department's view can be substantiated very, very clearly.

TRIAL NIGHT MEETINGS OF CITY COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 6 AND NOVEMBER 6, 1969 AT CITY HALL.

Councilman Whittington stated he has discussed his next subject individually with Council members and with the Chairman of the Planning Commission and the City Manager. That during the campaign for Mayor and City Council many of them heard people say that local government was getting farther away from the people, rather than closer to the people; that many of the citizens feel because of the size of the City or because of the length of the meetings or because of the time of the meetings they cannot attend Council Meetings, or get their problems aired before the local governing body.

Councilman Whittington stated for that reason he will propose that beginning on the 22 of September, on a trial basis, that Council begin night Council Meetings and following the 22nd, Council meet the last Monday night in each month, and give those people an opportunity to come and let Council know about their problems. If this proves to be a failure as the neighborhood meetings did, he would recommend that Council go back to day time meetings.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council begin night meetings on September 22 and then meet the fourth Monday night in each month thereafter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Alexander stated he will not be able to meet on the fourth Monday night of each month.
Councilman Tuttle stated Council held night meetings and went to neighborhoods; at one meeting there was a huge auditorium and aside from the City's staff there were two people present; at another neighborhood meeting after being well publicized there were three people present; at one meeting there was a large gathering of neighborhood people and the main reason for this was that one man had gone out with a couple of issues and had gotten the people there. He stated when the inconvenience to the staff is weighed, when so many things that come up require information from up and down the halls, and when you weigh the fact that Council has gone to the neighborhoods and gotten no response, he questions whether anyone will come to a night meeting at City Hall.

Councilman Whittington stated it would be his preference to hold these meetings on the third Monday and people who are involved in zoning would have an opportunity to come more readily, but he can realize the feelings of the Planning Commission, and this is the reason he suggests the fourth Monday in every month just on a trial basis.

After further discussion, Councilman Whittington amended his motion to have Council meet for a trial period of two meetings on Monday, October 6 and Monday, November 3, 1969, at 7:30 o'clock p.m. The amendment was accepted by Councilman Thrower, who seconded the motion. The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

REINSTATEMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HOUSING AND COUNCIL ADVISED DILLEHAY WILL MEET WITH COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT CONFERENCE SESSION TO DISCUSS PROJECT NO. N.C. 3-10.

Councilman Whittington stated in connection with Project No. N. C. 3-10 developed by Dwight Phillips between the two Roseland Apartments, the Housing Authority needs approval from Council to go ahead as this is before HUD now.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied it was originally planned to have Mr. Dillehay, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, to meet with Council two weeks ago; that he presumes Council would want comments from him. Councilman Whittington stated a month ago he made a suggestion that Council meet with the Housing Authority; that he thinks this is important.

Councilman Whittington stated under Mayor Brookshire, he, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jordan served on a Council Committee relating to the various housing projects, and he thinks this Committee should be kept active; that we need to be more coordinated with the Housing Authority. He stated the Committee met with the Authority regularly; it was in on the planning; they went to Greensboro with Mr. Veeder to the FHA office.

Mayor Belk re-appointed Mr. Whittington, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jordan to serve on this Committee.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks we should improve on this committee and should have Mr. Dillehay at the next Council Meeting, so that this can be resolved. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised Mr. Dillehay is scheduled to meet with the Council on September 8 in the Conference Session.
DISCUSSION OF NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND COSTS AS IT RELATES TO PREVIOUS SYSTEM.

Councilman Whittington stated he has gone over some of the old budgets and the new budget as it relates to the cost of telephone facilities in City Hall and its allied buildings. This year the cost is $67,659; in 1968-69 it was $26,000 and before that the cost was $23,000. He stated he knows the City has Centrex now, but most of the time when he calls City Hall the lines are busy; and it is unreasonable to assume that everyone who wants a department down here is going to look up that department in the directory. He stated he thinks the system is very poor and entirely too expensive based on the services received.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he knows a number of the Council Members have had difficulty with the service; there has been difficulty on the staff side, and the public has had difficulty. He stated some of this was anticipated, but not to the scale we had it. That Southern Bell now tells the City they have done the necessary so there should not be any more difficulty; initially they did not install enough incoming and outgoing lines to handle the system; once it was in operation they discovered they had underestimated the need. He stated they now have more equipment and on August 11 the new equipment was added and according to the latest information, there are adequate lines now.

Mr. Veeder stated in reference to the cost as compared to this year, he would like an opportunity to see if there is something that may not meet the eye; it is recognized that Centrex is more expensive than the old system but he would like to give Council more information on this.

COMMENT ON EMPLOYMENT OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

Councilman Whittington stated he read in the paper where a public information officer has been hired from San Diego or somewhere in California.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied they would have liked very much to have done exactly as Mr. Whittington said, but could not turn up anyone locally.

PROMOTIONS FOR MODEL CITIES EMPLOYEES DEFERRED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Councilman Whittington stated on personnel transactions, page 2, as it relates to Model Cities, he moved that these raises be delayed until Council gets better answers on these positions and what their responsibilities are as it relates to their particular job. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Tuttle asked the qualifications for a Clerk-Steno; if it means that someone is capable of taking dictation and acting as a secretary? That this question has nothing to do with Model Cities. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied the answer is yes.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks Council should have more information. Councilman Short stated he believes these raises have already been put into effect; he asked if this will remove someone a raise they are already in a process of receiving? Mr. Veeder replied these should not be in effect without Council's approval, or without Council's knowledge.
Councilman Tuttle stated he has always assumed this information is given to Council and if Council says nothing about them, they are put into effect, but they are not put into effect until after Council receives the information.

Councilman Alexander asked if any of these positions have moved into this pay bracket as set out? Mr. Veeder replied the policy is the promotion are not supposed to go into effect until Council has seen them; that Council does not necessarily have to act on them if they do not want to, but today Council has decided to take action; that when he saw this information late this morning, if he had been here last week and seen this, there would have been more conversation; that he does not blame Council's questions.

Councilman Alexander stated Council has weekly approved these personnel procedures; if this is a procedure where Council should have raised questions when it was presented, and Council has allowed it to go into effect without raising questions, then he sees nothing wrong with Council attempting to find out the qualifications for these positions; but if Council has allowed these positions to go into effect, he is not going to sit here and vote on a motion to stop them; that he sees nothing wrong with looking at this and if some future action is necessary, then well and good; but if this motion means that any of these wages have gone into effect and are to be stopped until Council goes through these positions, then he is not ready to vote for that type of motion; that he has no objections to a discussion of the job responsibilities.

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Alexander's point is well taken, but Council did not receive this information until Friday. Councilman Alexander stated in fairness to everyone, Council is dealing with people who are employed and they are not responsible for the negligence of our activity here; if they have been parsed on and given a raise in pay, he is not willing to change that now; that he has no objections to a discussion of the job responsibilities.

Mr. Veeder advised he has just received information that these increases have not become effective as yet. If approved, they will be retroactive to the dates as shown; that this is talking about Model Cities.

Councilman Short stated what concerns him are the ones that show up retroactive and they are as much as $44.00 a week; that he thinks on a raise of that size it is in order to have further information.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

**STUDY OF TIME SPENT ON ZONING HEARINGS REQUESTED BY MAYOR BELK.**

Mayor Belk stated he does not feel Council is getting the best benefit from the time spent on zoning hearings; that he would like Council to consider improving the methods to get better mileage - that whether a time limit should be placed on each petition, or whatever, he feels this is a place to improve on the operations. He stated he would like to have a complete study made on this particular phase so that better mileage can be obtained.
LETTER OF APPRECIATION REQUESTED SENT TO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR ITS ATTITUDE AND COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS RELATING TO COUNCIL ACTIONS DURING SANITATION STRIKE.

Mayor Belk stated the Mayor and Council has received a resolution from the Chamber of Commerce complimenting the City on its action during the recent strike. He asked Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, if he would acknowledge the resolution.

Councilman Tuttle moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to the Chamber of Commerce for its attitude and complimentary remarks to Council relating to actions taken during the sanitation strike. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk