The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, met on Monday, September 23, 1974, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., in the Council Chamber, City Hall, with Mayor John M. Belk presiding, and Councilmembers Fred D. Alexander, Kenneth R. Harris, Pat Locke, Milton Short, James B. Whittington, Neil C. Williams and Joe D. Withrow present.

ABSENT: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Bailey.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on Monday, September 16, were approved as submitted.

CENTRAL SHOPPING AND BUSINESS AREA DESIGNATED AS UPTOWN CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Belk recognized Joe Claud, Jack Hood and Jack Miller and presented them with a proclamation designating central shopping center and business area as "UPTOWN CHARLOTTE," and urging all citizens of Charlotte Mecklenburg and surrounding counties to support and promote this change.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO BE WRITTEN TO JACK CLAIBORNE FOR ARTICLE IN SATURDAY'S OBSERVER ON PROGRESS IN CENTRAL CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Belk requested that Council write Jack Claiborne and thank him for his article in last Saturday's Charlotte Observer on the progress in Central Charlotte.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, approving the Mayor's request.

MOTION TO CHANGE ORDER OF AGENDA.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council consider Agenda Item No. 9 as its first order of business. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 374 AMENDING CHAPTER 23 AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ALL RETAIL SHOPPING FACILITIES OVER 100,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE TO SECURE CONDITIONAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO BEING PERMITTED, AS PETITIONED BY THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION.

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 277.
PETITION NO. 74-18 BY GILBERT PORTNOY FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE WEST SIDE OF RACINE AVENUE, NORTH OF PICKWAY DRIVE, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the subject petition for a change in zoning from R-12 to I-1 was denied as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 375-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY SOUTHWEST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, NORTHWEST OF VILLAGE LAKE DRIVE AND ACROSS FROM MARGARET WALLACE ROAD ON PETITION OF GOLDEN EAGLE INDUSTRIES, INC.

Councilman Alexander stated he has a conflict of interest and asked to be excused from the voting on the subject petition.

Councilwoman Locke moved that Councilman Alexander be excused. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short moved that the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-12MF to B-2 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris, and carried as follows:

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

Councilman Alexander abstained from voting.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 256.

ORDINANCE NO. 376-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY NORTHWEST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND EXTENDING NORTHWEST FROM MARGARET WALLACE ROAD, ON PETITION OF CAROLINA JEEP, INC., ET AL.

Councilman Harris moved that the subject ordinance be adopted changing the zoning from R-9 to B-2 on 11.87 acres of land. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried as follows:

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 257.


Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to B-1 of a 1.63 acre tract of land fronting on Sharon Amity Road, south of the intersection of Albemarle Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 258.

Councilman Withrow moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to O-6 of a .57 acre tract of land at the southeast corner of the intersection of Craig Avenue and McAlway Road, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 259.

ORDINANCE NO. 379 AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOWSOCIAL CLUBS IN MULTI-FAMILY AND PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS, AS PETITIONED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted amending the text of the zoning ordinance to allow, upon the approval of a Special Use Permit, social clubs in Multi-Family and Planned Unit Developments, as recommended by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 279.

ORDINANCES PROVIDING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BELMONT REGIONAL CENTER, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, and seconded by Councilman Short to adopt three ordinances transferring funds for the construction of the Belmont Regional Center.

During the discussion that followed, Councilman Williams stated he is concerned about the amount of money; that he thinks some facility should be built, but he questioned whether or not we should build a facility of this scale being in excess of $1.0 million. That he thinks there is some commitment to go ahead and build something because of the investment of approximately $90,000 already in, and the implied obligation from the bond vote in 1969. However, he is sure at that time it was not contemplated that we would be spending something over $1.0 million for the facility. He stated he cannot vote for this amount, but he would be willing to vote for something substantially less, maybe in the amount of five or six hundred thousand dollars; but this is too much money. Councilwoman Locke stated she agrees; that she feels the same way.

Councilman Harris asked how much matching money the city needs to get the HUD money? The answer was $400,000.

Councilman Harris made a substitute motion that Council authorize the $600,000 as a maximum and ask that a plan be brought back so that Council would actually approve the site plan and the layout of the center - that $600,000 maximum would be allocated for this purpose.

The City Attorney advised the question before Council by motion is to approve the three listed ordinances which would appropriate some specific sums of money and the substitute motion would not directly speak to the main motion, so it would be out of order. A motion could be made after Council passes on the main motion.
Councilman Harris then withdrew his motion.

Councilwoman Locke stated in this day of inflation the cost of $50 per square foot is just too high, and she cannot see paying that much.

Councilman Alexander stated he is not hung up on dollars as such. When you begin to understand that a facility of this type that was promised to render the service to this neighborhood, you are not going to be able to get a facility to render that service at $400,000. The question is whether or not you want to render the service that was promised when we first made the determination on this center, or whether you want to feel that you are living up to a commitment to the people by building a building. That he thinks we are doing just as much wrong by just building a building and feeling we are coming up to a commitment than we are by voting an amount of money that will not resolve the purposes for which the structure was devised in the first place. It is a matter of judgment here and a matter of honesty and a matter of whether or not we want to render a community service. This is why he cannot see, or would not agree that we cut the amount of money in an attempt to build a service facility like this within the confines of $400,000. The fact you have inflated values and raises the costs is true; but it also would take away from what the facility could supply in form of services. That he does not think we should be unfair to the citizens. Either we vote it up or we vote it down, and tell them we do not want you to have the facility instead of putting up a partial facility that they cannot use to serve their purposes. That he thinks we should give the citizens this facility as was promised. It should have been built long before now.

Councilman Withrow stated it is time to take inventory of the whole city. Frankly he would rather see out in Dalton Village and Boulevard Homes and some of these other places, facilities built for day care centers so that the mothers of the low income could leave their children for training while they were working. If we want to help bring these people off the welfare rolls, this is the way to do it. Personally he would rather see ten $100,000 day care centers throughout the city than to put it all in one place.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Attorney if Council can legally ask that this project be shelved or delayed for any reason with the events that have already taken place to acquire the site - that he is talking about the steps listed in the memo from the City Manager, which began November 18, 1969? Would a motion be in order to shelve and delay this project? Mr. Underhill replied if the majority of Council votes against Item 10 and votes against the construction bids that are listed later in the agenda that would have the effect of shelving this particular project. Council has taken several actions which are outlined in a memo from the City Manager, and all those actions today lead up to this final action authorizing construction. Legally, even in light of what has transpired in the past, Council can vote against, or refuse to authorize the three ordinances and the letting of the construction contracts.

Councilman Whittington stated he is of the opinion this project should be delayed today because of the cost involved - last week it was determined at $50 per square foot, and we have a building that has been cut from 32,000 square to about 22,000. For that reason, plus the fact that in this neighborhood there is Cordelia Park and the Park Center; also there is the Salvation Army facility at Brevard and North Caldwell, with a small center and an athletic field. More importantly there is the Johnston YMCA, which many of the citizens in the community, out of pocket money, have been supporting since that Mill closed out there, and it was taken over by the people in the neighborhood. The day is going to come when some
decision is going to have to be made on this facility which is probably worth a million dollars with an Olympic swimming pool, a baseball field, football field, basketball courts, kitchens, and rooms that have not been used since the Y was taken over by the Executive Committee in North Charlotte area. Because of all these facts and the cost he thinks we should tighten our belts and delay this project until such time as we can resolve these facts, and come back in another location, and maybe another building.

Mayor Belk stated we have been promising these people we would have something out there. That he thinks Mr. Withrow has some good points on the West side; but those are new homes, and this section of the city has not had the facilities; they are not members of the country clubs and he thinks we owe them a certain amount of obligation. If we do not do something and just delay it, he does not think we are doing the job that Council should do. That we should do everything in our power to get something in this area. All of these agencies that go out there, the better off they are. Anytime we can get to the people in the neighborhoods with a center such as this, we should do everything we can. That he does not deny this is a lot of money. Even if it is sent back we are obligated to put something in this area, not only from the bond package, but from all the other agencies that are holding up. In this section of the City that is an older section we should put something out there for the agencies to be in the neighborhood where they will function. The lease for Alexander Street School will be up soon, and he does not think it would serve the purpose.

Councilman Short suggested that Council ask the Center's Director and the City Manager's staff to reconsider the amount of money involved in terms of providing something less in cost but still a good facility without imposing on them the $600,000 limitation.

Councilman Short stated his motion is to defer this matter and ask the City staff - City Manager and Centers System management - to present another plan that would involve somewhat less money. The City Attorney stated the motion can be made, but he is not sure Mr. Short can make it as he seconded the original motion.

Mr. Williams, Assistant City Manager, stated the bids were received on August 30, and the bids should be awarded by September 30. If it is delayed another week, we will have lost our ability to meet our obligations in awarding the bids on time. That we also stand a good chance of losing the HUD money if it is delayed any longer. The site has been changed and they have honored the site which was chosen for the center now, and any adjustments would be looked on in a very unfavorable light from here out.

Speaking for the Center were Ms. Berties Spencer, Chairperson of the Model Neighborhood Advisory Board, Ms. Mary Blackwood, Belmont-Villa Heights Coalition and Reverend Bailey.

Mr. Harvey Gantt, Architect, spoke to the question, and explained the design of the building, and the variety of programs to be housed in the building. That the $40.40 per square foot compares very favorably to the governmental institutional type facility being built in the Southeast Region of the United States.

During the discussion, Councilwoman Locke stated she would like to see the cost comparisons. Mr. Gantt stated he has the information available but he does not have it with him today. He stated this is a hybrid building with some office space, and upon examination of the bids they could probably define the cost of the library section, the cost of the office space, and such. It would be difficult to find a building that fits
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exactly the category of the Belmont Neighborhood Center. They have
decided that it comes closest to being a mini city hall type facility.
Councilwoman Locke stated she still thinks the square footage cost is
too high, and she cannot vote for it.

Mr. Gantt stated the building is not designed for any recreational
purposes; a bank of offices are designed for the various services that
will come into the building to service the needs of the people. Another
bank of offices will be for the staff of the Center such as counselors,
a library facility, a large purpose room for large group meetings and
for mass immunizations and things of that nature; there is a medical area
for the clinics, and a day care center.

Councilman Harris stated he would vote today for a $1.0 million to provide
the services. We are being asked to provide a concrete Taj Mahal, and
not provide the services. That he does not know how we got into this
business of building the facility and the county, as such providing the
services. That he is for the services 100%. That he notices there is
a bid for an elevator at $18,000 for a two story building. There are some
who are elderly and would need to get to the second story, but he thinks
better planning could be used to provide these facilities on the ground
level without necessitating the elevator. That the only thing he has
seen has been a picture or a sketch of the outside of the building; that
he has not seen the floor plan. Mr. Gantt replied he would be happy to
going over the plans with them. This is a site that has a 50 foot change
in elevation from front to back which makes it difficult to get all the
services on one level. They are not only talking about moving handicapped
people from one level to the other, but also the movement of equipment
as the center is designed to be very flexible. The placement of an
elevator in a building that actually has three stories in it is not unusual.

Mr. Bobo stated this is a regional center to replace the old inadequate
building now being used at the Alexander Street Building. The services
are going now, in an area that is not properly located. The center at
Parkwood will serve a larger area and will be designed to handle those
services that are going on now, but in an inadequate building.

Mr. Charles Cross, Director of Neighborhood Centers, also spoke to the
question.

After further discussion, Council went to the next item on the agenda
while the Public Works Director contacted the bidders to see if they
would honor the contract if it was deferred for a week.

Later in the meeting Mr. Hopson advised that the low bidder has reluctantly
agreed to accept a week's delay.

Motion was made by Councilmen Withrow and seconded by Councilman Alexander
to postpone decision until the next meeting.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Alexander, Locke, Short, and Withrow.
NAYS: Councilmen Harris, Whittington and Williams.
CONTRACT WITH CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE BETHLEHEM DAY CARE CENTER LOCATED IN THE SOUTHSIDE HOME PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Harris, and unanimously carried, contract was approved between the City and the Charlotte Housing Authority for the expenditures of general revenue sharing funds, in the amount of $125,000, for the construction of the Bethlehem Day Care Center, in Southside Homes Public Housing Project.

CONTRACT WITH LEWIS CLARKE ASSOCIATES OF RALEIGH FOR A STUDY OF THE WOODLAWN ROAD AREA, DENTED.

Contract with Lewis Clarke Associates of Raleigh for an in-depth study of the Woodlawn Road area to develop practical solutions to the problems inherent with living on a major street was presented for Council's consideration.

Councilman Whittington stated he is in favor of this $10,554 for Woodlawn Road, but he would request that Staff go further than this. That he does not think that Council's intent was for Woodlawn Road only. We have problems on Eastway Drive, Sharon Amity Road, Freedom Drive and others, and we should not come up to this one section of Woodlawn Road and imply that we are going to try to help there, and not help somewhere else. Councilman Short stated he would second the motion with the deletion of the specific mention of Woodlawn Road.

Councilman Williams stated he will vote against this contract as he voted against it originally.

Councilman Alexander stated this is an answer to those citizens out there who were complaining about our attempt to see if we can find some ways to bring about some solution to their problems, and in so doing could perhaps find solutions to other problems in other areas. That Woodlawn Road would be used as an example.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the contract, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short with the deletion of the specific mention of Woodlawn Road.

Councilman Harris stated the language on the agenda sounds great - to develop practical solutions to the problems and enhance and retain the residential character of the street. That he thinks that is entirely misleading, and we are promising something there where the people will be mislead, and this is money spent on public relations that will raise false hopes. Actually traffic reduction and better street design in these areas will be about the only solution. That he will join Mr. Williams in voting no.

Councilman Withrow stated he voted against this before and he is going to vote against it this time for the simple reason that we know trees buffer noise. That he would rather see the money spent for putting trees along Woodlawn and not pay for someone to tell us how to do it. That he would prefer spending it for things rather than services. That he is going to vote against spending it for that; that he will vote for it to actually plant the trees on any of the street. Councilwoman Locke stated she agrees.

The vote was taken on the motion and failed as follows:

YEAS: Councilmembers Whittington, Short and Alexander.
NAYS: Councilmembers Harris, Locke, Williams and Withrow.
Councilman Alexander moved approval of the subject application for two mobile crime prevention units at a total cost of $79,569, with the city's share $3,979, and the state's share $3,978. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harris.

After explanation by Assistant Police Chief Adams, the vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, page 147.

COUNCILMAN HARRIS EXCUSED FROM MEETING.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried excusing Councilman Harris from the meeting for the remainder of the Session.

DEED OF EASEMENT WITH SOUTHERN-LIMITED, LTD., APPROVED

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approval of given to a Deed of Easement between the City and Southern-Parking, Ltd. relating to the construction by Southern of a parking facility on South College Street, between Third and Fourth Streets and providing for the grant of easements by the City for vehicular access ramps and tunnels, to facilitate the orderly flow of traffic and serve the interests of public convenience and safety.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A STATE GRANT OFFER OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEMS.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution accepting a State Grant Offer of Financial Assistance for Wastewater Collection Systems, in the amount of $35,512.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 120.

CONTRACT WITH D. L. SUGGS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN, APPROVED.

Councilman Withrow moved approval of subject contract with D. L. Suggs for installation of 195 feet of 2" water main to serve 1211 Saratoga Drive, inside the city, at an estimated cost of $650.00, which motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried, the following engineering contracts were authorized:

(a) Contract with Giddings and Associates, Engineering & Surveying, for the Greenville Urban Renewal Project, in the amount of $50,000.00, for engineering construction staking and field measurements services to complete site improvements other than streets.
(b) Amendment to Contract with Ralph Whitehead and Associates, Downtown Urban Renewal Project, increasing contract amount from $26,700.00 to $35,400.00, to cover cost of final construction, administration and design details for the site improvement work now being completed in the Downtown Project.

WORKING COUNCIL MEETING REQUESTED ON URBAN RENEWAL.

Councilman Short requested that a meeting be set on urban renewal. That Section 5 is just lying there as far as he can see. Then we have this housing in Greenville Urban Renewal which is just lying there. He would like to have an update on that and have a working meeting on this subject. That he thinks these specialized meetings are needed where Council can get together and spend an afternoon on a subject.


Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried. This resolution is necessary to initiate an Amendment to the Grant Contract between the City and Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Belmont Neighborhood Improvement Project transferring funds in the amount of $11,956 from the Rehabilitation Grant to the Relocation Grant to cover unanticipated relocation costs and to close out the Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 121.

Councilman Whittington requested a report on the amount of money spent in that Neighborhood by next week.

ORDINANCES ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF WEEDS, TRASH AND GRASS AND ONE MOTOR VEHICLE.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the following ordinances were adopted ordering the removal of weeds, trash, grass and one motor vehicle, as follows:

(a) Ordinance No. 380-X ordering the removal of trash, weeds and grass at 1505 Montgomery Street;
(b) Ordinance No. 381-X ordering the removal of trash, weeds and grass in vacant lot adjacent to 3129 Amy James Avenue;
(c) Ordinance No. 382-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass at vacant lot adjacent to 3310 Colony Road;
(d) Ordinance No. 383-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 216 Mill Road;
(e) Ordinance No. 384-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 4309 The Plaza;
(f) Ordinance No. 385-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 5123 Kildare Drive;
(g) Ordinance No. 386-X ordering the removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1301 Meadow Lane;
(h) Ordinance No. 387-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 1824 Anderson Street;
(i) Ordinance No. 388-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 1708 Anderson Street;
(j) Ordinance No. 389-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 613 East 36th Street;
(k) Ordinance No. 390-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1701 Newcastle Street;
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(1) Ordinance No. 391-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 2327 Celia Avenue;
(m) Ordinance No. 392-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1817 Patton Avenue;
(n) Ordinance No. 393-X ordering removal of weeds and grass adjacent to 1021 West Trade Street;
(o) Ordinance No. 394-X ordering removal of weeds and grass at 1120 Fordham Road;
(p) Ordinance No. 395-X ordering removal of abandoned motor vehicle at 2513 Rachel Street.

The ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, beginning on Page 261.

STREETS TAKEN OVER, FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving the following streets for maintenance by the City:

(a) Woodbridge

(1) Crooked Oak Lane from Carmel Road to East Barden Road
(2) Bobolink Lane from 320' north of Crooked Oak Lane to 395' south of Crooked Oak Lane
(3) Unnamed street from Crooked Oak Lane to 150' south
(4) Shagbark Lane from Crooked Oak Lane to 510' north
(5) Pine Ridge Road from Shagbark Lane to Wandering Way Drive
(6) Wandering Way Drive from Crooked Oak Lane to 630' north of Pine Ridge Road
(7) East Barden Road from cul-se-sac to 840' north of Crooked Oak Lane
(8) Carmel Ridge Road from East Barden Road to end
(9) Broadleaf Place from Carmel Ridge Road to end
(10) Old Orchard Lane from East Barden Road to end

(b) Idlewild South

(1) Studley Road from 159' north of Longbriar Drive to 30' south of Longbriar
(2) Eaglewind Drive from 160' south of Longbriar Drive to 210' north of Riney Grove
(3) Longbriar Drive from Studley Road to Eaglewind Drive
(4) Piney Grove Road from 13' west of Eaglewind Drive to 210' east of Sandy Glen Court
(5) Sandy Glen Court from Piney Grove Road to 225' north

(c) Sharon Lakes

(1) Sharon Lakes Road from Pineville Road to 1,404' east

(d) No Subdivision

(1) LaSalle Street from Newcastle Street to I-77 Bridge and I-77 Bridge to Statesville Road
(2) Baxter Street from McDowell Street to southeast to end.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
PROPERTY BELONGING TO LOUISE RITCHIE PHARR (WIDOW), LOCATED AT 920 CALVINE
STREET IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE CALDWELL-BREWARD CONNECTOR PROJECT.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution authorizing
condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to
Louise Ritchie Pharr (widow), located at 920 Calvine Street in the City
of Charlotte, for the Caldwell-Brevard Connector Project, which motion
was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 123.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
PROPERTY BELONGING TO MARY H. LEWIS (SINGLE), STEVEN BLACKWELL, TRUSTEE;
AND CLARENCE D. DEES, LOCATED AT 905-909 NORTH BREVARD STREET IN THE CITY
OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE CALDWELL-BREWARD CONNECTOR PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Williams;
and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution authorizing
condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property belonging to
Mary H. Lewis (single), Steven Blackwell, Trustee; and Clarence D. Dees,
located at 905-909 North Brevard Street in the City of Charlotte for the
Caldwell-Brevard Connector Project.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, at Page 124.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF
PROPERTY IN THE FIRST WARD URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT N. C. R-79.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Withrow,
and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution authorizing
condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of property in the First
Ward Urban Renewal Project N. C. R-79, as follows:

(a) Property of G. Howard Webb, 522 East 11th Street;
(b) Property of Mrs. Dorothy L. Gadsden, 233 N. Myers Street;
(c) Property of G. Howard Webb, 708 East 11th Street;
(d) Property of Dr. J. Eugene Alexander and Mrs. Ann Marie Alexander
   Simmons, 519 North McDowell Street.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 10, beginning
at page 125.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Alexander moved approval of the following property transactions,
which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and unanimously carried:

(a) Acquisition of 15' x 2,057.52' of easement at 7300 block of Carmel
   Road, from John Crosland Company, Inc., at $1.00, for Sanitary Sewer
to serve Rockbridge Cluster Village.

(b) Acquisition of 15' x 103.11' of easement at 6600 block of Thermal
   Road (off Monroe Road), from The Westminster Company, Inc., at
$1.00, for Sanitary Sewer to Serve Stonehaven 20 Phase II Project.

(c) Acquisition of 15' x 111.47' of easement at 7324 Essen Court, from
   William Trotter Development Company, at $1.00, for Sanitary Sewer
to serve Stonehaven 20 Phase II Project.
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(d) Acquisition of 15' x 151.95' of easement at 6801 Perry Court, from William Trotter Development Company, at $1.00, for Sanitary Sewer to serve Stonehaven 20 Phase II Project.

(e) Acquisition of 15' x 201.39' of easement at 6600 block Thermal Road, from The Westminster Company, Inc., at $1.00, for Sanitary Sewer to serve Stonehaven 20 Phase II Project.

(f) Acquisition of 15' x 64.33' of easement at 6426 Covecreek Drive, from Harry T. Tart and wife, Joanne W., at $500.00, for Barrington Drive Culvert at Briar Creek Project.

(g) Acquisition of 370 square feet of property at 6426 Covecreek Drive, from Harry T. Tart and wife, Joanne W., at $1,500.00, for Barrington Drive Culvert at Briar Creek Project.

(h) Acquisition of four (4) parcels of real property in the First Ward Urban Renewal Project, as follows:

1. 5,373 sq. ft. from Trustees of Union Missionary Baptist Church, at 629 East 10th Street, in the amount of $1,800.00.
2. 2,694 sq. ft. from Trustees of Union Missionary Baptist Church, at 631 East 10th Street, in the amount of $23,800.00.
3. 1,350 sq. ft. from Lawhorn, at 707 North Alexander Street, in the amount of $1,000.00.
4. 9,875 sq. ft. from Holsey, at East 5th Street, in the amount of $24,000.00.

SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS FOR ANNEXATION AREAS, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hithrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the following sanitary sewer easements were approved:

(a) Annexation Area I (7) Sanitary Sewer Additions
   1 Parcel

(b) Campbell Creek Sanitary Sewer Outfall
   2 parcels

(c) Annexation Area I (2) Sanitary Sewer Trunks and Collector Mains
   11 Parcels

(d) Annexation Area II (7) Sanitary Sewer Additions
   6 Parcels

(e) Annexation Area I (11) Sanitary Sewer Trunks
   1 Parcel

(f) Annexation Area I (3) Sanitary Sewer Trunks
   1 Parcel

CONTRACT AWARDED BRIGHTON STEEL COMPANY FOR STEEL U-POSTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Brighton Steel Company, in the amount of $17,100.00, on a unit price basis, for steel u-posts to be used in connection with traffic sign installations.
The following bids were received:

Brighton Steel Company
Vulcan Signs & Stampings, Inc.

$17,100.00
22,284.00

CONTRACT AWARDED USCO, INC. ELECTRIC SUPPLY DIVISION FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL CABLE.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, USCO, Inc., Electric Supply Division, in the amount of $9,738.93, on a unit price basis, for traffic control cable, which motion was seconded by Councilman Withrow, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

USCO, Inc., Electric Supply Division
Delco Wire & Cable Company

$ 9,738.93
12,437.50

CONTRACT AWARDED MINNESOTA MINING AND MFG. COMPANY FOR SCOTCHLITE MATERIAL TO BE USED IN THE FABRICATION OF REFLECTORIZED TRAFFIC SIGNS.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company, in the amount of $20,819.74, on a unit price basis, for reflective scotchlite material to be used in the fabrication of reflectorized traffic signs.

CONTRACT AWARDED ROSENBLATT & ASSOCIATES FOR THERMOPLASTIC PAVEMENT MARKING.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Rosenblatt & Associates, in the amount of $52,440.00, on a unit price basis, for thermoplastic pavement marking.

The following bids were received:

Rosenblatt & Associates
Prismo Universal
Southeastern Safety Supplies
Perma-Line Corp.

$52,440.00
66,000.00
67,200.00
94,800.00

CONTRACT AWARDED DRIGGERS ELECTRIC & CONTROL COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL LIGHTING IN MARSHALL PARK.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Driggers Electric & Control Company, in the amount of $6,545.00, for the installation of additional lighting in Marshall Park, which motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Driggers Electric & Control Company
Beam Electric Co., Inc.

$ 6,545.00
7,694.00

BIDS FOR BELMONT REGIONAL CENTER, DEFERRED.

Councilman Whittington moved that all bids received for the Belmont Regional Center be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and carried unanimously.
CLAIM FILED BY DONALD M. TEPPER, ATTORNEY ON BEHALF OF THOMAS GADDY, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Williams, and unanimously carried, subject claim filed by Donald M. Tepper, Attorney, on behalf of Thomas Gaddy, 1228 West Boulevard, in the amount of $750.00, for property damage, was denied, as recommended by the City Attorney.

JOHN Q. BURNETTE APPOINTED TO CHARLOTTE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON URBAN REDEVELOPMENT.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Locke, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, appointing John Q. Burnette to fill the unexpired term of W. J. Veeder, to expire August 13, 1976, on the Charlotte Advisory Commission on Urban Redevelopment.

REID POTTER APPOINTED TO FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Councilman Williams moved appointment of Reid Potter to the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees for a term to expire on January 18, 1976. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO FURNISH COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH A COPY OF THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES GOALS AND POLICIES; AND DISCUSSION OF HOTEL-MOTEL TAX.

Councilman Whittington stated he has requested Mr. Underhill, City Attorney, to send to Council a copy of the League's Legislative Goals and Policies which were adopted last Wednesday by the Board of Directors in Raleigh.

He stated the Legislative Committee, of which Mr. Underhill is a member, recommended to the Board that the hotel-motel tax be a part of the finance and taxation for the League's Goals for 1975. At the Board meeting, the Board instructed the League's staff to go in the direction of a hotel-motel tax, and specifically stated that these funds, if the Municipalities wish to have such enabling legislation, would be used for tourism, civic and cultural activities.

Councilman Williams asked if it is designated for that purpose now? Mr. Underhill replied the bill has not been drawn yet. Councilman Whittington stated the staff asked for directions from the Board on what the funds could be used for by municipalities, provided the municipalities received the enabling legislation. The consensus was it should be for tourists, culture, and civic center auditoriums such as convention business. Councilman Williams asked if that could not be left up to the local authorities to do with it what they should see fit; or will it have trouble being passed. Mr. Underhill stated the Legislative Committee adopted a program to go to the Board of Directors, and if the Board of Directors concur as they did in this case, the drafting of the bill will earmark these funds for certain purposes. It will be a local option bill and each community will have the option of imposing it or not imposing it. Councilman Williams stated that is a rather tight reign on the idea of home rule. Councilman Whittington stated he thinks this point is well taken; but at the same time those who are supporting this bill, and he is sure there are a lot who are not, and the fact the General Assembly has to approve it, we need to be a little more specific as there will be people in other counties who will not be interested in Charlotte-Mecklenburg getting more funds. The Chamber of Commerce is aware the League took this position, and they are now going to the Association of the County Commissioners to try to get their support.
REQUEST THAT LEWIS CLARK BE INVITED TO COME TO COUNCIL WITH A PRESENTATION ON WAYS TO COMBAT NOISES ON ARTERIAL STREETS.

During a discussion of Item 12 on the agenda, Councilman Short moved that Council invite Mr. Lewis Clark, or someone representing them, to come and speak to Council. They may be willing to give Council an idea about this type of noise controlment.

Councilman Withrow stated when he attended the National League of Cities meeting it was suggested that the League keep a library bank on items such as this. Then each city would not have to have individual studies. When a city had a study made, this would be added to the bank and the information would be given to other cities. If this is done, it would be one of the best things that has ever been done just for environmental control. That he thinks this Council should go on record requesting the National League of Cities to make this type of study.

The Mayor stated Mr. Clark can be invited to come to Council without a motion.

COMPLAINT ABOUT UTILITY TRAILER TOWED AWAY FROM EAST PARK AVENUE REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Mr. Ralph Suttle filed a complaint about his utility trailer parked on East Park Avenue being towed away and the matter was referred to Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Manager for handling.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Withrow, seconded by Councilwoman Locke, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk