RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD FACILITIES GRANT.

WHEREAS Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965 authorizes the making of grants of Federal funds to any local public body or agency to assist in financing the development cost of neighborhood facilities necessary for carrying out programs of community service; and

WHEREAS the City of Charlotte (herein sometimes referred to as “Applicant”) deems it to be necessary and in the public interest to provide certain facilities of the type contemplated in said Section 703 and to undertake a project (hereinafter called the "Neighborhood Facilities Project") with Federal grant assistance, described as the Greenville Neighborhood Center; and

WHEREAS it is recognized that the Federal contract for such financial assistance pursuant to said Section 703 will impose certain obligations and responsibilities upon the Applicant and will require among other things (1) the provision of the local share of the cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, (2) assurances that families or individuals displaced as a result of the development of the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be offered decent, safe, and sanitary housing within their means, (3) the making of relocation payments in accordance with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, (4) compliance with Federal labor standards, and (5) compliance with Federal requirements relating to equal employment opportunity; and

WHEREAS Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating that Title, provide that no person shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in the undertaking and carrying out of projects receiving Federal financial assistance:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, RESOLVES:

1. That an application on behalf of the City of Charlotte be made to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant under Section 703 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, in an amount equal to two-thirds of the development cost of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, such development cost now estimated to be $______________.
2. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project (a) is necessary for carrying out a program of health, recreational, social, or similar community service in the area, (b) is consistent with comprehensive planning for the development of the community, and (c) will be available for use by a significant number of the area's low- or moderate-income residents.

3. That W. J. Veeder, City Manager of the City of Charlotte, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file such application, to execute such contract or contracts as may be necessary for the grant applied for, to provide such information and furnish such documents as may be required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in the accomplishment of the Neighborhood Facilities Project.

4. That the United States of America and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development be, and they hereby are, assured of full compliance by the Applicant with the regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development effectuating Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

5. That the Neighborhood Facilities Project will be carried out in full compliance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations of the Secretary of Labor pertaining to the employment of laborers and mechanics on projects assisted with Federal funds.

6. That there exists in the locality an adequate amount of decent, safe, and sanitary housing which will be available to individuals and families displaced as a result of the Neighborhood Facilities Project, at prices within their financial means, and that all displaced will be offered such housing in accordance with applicable regulations of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

7. That a land acquisition policy will be developed whereby every reasonable effort to acquire each property by negotiated purchase will be made before instituting eminent domain proceedings against the property. In addition a property owner will not be required to surrender the right to possession of his property until the applicant pays, or causes to be paid, to the owner (a) the agreed purchase price arrived at by negotiation, or (b) in any case where only the amount of the payment to the owner is in dispute, not less than 75% of the appraised fair value as approved by the applicant and concurred in by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. Also, the applicant will not require any person lawfully occupying property to surrender possession without at least 90 days' written notice from the applicant of the date on which possession will be required.

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Read, approved and adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, in meeting on the 4th day of March, 1968, the reference having been made in Minute Book 50, Page 66, and recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, Pages 66 and 67.

Ruth Armstrong
City Clerk