The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina met in an adjourned meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 1970, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John H. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Milton Short.

PAUL BOBO APPOINTED AS ACTING CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Jordan placed in nomination the name of Mr. Paul Bobo as Acting City Manager. He stated Mr. Bobo has been with the City for 23 years. He has done an excellent job and he will make the city a very fine Acting City Manager.

Councilman Jordan moved the appointment of Mr. Paul Bobo as Acting City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Short stated he feels it would be good if we preserve for our permanent City Manager the available experienced talent, and allow us a choice among the several individuals who are particularly experienced and fitted for this job without indicating at this time a preference or putting one in a preferred position over one or more others. He stated to implement this thought it would seem to him that Mr. Robert Hopson would make a good interim City Manager. Mr. Hopson is experienced, not in Charlotte but elsewhere, and his background is very broad.

Councilman Short stated with the thought that for the interim period, he would give us the greatest leeway to deliberate and consider all candidates in an equal situation, he nominated Mr. Robert Hopson as the interim City Manager. The nomination did not receive a second.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ADVISED THAT FIRE STATION NO. 3 WILL BE CLOSED PRIOR TO OPENING OF STATION 18.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated the Fire Department is planning to open Fire Station No. 18 about the middle of this month. That as a part of the overall transition to open Station No. 18, Station No. 3 will be closed. That a specific date has not been determined by the Fire Department, but in order to open No. 18, they need to close No. 3. After the first of the year, when additional authorized personnel is employed, other switches will take place. That the Plaza Station, No. 7 and Downtown Station will cover the area during the interim.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk