

Tuesday - September 23, 1986 - 4:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor W. Louis Bissette, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Mary Lloyd Frank; Councilmen Wilhelmina Bratton, Walter R. Boland; Kenneth M. Michalove, Norma T. Price, and George M. Tisdale; Corporation Counsel William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Deputy City Clerk Carol Hensley.

Absent: Associate Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott, Jr.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mayor Louis Bissette.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 9, 1986 MEETING

1. Consideration was given to the approval of the minutes of the September 9, 1986, meeting.

Councilman Michalove requested that the minutes be amended to substitute the following paragraph in lieu of the paragraph regarding his statement relative to the scheduling of a public hearing for the proposed Chestnut-Liberty Street Historic District;

REQUESTED SUBSTITUTED PARAGRAPH - SEPTEMBER 9, 1986

City Council Minutes

"Councilman Michalove, using a map prepared by the Historic Resources Commission, explained that it was his understanding that controlling design review could be done in two ways - an historic overlay and a redevelopment/renewal plan. He expressed concern that this area was not being properly planned for and needed to be looked at in terms of overall zoning and a redevelopment plan bordering Merrimon, Murdock, Charlotte Street and I-240. He said that the proposed historic district was too large and did not follow logical lines and if an historic district were done, he would prefer seeing a smaller district at this time, say including the Jefferson Apts. on Chestnut to Liberty St., east along the back property lines of the property fronting the north side of Chestnut to Washington St., north to Hillside then south on Liberty back to Chestnut. He explained that to create a large Historic District at this time, without an overall plan would be a disservice to the area because once the area was designated historic it would be difficult to reduce the size, whereas, starting small and building the size, if appropriate, would be a more logical approach. He also said that Historic houses of real significance could be moved to an historic district in another location."

Mayor Bissette announced the approval of the minutes of the September 9, 1986 meeting as amended.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 16, 1986 MEETING

1B. Consideration was given to the approval of the minutes of the September 16, 1986 meeting.

Mayor Bissette announced the approval of the minutes of the September 16, 1986 meeting as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 1609 - BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT FOR THE SOUTH CHARLOTTE STREET SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

2. Consideration was given to a budget ordinance amendment for the South Charlotte Street sewer improvements project.

Mayor Bissette said this budget ordinance would appropriate funds for the South Charlotte Street sewer improvements. As a result of Municipal Agreement No. 8.2017501, certain utility relocation and betterment costs are to be borne by the City. On February 18, 1986, the Water Authority appropriated \$154,890.00 for the water improvements. Total cost for sewer improvements is \$190,325.00. There are sufficient existing funds within the Capital Construction (33) Fund for these projects; the contingency account within the Sewer Master Plan.

Councilman Tisdale moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1609. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Frank.

On a roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance No. 1609 passed on first and final reading.

Complete text of Ordinance No. 1609 will be found in Ordinance No. **11** at page **66**.

PROCLAMATION - "SEVEN DAYS OF INDIGNATION AND MEMORIAM" - SEPTEMBER 24-30, 1986

3. Mayor Bissette read a proclamation proclaiming September 24 - 30, 1986, as "Seven Days of Indignation and Memoriam", of the twenty-two Turkish- Jewish citizens slaughtered at prayer and to protest the uncivilized barbarity of international terrorism.

DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY TASK FORCE

4. Mayor Bissette said there has been a lot of discussion and developments surrounding the Equal Employment Opportunity Task Force and two members of that task force have resigned. He recommended to the Council that the City Manager be instructed to work with the remaining members of the task force to work for development of an affirmative action plan within four weeks. He said this is a matter City Council wants to find a solution for, and he felt this would be the quickest way to get it resolved. He said he felt this is what Council would want, and the task force wants, and he felt what the black community would want. He said he felt members of Council still have a good core of task force members that can work well with the City Manager. He said Councilman Walter Boland, the other City Council representative on the task force, will become Chairman to replace Councilman Bratton.

After discussion, City Council instructed the City Manager to work with the remaining members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Task Force to develop an affirmative action hiring plan within four weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 1610 - BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO ACQUIRE REPLACEMENT ENGINES FOR BUSES

5. Consideration was given to a budget ordinance amendment to provide funds to acquire replacement engines for buses.

The City Manager said the staff from the Asheville Transit Authority inspected bus engines the transit system could use for its bus operation. He said the transit staff and the management company feel that the investment by the City of Asheville for engines would be beneficial. It is recommended that the City purchase eleven engines from Mr. Ronald C. Ivey, Ivey's Equipment Company, from Stark, Florida, in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Councilman Tisdale noted that the Asheville Transit Authority is in agreement with this purchase and he commended the transit authority staff for looking into and inspecting the bus engines to be purchased.

Councilman Price moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1610. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tisdale.

On a roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance No. 1610 passed on first and final reading.

Complete text of Ordinance No. 1610 will be found in Ordinance No. **11** at page **67**.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-182 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND W. H. ARTHUR COMPANY FOR REROOFING OF HUNT HILL FACILITY

6. Consideration was given to a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City of Asheville an agreement by and between the City and W. H. Arthur Company for reroofing of Hunt Hill facility.

The City Manager said the existing roof on the Hunt Hill facility has deteriorated and requires replacing. He said specifications for the reroofing have been prepared and bids have been received. He said the City staff has recommended the contract for the work be awarded to W.H. Arthur Company in the amount of \$9,950.00.

Upon motion of Councilman Boland, seconded by Vice-Mayor Frank, Resolution No. 86-182 was unanimously adopted.

Complete text of Resolution No. 86-182 will be found in Resolution Book No. **16** at page **157**.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-183 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION FUNDS FOR THE CHAMPION SEWER/SIPHON PROJECT

7. Consideration was given to a resolution authorizing application for Appalachian Regional Commission funds for the Champion Sewer/Siphon Project.

The City Manager said the City deems it necessary to make certain sewer improvements for the Bingham Road area to promote private reinvestment. He said the Appalachian Regional Commission is accepting applications for grants to construct public works improvements which are designated to promote

economic development. He said this resolution would authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission in the amount of \$205,000.00. He said the Champion Sewer/Siphon project totals \$350,000.00. He said the additional funding would come from the CDBG funds or other sources, and would allow expansion of the Champion Finishing Company and would increase their work force.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Vice-Mayor Frank, Resolution No. 86-183 was unanimously adopted.

Complete text of Resolution No. 86-183 will be found in Resolution Book No. **16** at page **158**.

MOTION AUTHORIZING CITY ATTORNEY TO SIGN DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO CLOSING OF PACK PLACE PROJECT

8. At the request of the City Manager, Councilman Michalove moved to authorize the City Attorney to sign closing documents relative to the Pack Place project. This motion was seconded by Councilman Boland and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-184 - RESOLUTION APPROVING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AT THE ASHEVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT

9. Consideration was given to a resolution approving capital improvements at the Asheville Regional Airport.

The City Manager said the lease agreement between the City of Asheville and the Asheville Regional Airport Authority requires that the Asheville Regional Airport Authority obtain written approval from the City before any capital improvements are made at the airport. He said capital improvements at the airport are planned for renovations and additions to the terminal building's ticket lobby, baggage claim and rental car areas and the construction of an entrance roadway and fencing runway rehabilitation. He said this resolution would approve the capital improvements requested.

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Tisdale, Resolution No. 86-184 was unanimously adopted.

Complete text of Resolution No. 86-184 will be found in Resolution No. **16** at page **159**.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 - TO BE HELD IN ASHEVILLE CIVIC CENTER BANQUET ROOM

10. Mayor Bissette announced that the City Council meeting scheduled for September 30, 1986, will be held in the Asheville Civic Center Banquet Room instead of the Asheville City Council Chambers due to the large number of participants expected relative to the Chestnut-Liberty Street Historic designation.

RALPH BISHOP - COMMENTS RELATIVE TO OBTAINING CITY RECORDS - LOTTERY SALES

11. Ralph Bishop again spoke to members of Council relative to his right to obtain public records regarding the Policemen's Pension and Disability Fund. He also spoke relative to lottery sales in the City of Asheville.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Councilman Tisdale, seconded by Vice-Mayor Frank, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

MAYOR CITY CLERK
