A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held on Monday, October 19, 1970, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John N. Belk presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle, James B. Whittington and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

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

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

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

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on October 12, were approved as submitted.

REPORT OF EVENTS OCCURRING WHICH RESULTED IN THE SLAYING OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY POLICE OFFICER AND SHOOTING OF ABC OFFICER.

Chief J. C. Goodman, Charlotte Police Department, stated he appreciates the opportunity to come before Council to report on the events which occurred early last Saturday morning which resulted in the death of County Police Officer Ronnie McGraw who was assigned to the City's vice squad and the serious wounding of ABC Officer Buster Tanner. He stated Officer Tanner is in much better condition this morning.

He stated the Charlotte Police and Mecklenburg County Police have been vigorously engaged in an effort to effectively combat vice activities in the city and county. That the presence of gambling, narcotics, illegal whiskey and prostitution all lead to organized criminal activities, and this cannot be allowed to continue in our city. He stated he is proud to report that our city and county has been relatively free of such activities; they have been successful in making arrests and prosecuting offenders. Such tactics and activities by the police have made it undesirable for organized syndicates to move into Charlotte.

Without a special group assigned to the specific task of investigating and directing special interest to vice activities we would be in a different situation today. He stated they plan to continue their vigorous enforcement against such activities.

Members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Vice Control Section acted on information provided by responsible citizens that a gambling game of considerable portion was being operated at a house at 1322 East Fourth Street. They arrived in the early morning hours with the proper search warrant to search and seize such persons and evidence there. Officers McGraw and Tanner were members of this group of 15 city, county and ABC officers.

Upon entering the house, they identified themselves immediately as police officers; they found a gambling game in progress and the subjects present were immediately advised to remain in their places as they were under arrest.
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Resistance was spontaneous. Officer McGraw was shot in the back twice by one of those later arrested and fell mortally wounded. Mecklenburg County ABC Officer Buster Tanner was also seriously wounded by gunfire and several other officers were assaulted. Kicking, striking and shooting occurred and police officers were victims of abuse. The officers reacted quickly to overcome the force being used against them by those they were attempting to arrest. However, not a shot was fired by the police inside this house. He stated he has commended these officers for the restraint they exercised and the professional manner in which they conducted themselves under most trying circumstances. Our police made 19 arrests resulting in numerous charges - gambling, operating gambling house, resisting arrest and murder included. They confiscated seven pistols, one shotgun and money as evidence.

The Charlotte Observer on Saturday, October 17, 1970 printed a most biased and slanted story of this incident that aroused and angered all the police officers and also aroused a lot of responsible citizens in our community. He stated they are protesting very strongly the manner in which the story was reported. The reporters went to great length to give a very narrow and one-sided version of what they reportedly observed with little factual information. This is a prime example of irresponsible reporting.

On October 1, 1970, J. Edgar Hoover stated in a message to law enforcement officers: "The price of enforcing the law is costly. Perhaps no one knows just how costly, except the slain policeman's family and his fellow officers who stand at rigid attention by his graveside." He further stated that "Only an aroused citizenry and swift and certain punishment by the courts can reduce felonious acts against police officers. When a law enforcement officer dies at the hands of a killer, part of our system of law dies with him."

Chief Goodman stated at this time in our nation and community, when police officers are abused and attacked and killed as never before, they request the continued support of the Mayor and Council as they strive to keep Charlotte and Mecklenburg County a decent and respectable place in which to live.

Mayor Belk replied on behalf of the members of City Council, our city officials and the citizens of Charlotte, he would like to express our shock and horror over the tragic death of Officer R. E. McGraw and the shooting of Officer Buster Tanner. Our community cannot afford the loss of such an excellent police officer.

He stated law enforcement officers are our primary defense against crime and violence in our community. Their job requires a dedication that few people have. Their acceptance of the constant exposure to danger makes them a special breed of men. To lose Officer McGraw in the line of duty brings a deep feeling of regret and sadness to us all.

Mayor Belk stated he would like to also express our sincere and deep sympathy to the family of Officer McGraw for their loss. The cost to them is greater than it is to anyone else. We are not only missing a police officer today, but also a husband and father has been lost.

Finally, he would like to commend all of the officers who were present for the restraint and good judgement that they used. Had they not performed as they did, there could have been a larger number of people hurt or killed in this incident.

He stated he and Council would like for Chief Goodman and other law enforcement officials to know that we support their efforts to defend us against crime and we will do all that we can to assist.

Councilman Tuttle stated he was nearly late for the meeting today because he went down and congratulated the ladies who are picketing the Charlotte Observer.

Mayor Belk requested those present to stand in a moment of silent prayer for Officer R. E. McGraw.
RECOGNITION OF PERSONS ASSOCIATED WITH VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE WEEK.

Mayor Bilk recognized Mr. Bass, Mrs. Gaines, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Joe Champion and the young people who are present. That Vocational Guidance Week will be the week of October 25 through 31. He stated we are very proud of our young people for their fine work as good citizens. He thanked them for their great work.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-119 BY BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM 0-15 TO 0-6 OF AN 11.2 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF PARK ROAD AND FAIRVIEW ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. W. E. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the subject property is located at the intersection of Park Road as it turns south from its east west alignment into the county and the intersection of Fairview Road. The property is partially developed with an office building and a branch bank. There are a very large number of offices in the general vicinity of Park Road as well as the SouthPark Shopping Center. The property immediately to the west on Park Road side is developed with single family residential uses; immediately behind the subject property there are some houses established on large lots, and the residential development on Park Road continues in a southerly direction.

The property is zoned 0-15 as is the property across the street and the property which adjoins it in the area immediately to the east and to the south. To the west along Park Road and generally along the west of the property, the zoning is for R-15.

Councilman Whittington asked why the petitioners are requesting the rezoning from 0-15 to 0-6? Mr McIntyre replied he understands it is the intent of the owners of the subject property to grant an additional eight foot of right of way for the widening and improvement of Park Road near its intersection with Fairview Road. The granting of this additional right of way is the reason they would like the rezoning of the property from 0-15 to 0-6 so that the setback from the street will be reduced.

Councilman Short stated if something is done to the street that cuts into the setback, will this render the petitioners a non-conforming use? Mr. McIntyre replied if you cut into a street before a building is put on this particular piece of property, they will still have to comply with the requirements of the ordinance.

Mr. Maury Johnston, Attorney for the Petitioners, stated the reason for the petition is really based on business reasons and not legal, and Mr. Paul Gibson, with Blythe Brothers, will explain their positions.

Mr. Gibson stated the majority of the buildings that have been built along this street have setbacks far beyond that required by the zoning ordinance or any restrictions that we may have. It is a beautifully developed area. That their request for the rezoning will in no way affect the setback from the street.

Mr. Gibson stated at present there are two building on the property. No. 1 is a five story office building, No. 2 is a branch of the American Bank and Trust Company which Blythe owns and leases under a long term lease. They have planned a three story office building which will be the new corporate headquarters for Blythe Brothers Company. The planning for this building was done some time ago; the lot slopes slightly from St. Alben's Lane to Park Road so the building will have a lower area which they will utilize initially as parking area, and later as expansion for the building. They need drives to get to the property.
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He stated the five story office building is located 225 feet beyond the right of way; the branch bank is located 60 feet beyond the right of way and the three story office will be located 110 feet behind the right of way line. Included in this is a right of way the city has on the front of the property of 14 feet for additional lanes; the city has asked them to give the city an additional 9 feet on the side. He stated they want to cooperate with the city and are delighted to give the land, but it does create a problem. If the 9 feet is given to the city, they will not be able to comply with the sideline restrictions of 20 feet on the three story office building which is planned. They are interested in changing the sideline restrictions from 20 feet to 11 feet. The rezoning will lessen the restrictions for the side lines. He stated the 9 feet to be given the city will continue the entire length of the property which is approximately 716 feet, which is from Fairview running south on Park Road. At the time they give it they plan to go in and curb and gutter and put their entrance way to tie in their existing parking area.

Councilman Short asked if this reasoning will accomplish what the petitioner wants? He referred to the provision which reads: "The rear lot line of a corner lot in an office district is also the side lot line of a an adjacent lot to the rear, the side yard on the corner lot on the common street shall be at least 50%." He wonders if this will accomplish what they want even with the rezoning. Mr. McIntyre replied that depends upon how the ordinance is interpreted with respect to the adjacent property in relation to the expanse of property which is a multi-building project, and the ordinance provision was written really to deal with a situation when there is a building in an office district that immediately adjoins a residential lot to the rear. Here there is a tremendous amount of ground space between the proposed building and any residential property to the rear, so this is not a typical situation which the ordinance was designed to meet. Therefore this would be subject to some further administrative interpretation.

Mr. Gibson stated the land behind them has been purchased by Eastern Airlines and was zoned to 0-15 so they will be bounded by 0-15 zoning, not a residential zone.

Councilman Tuttle stated when Park Road is widened, what will happen to the turn-off lane? Will it be eaten up in the widening? Mr. Hoosie, Traffic Engineer, replied when it is widened, we will need a 75-foot right of way at the intersection back some 500 feet which would mean that on the other side, we will take six feet. Mr. Hoosie stated at the present time, they are going to put in two left turn lanes out into Park Road; one lane will go straight ahead to tie into the street and do away with the drive to the new bank. That he needed the footage to do what needed to be done right now until such time as the widening. When Park Road is widened, it will be four lanes and five lanes at the intersection, including a sidewalk area.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-120 BY HAZEL L. HICKS FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF A PARCEL OF LAND NEAR THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CLANTON ROAD AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 77 FRONTING 244 FEET ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CLANTON ROAD AND 40 FEET ON THE EAST SIDE OF I-77.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director stated this petition covers property at the southeast side of the intersection of Clanton Road and I-77. It is an irregular-shaped piece of property with most of it vacant with one single family structure on the eastern most portion of the property and then residences extending along the southerly side of Clanton Road until you get to South Tryon Street. The property across Clanton Road is vacant; there is school
board property in the near vicinity which is vacant. Other properties in the area are essentially undeveloped with the exception of a service station in the general vicinity of the intersection.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is zoned B-1; it is surrounded by B-1 zoning which is the general type of zoning that adjoins the Clanton Road- I-77 Interchange.

Councilman Thrower asked the purpose of the request for B-2, and Mr. McIntyre replied he understands the petitioner wants to establish an advertising sign in conjunction with the service station. That it is a larger sign than would be allowed under B-1 zoning. Apparently they are seeking to have the entire property of the service station site rezoned.

Councilman Whittington requested the Planning Commission to not make a recommendation on this petition until the property owners bring in a plan of what they want to do and why. Mr. Tate, Chairman of the Planning Commission, stated the Commission will defer recommendation on the petition until the petitioners come back before the Planning Staff with their proposals.

No opposition was expressed to the property change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the Planning Staff brings Council a plan of what is planned for the property and a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-121 BY CLARKSON JONES, JR., FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-2 OF A PARCEL OF LAND 50' X 30' AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF BLAIRHILL ROAD AND INTERSTATE 77.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. W. E. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated this petition is in the same general area of the previous petition No. 70-120. The subject property is a very small piece of property at the end of Blairhill Road as it dead-ends at the General Younts Expressway. The property around it is vacant for the most part; there are some residential structures at some distance from the property.

He stated the zoning of the property is R-6MF; the adjacent property is R-6MF except for the B-1 zone that has been established adjacent to the interchange. Some of that B-1 zone is diagonally across Blairhill Road from the property in question.

Councilman Alexander asked what the property will be used for, and Mr. McIntyre replied he understands this will be used to establish an advertising sign in conjunction with a gasoline station; the objective being to place a 750-foot advertising sign.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for recommendation from the Planning Commission.
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COMMISSIONER GODLEY LEFT AT THIS TIME.

Commissioner Godley left his seat as a Planning Commissioner at this time and took his place in the audience to return after the hearing on the following petition.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-122 BY GODLEY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND HUMBLE OIL AND REFINING COMPANY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 TO B-2 OF A .8496 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT THE SOUTHWESTERN CORNER OF GLENWOOD DRIVE AND INTERSTATE 85.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

Mr. W. E. McIntyre stated the subject property is already partially developed. The two portions of property at the southerly intersection of Glenwood Drive with I-85 are used for service stations; immediately adjacent to the corner to the southwest is a motel under construction. Across I-85 is a service station and some industrial type development immediately to the west. White Motor Company and Motor Freight Establishment are located in the area.

He stated the property is zoned B-1 at present; there is B-2 zoning already established across Glenwood from the property in question; immediately to the west the property is zoned B-1 and farther to the west the property along the Interstate is zoned B-2. Industrial and B-1 zoning are in the area on the northerly side of I-85.

Mr. Beverly Hebb, Attorney for the petitioners, stated their purpose is to have two plots of land rezoned from B-1 to B-2 to permit advertising signs that are not now permitted. In order to continue the zoning from the area which they request and connect it with the other B-2 zoning, they have incorporated it with the Humble Service Station site. After operating here from 1965, Humble has determined there was a need for an advertising sign. With the speeding rate on I-85 and the topography at that intersection, there is a very definite need to install some type of identification sign so that the motorist can see from a distance that when they arrive and come around the bend over the hill, there will be an Humble station.

Mr. Webb stated on Humble's property, they will install a standard modular sign which is 200 square feet. That up and down the Interstate this is the first time he knows of that Humble has requested a rezoning of this nature; usually the topography does not require it or the station is located on a B-2 site.

He stated the Godley property which is to the rear is being developed with a motel of 100 units. In conjunction with the development of the motel they have recently signed a lease with a national restaurant concern - Denny's. The restaurant will contain some 250 seats. Denny's has an advertising sign that is standard across the nation and they want to install one along the Interstate. The two signs will be adjacent to each other. That the motel nor any part of the restaurant site itself would become B-2; only the portion of the property for the placement of the sign.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred for a recommendation from the Planning Commission.

COMMISSIONER GODLEY RETURNS TO HIS SEAT.

Commissioner Godley returned to his seat on the Planning Commission and remains for the remainder of the hearings.
HEARING ON PETITION NO. 70-124 BY WALTER GRADY STUTTS FOR A CHANGE IN
ZONING FROM R-9MF TO 0-6 OF LAND 75' x 168' LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF
PRINCESS STREET BEGINNING 275 FEET EAST OF DERITA ROAD.

The public hearing was held on the subject petition.

The Planning Director stated the property covered by this petition is one
lot on the southerly side of Princess Street which is a street that leads
off North Graham Street or Derita Road. A short distance to the south is
Overnight Trucking Company; I-85 is a considerable distance to the south.
The property is vacant and is adjoined on one side by residential use with
residential uses generally extending down Princess Street from the property
in question. The immediately adjoining property to the west consists of
a vacant lot and then residential development that extends in the area for a
short distance along Derita Road.

Mr. McIntyre stated the property is zoned for multi-family purposes;
immediately to the rear of the property in question the zoning is I-2. On
the westerly side the zoning is B-2; immediately across the street the
zoning is R-9MF; directly adjoining the easterly boundary of the property
the zoning is single family. This particular piece of property is in a
transitional situation with respect to adjoining zoning.

Mr. D. C. Fincher, Service Agent for Mecklenburg County Farm Bureau, stated
they make a living selling insurance to the people they service. He stated
they have a contract with the present owner to buy the property if the
zoning is changed. He stated they plan to build an office for the Farm
Bureau. Half of it is already zoned for business and the other half is
for multi-family use.

Mr. Fincher stated they have on file a statement from the three adjoining
neighbors that they have no objections. He stated Mr. Stutts, Mr. Abernathy,
President of the County Farm Bureau and Mr. Westmoreland, Chairman, is
present to answer any questions.

Mrs. Dale Baigas stated she lives on Wales Street which runs parallel to
Princess and she would like to know the possibilities of rezoning down
Princess so there is more offices; that she does not want any more office
there. If this one building is built in compatibility with the present
homes it would not be so bad. But Princess Street now has a very sharp
corner and a curb and it is bad for travel; it is the only through street
from Derita Road and Sugar Creek in this little pie-shaped area. Their
children play in the street and it is a nice residential community and she
would not like to have any more office or business. She asked if there is
any sort of guarantee or overall zoning that would prevent any more from
coming in.

Mr. McIntyre replied there is no provision under the present zoning for any
additional office development coming down Princess Street off Derita Road.
Between the property in question and Derita Road under the present zoning,
those properties can be used for business. If any more zoning, over and
above what is being considered today, were to be considered, it would have
to be done through the same process this is being considered today. A notice
advertising the hearing so that anyone in the neighborhood who would be
concerned over any additional office development in the area would have the
opportunity to speak on the question.

Mr. W. S. Abernathy, President of the County Farm Bureau, stated they are not
interested in putting up a large business; they will have about three offices.
That they would be just as much opposed to trucking industry or anything
else coming in.

Council decision was deferred for recommendation from the Planning
Commission.
MEETING RECESSSED AND RECONVENEED.

Mayor Belk called a recess at 2:55 o'clock p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 3:00 o'clock p.m.

PETITION NO. 70-98 BY CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM 0-6 TO B-1 OF PROPERTY ON THE EAST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BEGINNING AT IDEAL WAY AND EXTENDING 300 FEET SOUTHWARD, DENIED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition for a change in zoning from 0-6 to B-1 be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried by the following vote:

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

NAYS: Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to write these people who are involved because they think they have been treated unfairly by the Building Inspection Department, by the Planning Commission and by the Council. This action today is going to cause an undue hardship on one of the property owners there as he is now living in a part of this office structure. That it will cost them a good deal of money. That we should give them all the time they need in order to make this transition, if Council does not object.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would like to know something about the time. Councilman Whittington replied the time they need; that he does not know what that time is; they have been told on three different occasions they did not have to comply and then they were told they did have to comply; there is a good bit of confusion on their part, and he thinks perhaps Council is responsible for this. Councilman Tuttle stated he respects Mr. Whittington's desire to give them time; but he remembers one situation where the Inspection Division allowed a house that should be torn down to sit for four years because a man got a thousand dollar building permit; he still has the building permit and the house is still a wreck and is still standing.

Councilman Whittington stated this is two office buildings; their problem is parking.

Councilman Short stated this matter has been before Council for a long time. The problem here is that this building was not originally intended for an office and it is not properly positioned on the lot.

Councilman Thrower stated he is voting against the rezoning because it has been referred to many times as a cancer and once you some that particular thing you might just as well forget about the whole Dilworth Neighborhood. He stated all members of Council have received a letter today. That is all the way from Park Road right on through to Dilworth Road to Ideal Way and Dilworth Road West and East, Charlotte Drive and the rest of the section. It will all be shot.

Councilman Whittington stated he is not advocating changing the zoning and never has; he is simply saying these people feel they have been treated unjustly and it is going to be a hardship on them and they need to be given some time.
ORDINANCE NO. 889-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY FRONTING 490 FEET IN DEPTH RUNNING PARALLEL WITH MONROE ROAD TO 0-15 AND 110 FEET ALONG RAMA ROAD TO R-9MF.

Councilman Short stated the petitioners of the subject petition had wanted business here and the Planning Commission wanted more apartments and the protestors had wanted to leave the property residential. That he thinks the thing that is most appropriate is 0-15.

Councilman Short moved that the 400 feet of the land as it fronts on Monroe Road be changed to 0-15 and the remaining 200 feet of the land be zoned R-9MF with the line between the two parallel with Monroe Road. That this will make a safe intersection with 40 foot and 20 foot setbacks where there is a two-lane street that evidently will have to be reworked and widened before long. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Whittington requested Mr. Myles Haynes, Attorney for the petitioners, to show him on a map what is proposed by Mr. Short. After viewing the drawing, Councilman Whittington stated, in his opinion, it would be better to zone the whole tract 0-15; that he has told Mr. Haynes and Mr. Phillips that he cannot vote for the R-1SCD for the same reason he did not vote for the business at the corner of Sharon Amity and Randolph Road where Humble Oil was to locate; an office at this intersection with 0-15 zoning would be the same type of office structures that you have at Fairview Road and Park Road and he thinks it would be a better arrangement.

Mr. Haynes stated they had agreed to a compromise in a manner that would satisfy Council provided the front portion at least was 0-15 if the Council felt like there should be an amount of R-9MF buffer on the back. That they are agreeable to the rezoning according to Mr. Short's motion or if Council wants to rezone the entire tract to 0-15 they would be delighted with that also.

Councilman Tuttle stated if it all goes to 0-15 he can vote for the motion but if some R-9MF is going to be left in there, he cannot vote for it.

Councilman Withrow made a substitute motion to rezoning the property to 0-15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Mr. Sam McCoy, with the Planning Staff, stated to rezone the area requested for 0-6 and the area for R-9MF to 0-15 would constitute a re-hearing. That the property is presently zoned R-9 and part of the request was to rezone to R-9MF. Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated then there would have to be another hearing as the 0-15 zone was a lesser zoning than the R-9MF.

Councilman Withrow withdrew the substitute motion with the approval of Councilman Tuttle, who had seconded the motion.

Mr. Underhill stated if Mr. Short's motion recommends the adoption of an area to R-9MF which is requested in the petition, another hearing would not be necessary, but if he is including in that area other areas that were recommended for something other than R-9MF or something less, a hearing would be necessary.

Council delayed further discussion of the subject petition until later in the meeting.

Mr. Haynes stated the problem is about upgrading and degrading when changes are made away from the original petition. The petitioners originally asked for B-1SCD zoning for a 300 foot depth down Rama Road and 190 feet of 0-6 further down Rama Road and the remainder of 110 feet to be R-9MF. He stated the Council can without the necessity of another public hearing rezone everything that was included in the 300 foot and the 190 feet as 0-15 as that would not be a upgrading and leave the remaining 110 feet as R-9MF as to change it to 0-15 would be a downgrading.
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Councilman Short, with the approval of Councilman Jordan, who seconded the motion, withdrew the original motion.

Councilman Short moved that 490 feet along Rama Road be changed to O-15 and the remaining 110 feet be zoned to R-9MF. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following vote:

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, at Page 408.

RESOLUTION SETTING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1970, ON PETITION NOS. 70-126 THROUGH 70-133 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of subject resolution setting date of Public Hearing on Petitions Nos. 70-126 through 70-133 for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 7, at Page 153.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS, APPROVED.

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

(a) Contract with Harvey W. Gouch for construction of 150 lineal feet of 8-inch trunk to serve the Shady Grove Mobile Home Park, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $1,926.77, 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 A. Z. Price and Associates for construction of 20 lineal feet of 8-inch main and 750 lineal feet of 8-inch trunk to serve 5324 Central Avenue, outside the city, at an estimated cost of $7,450.00, 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.

(c) Contract with Athena Pak, Incorporated for construction of 700 lineal feet of 8-inch main to serve 711 Pressley Road, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $6,700.00, 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.

APPLICATION OF SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY CORPORATION FOR PERMISSION TO CONNECT TO CITY SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the subject application was approved to Southeastern Community Corporation, 5800 Sardis Road, for permission to connect to the city's sanitary sewer system on the south side of Sardis Road, between Livingston Drive and Rama Road, outside the city limits.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND SUN OIL COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER FORCE MAIN, APPROVED.

Councilman Short moved approval of subject right of way agreement between the City and Sun Oil Company for the construction of a 4-inch sanitary sewer force main in Old Pineville Road and Exmore Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.
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RENEWAL CONTRACT WITH J. N. PEASE AND COMPANY FOR WATER AND SEWER CONSULTANT ENGINEERING SERVICES, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower and seconded by Councilman Short to approve the subject renewal of contract with J. N. Pease and Company, Inc., for water and sewer consultant engineering services.

After explanation by the City Manager, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.


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

(a) Ordinance No. 890-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1001 Waccamaw Street.
(b) Ordinance No. 891-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 500 Beatties Ford Road, Lot No. 5.
(c) Ordinance No. 892-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 500 Beatties Ford Road, Lot No. 4.
(d) Ordinance No. 893-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 500 Beatties Ford Road, Lot No. 3.
(e) Ordinance No. 894-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 2012 Vinton Street.
(f) Ordinance No. 895-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at rear of 800 Herrin Avenue.
(g) Ordinance No. 896-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2028 Russell Street.
(h) Ordinance No. 897-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 1400 Herrin Avenue.
(i) Ordinance No. 898-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at corner of Hiddenbrook and Mantle Court.
(j) Ordinance No. 899-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 219 West 8th Street.
(k) Ordinance No. 900-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 817 East Trade Street.
(l) Ordinance No. 901-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at 709 East Kingston Avenue.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 17, beginning at Page 409.

CONTRACT WITH McMANNIS ASSOCIATES FOR TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE, APPROVED.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of a contract with McMannis Associates in an amount not to exceed $13,455.00, for technical and professional assistance regarding the Model Cities Second Action Year Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

After explanation by Mr. Carstarphen, Assistant City Manager, the vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.
TRANSFER OF CEMETARY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

(a) Deed with Mrs. Esten Bohannon Mason and Mr. Robert Elijah Mason, Jr. for Lot No. 196, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at $1,002.00.

(b) Deed with Mrs. Carolyn K. Clarke for Graves No. 4 and 5, in Lot No. 23, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at $160.00.

(c) Deed with Marvin E. Hall and wife, Mrs. Anna Mae E. Hall, for Graves No. 1 and 2, in Lot No. 504, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at $160.00.

(d) Deed with William H. Hall and wife, Mrs. Mae B. Hall, for Graves No. 3 and 4, in Lot No. 504, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at $160.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED HEWLETT PACKARD COMPANY FOR ELECTRONIC DIGITAL INTEGRATOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low alternate bid meeting specifications, Hewlett-Packard Company, in the amount of $4,747.95, for electronic digital integrator.

The following bids were received:

BASE BID:
Hewlett Packard Company $5,272.95

BASE BID NOT MEETING SPECIFICATIONS:
Vidar Corporation, Auto Lab Div. $4,700.00
Infotronics Corporation $5,250.00
Varian Aerograph $5,344.00

ALTERNATE BID:
Hewlett Packard Company $4,747.95

ALTERNATE BID NOT MEETING SPECIFICATIONS:
Infotronics Corporation $4,747.95

CONTRACT AWARDED TO MILLER TIRE SERVICE FOR TIRE RECAPPING AND REPAIRS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington and seconded by Councilman Jordan, awarding contract on Section I to the low bidder, Miller Tire Service, in the amount of $17,431.94, and on Section II to the only bidder, Miller Tire Service, in the amount of $6,527.16, on a unit price basis, for tire recapping and repairs. A vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

SECTION I:
Miller Tire Service $17,431.94
L. & N. Royal Tire Service 17,799.98

SECTION II:
Miller Tire Service $6,527.16
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CONTRACT AWARDED THOMAS STRUCTURE COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN AT NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY ON BREVARD AND 11TH STREET.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Thomas Structure Company, in the amount of $35,460.00, on a unit price basis, for construction of water main at Northwest Expressway on Brevard and 11th Streets. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

- Thomas Structure Company: $35,460.00
- Sanders Brothers, Inc.: $42,810.00
- Blythe Brothers Company: $43,888.00

MOTION THAT MONEY BE MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE HIRING OF THREE ADDITIONAL MEN IN THE NARCOTICS BUREAU.

Councilman Thrower stated with the recent increase in drug traffic this Council approved three additional men in the police budget to go in the Narcotics Bureau. That he asked prior to the meeting if these men had been hired. That he does not think anyone in this Council room or in this city needs a lecture on the urgency of putting these people to work immediately. That he heard last week where we had picked up a man who had a $168.00 a day habit. How he supported that habit no one knows, but you can only guess he stole everything he got his hands on.

Councilman Thrower stated if the money is not immediately available in the police department's budget, he moved that Council make that necessary money available and employ those three men and get them to work as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

SUGGESTION THAT THE MATTER OF SOMEONE BEING AVAILABLE ON HOLIDAYS TO PICK UP DEAD ANIMALS BE CHECKED INTO.

Councilman Alexander stated he recently raised the question about there being no one available on holidays to pick up dead animals. That he received a report from the Public Works Department which carries the information that someone is available and the condition which he brought up should not exist.

He stated if the information which he received in the report is the regular procedure, then whoever was on duty at the time he called did not know what the procedure was and there was not anyone there to do it. He suggested that this be looked into so that this will not happen again. That he would not like for people to call out there and get the same answer he did.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO MAKE A STUDY REGARDING FEASIBILITY COSTS AND POSSIBLE NEED FOR PARK IN AREA BOUNDED BY FIFTH STREET, NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, CHURCH STREET AND GRAHAM STREET.

Councilman Alexander stated sometime ago he talked about the possible need of consideration of park land. That he would like consideration given to that section of land bounded by Fifth Street on the south, the new highway construction on the north, Church Street on the east and Graham Street and the Southern Railroad on the west for an inner city park. This is the last group of land available and is adequately situated if this type of consideration wanted to be given. That he feels consideration should be given to it. There is much talk for a Nature Museum and he knows of no better location in Charlotte if it is adopted for park purposes.
Councilman Alexander moved that the City Manager's Office be requested to give Council a study of this property regarding its feasibility, costs and possible need. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated following Mr. Alexander's comments on this subject a short time ago, a staff discussion was held. At that time some assignments were made to move forward towards this end. That they will proceed.

Councilman Jordan stated in many cities throughout the country prominent citizens dedicate parks and dedicate land to the city. That he thinks it would be appropriate if we make some point in trying to get some of the citizens to purchase some of this downtown land and dedicate it for a park as the city just does not have the money to do all these things.

Councilman Whittington stated what Mr. Alexander is proposing he thinks would be better in a form of a request rather than a motion; that this information be secured and presented to Council and then Council can take whatever action is necessary. Councilman Alexander replied this motion will not bind Council to anything; the only thing it does is to formally set it in the record. Councilman Short stated the difference between a motion and a request in this situation is our relationship with the Park and Recreation Commission. It gets to be a question of whether Council, in effect, says we are getting ready to push a park on you whether or not they have had a chance to have some input into it. As far as interest he is willing to state his interest. That he is very interested in this and would be glad for the staff to find the time if they can to study it. It is the relationship with the Park and Recreation Commission that makes him feel it is better to have this just by request.

Councilman Alexander stated this would not be usurping any responsibility of the Park and Recreation Commission; the only thing we do here is come up with facts that either we will accept or reject upon which we would take future action that would then involve the Park and Recreation Commission or whatever other force that was necessary. He thinks this develops a need for direction. At times lately we have criticized the Park Commission for not doing this and not doing the other, he does not think this would be doing anything here that would criticize the Park Commission. This would only be showing that, as city officials, we could give consideration to a situation if it officially comes before us as such with all the facts. This is not to tie or obligate anyone.

Mr. Veeder stated they would not proceed on any type of investigation of this subject without involving the Park and Recreation Commission. The discussion they have had to date includes consideration of them plus the Planning Commission as well. That the revised procedures on planning as it relates to Park and Recreation included bringing the Planning Commission into this process. This is the way they would tend to proceed with such an investigation. The first thing would be to sit down with the staffs of the Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission.

Councilman Whittington suggested that Mr. Alexander make this in form of a request rather than a motion. Four years ago this same area was proposed: by the majority of this Council when Council was trying to resolve the Blue Heaven Park and the park has not been resolved to this date. Councilman Alexander stated no one has directed anyone to do anything specific about this piece of land.

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

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

Councilman Alexander then requested that the City Manager's staff make a study of the areas as described for park purposes.
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CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL A SUMMARY IN WRITING ON REZONING PROPERTY TO R-20MF.

Councilman Short requested the City Attorney to give Council a summary in writing of R-20MF. One question, if a petitioner asked for a change from single family to R-6, R-9 or R-15 and the Council decides, after the hearing, to zone the property for R-20MF conditional, must a further hearing be held on the schematic plans? Another question, may the Council zone the land R-20MF before seeing the schematic plans with the understanding that they will look at the plans and approve them?

REQUEST THAT DILWORTH AREA BE CONSIDERED FOR NIP PROGRAM.

Councilman Short stated Council received a letter from the Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Dilworth United Methodist Church in which they asked that the area be considered for a NIP Program. That he mentioned there is some possibility of this and two other areas. Councilman Short stated he thinks this is a good idea and he hopes the two other areas are Elizabeth and Wilmore.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO THOSE INVOLVED IN THE SUGAR CREEK CANAL PROJECT.

Councilman Short stated he thinks we would be remiss if we did not as a Council extend thanks to those who in recent weeks and over a period of months have made progress for us on the Sugar Creek Canal Project. He stated he takes this project seriously. That Congressman Jonas called for a high level conference in Charlotte about ten days ago which he appreciated.

Councilman Short stated he would like to thank Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Wood and Colonel Lee who are representing various federal organizations; that he would also thank Mr. Tuttle and Mayor Belk for what they did. That it seems to him that we have something almost like Venice deep in the heart of Texas at San Antonio; this has provoked a lot of tourist interest, and this project can be very important to Charlotte. That he would like to thank those who were involved in this conference recently.

REQUEST THAT A REPORT BE MADE ON WHETHER OR NOT A CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE IN THE ZONING PROCESS AS IT RELATES TO PLACING SIGNS OR A CHANGE IN THE SIGN ORDINANCE.

Councilman Alexander stated there were three zoning cases today calling for a change in zoning for signs. That perhaps we should re-look the sign ordinance rather than having to be bothered with this type of thing based on zoning. That the use of these tall signs will be called for more and more.

He requested that this be looked into; that he does not know whether the best approach will be by zoning or a change in the sign ordinance.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MARK P. JOHNSON FOR SERVICES RENDERED THE CITY ON THE CHARITY SOLICITATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Short presented the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Mr. Mark P. Johnson was appointed to the Charity Solicitation Commission of the City of Charlotte on August 29, 1949, and has served faithfully on that Commission until May 31, 1970, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson rendered valuable service in that capacity serving as Chairman of the Commission for a number of years, giving generously of his time and efforts,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte expresses its appreciation to Mr. Johnson for serving the City and its citizens faithfully and well, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Johnson.

Unanimously adopted this 19th day of October, 1970."

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution.

REPORT REQUESTED ON LAWS THAT MIGHT BE USED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS.

Councilman Tuttle stated several weeks ago he asked the City Attorney to take a look into any laws which we might have that could be used in the maintenance of apartments. That he is talking about the inspectors' ability to go into these places and see whether it is deteriorating from the inside or not.

Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, stated up until two years ago, the inspectors could at any reasonable hours inspect for defects which were called to their attention; but there was a Supreme Court case about two years ago which requires that when the owner refuses entrance the inspector has to take out a warrant in order to make his inspection. We have corrected in our city code any defects that this court case might find in our ordinance. Under reasonable circumstances an inspector may inspect during reasonable time any place in which they feel there is a defect provided the owners or occupants will allow him entrance.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO REPORT ON ADVANTAGES OF FULL TIME NURSE AT CITY HALL.

Councilman Tuttle stated some weeks ago he asked how the Safety Program was coming. That he mentioned the fact that he had information which the City Manager has and which the Personnel Director has that we had 362 city employees last year who were injured and whose doctor's bills came to less than $25.00. If you assume the average bill was $15.00 that would be $5,430.00. In addition to that, generally they are driven to a doctor by a foreman or someone. When anybody goes to a doctor now without an appointment, or even with an appointment, he sits for an hour. There has to be a great deal of lost time waiting to see a doctor in addition to the doctor's fee. He stated there were 215 injuries involving bills averaging $66.77. That it is quite obvious that an average bill of $66.00 would mean those people are going to be sent to a doctor anyway because the injury is serious. But the cut fingers, that mercurochrome and a band-aid will fix, he believes could be handled by a full time nurse. A full time nurse with an office here and they can be brought here to a full time nurse as easy as they can be taken to some doctor. It may be to our economic advantage to have a full time nurse. That he thinks it warrants looking into.

He requested the City Manager to look into request for a full time nurse and to report to Council the effectiveness of the safety program.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND COOPERATION DURING THE PROBLEMS WITH THE SANITATION DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Whittington stated the Sanitation Department resumed the twice a week backyard pickup today. That he does not know how many men they are short, but he thinks we should take this opportunity to thank the citizens who have had the patience and the restraints and the cooperation to help that Department and the City Council through the problems we have had with the Sanitation Department.
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CIVIC CENTER PLACED UNDER JURISDICTION AND ADMINISTRATION OF AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM AUTHORITY.

Councilman Whittington stated on the 16th of October, last Friday, the Redevelopment Commission began the demolition of the first building in that block where the civic center is to be constructed. The preliminary plans by A. G. Odell and Associates are nearing completion.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council go ahead and place the Civic Center under the jurisdiction and administration of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Whittington stated this does not mean that Mr. Lassiter's Civic Center Committee will be abolished; that he has talked to Mr. Lassiter and he agrees this should be done; that he has talked to Mr. Arthur Newcombe and other members of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority and they agree that it should be done. That he has also talked to Mr. Joe Grier with the Charter Review Commission and on Page 85 of Section 7-28, their report recommends that this be done. Not knowing what will happen to the charter, if it does not pass, we will have put in gear the necessary steps to make this a part of our request to the General Assembly next year.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

REPORT REQUESTED ON SEVERAL ITEMS IN THE BOND REPORT GIVEN TO COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 9TH.

Councilman Whittington stated in the Bond report which Council received on October 9th, there are several questions he would like to ask.

On Page 9 of the report, he asked why we cannot go ahead on the Sharon Road bridge. It just says that we have plans going; that it looks like we could be doing more on that than we are doing. This is something we talked about in the thoroughfare plan in 1959. That he does not think it would hurt the bond picture. Why can't we get this on going and do something about it?

The City Manager replied he would bring a recommendation back to Council on an alternate suggestion.

Councilman Whittington stated about two years ago, the Fire Department was instructed to find a site in the Fourth Ward to build No. 4 Fire Station. According to the bond report, nothing has been done about this site. That it seems in two years time, we could find a site down there. That No. 4 needed to be demolished 20 years ago. He stated we should get back to Chief Black and instruct him to find a site so that we will know which way we are going.

Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager, advised they are looking now, and even if they had a site, they could not purchase it as it is not a part of the $10.0 million project authorized.

Councilman Short stated on Page 9, it is indicated that the widening of Sharon Lane contract will be let in April. That it seems at the time it was being discussed a month or so ago, Mr. Hopson indicated that it might be done in February. There is considerable pressure on this matter, and he hopes the February contract letting is still a possibility.
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TRAFFIC ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO MAKE STUDY OF THE COSTS OF RIGHT OF WAY TO STRAIGHTEN OUT SHAMROCK DRIVE AS IT DEAD ENDS INTO SHARON AMITY ROAD.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to ask the Traffic Engineering Department and the Engineering Department to make a study of the costs of right of way and construction to straighten out Shamrock Drive as it reaches Sharon Amity Road. This is two roads with relatively small improvements that would make a direct road all the way to North 29th on the north and to Pineville on the south, if you put these two streets together.

Councilman Short stated this is one place that could be considered for our map street act. That it is going to develop real soon, and Mr. Whittington sure has a point.

PRESIDENTS OF STUDENT COUNCILS OF HIGH SCHOOLS REQUESTED TO COME TO COUNCIL TO BE RECOGNIZED.

Mayor Belk requested the City Manager to have Presidents of the local Student Councils of our High Schools to come in to be recognized. That he does not think our youth are recognized enough.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL ON THE LITTER PROBLEM.

Mayor Belk stated litter on public streets and private property has become a serious problem. Before it gets any worse, he thinks we should take a careful look at what can be done to solve this problem. Since Councilmen Short, Tuttle and Jordan have recently expressed their interest and concern on the subject, he would like to appoint them a Committee to review the litter problem and make recommendations to Council. He stated Councilman Jordan will act as Chairman of the Committee.

PERMISSION GRANTED TO USE P. A. SYSTEM ON MOVING VEHICLE IN MODEL CITIES NEIGHBORHOOD ON OCTOBER 20 AND OCTOBER 27, 1970.

Mr. Carstarphen, Assistant City Manager, presented a request for the use of a P. A. System in the Model Neighborhood on October 20, from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon and from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. and again on October 27 for the same hours.

He stated on October 27, the Model Neighborhood program has scheduled its first election within the Model Neighborhood for 30 positions on three different boards. The first is the Model Neighborhood Commission to which six residents will be elected; the second is the Residents Council Executive Board to which 13 residents will be elected, and the third is the Youth Advisory Board to which 12 persons will be elected. The Commission and the Staff in compliance with Section 13-53(g) of the City Code requests that Council grant them approval for the use of a public address system for a total of four hours on two days in connection with these elections.

On October 20, the P. A. System will be used to make the residents aware that the candidates will be available at certain points to discuss their platforms and the subject of the general program. On October 27, the System will be used to make everyone aware of the location of the polls and the fact that the vote is being held. This is a moving vehicle and will be a city vehicle assigned to the Model Cities Department; it will be under the jurisdiction and control of one of the staff members of the Department.
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Mr. Carstarphen advised the System will not be used to recommend any candidate; it will simply be informational for the locations of polling places and the fact the vote is being held.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the request as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk