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® Tuesday - January 24, 1989 - 4:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor W. Louis Bisette, Presiding; Vice-Mayor Kenneth

M. Michalove; Councilmen Mary Lloyd Frank, Norma T. Price, Wilhelmina Bratton, Russell Martin and A. Robert York; Corporation Counsel William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Associate City

Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott, Jr.

Absent:

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilman York.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 17, 1989

Mayor Bisette announced the approval of the minutes of the January 17, 1989 meeting as submitted.

®I. PROCLAMATIONS:

®ANNOUNCEMENT - ASHEVILLE TROLLEY CARS RETURNING

Karen Fields, Executive Director of Asheville-Buncombe Discovery, said several months ago she presented a proposal to Council for the acquisition of two (2) old Asheville Trolleys which were in Spindale.

She said an Asheville Trolley Committee was formed to raise funds for the acquisition and restoration of the Asheville Trolleys. She said a deadline of January 24, 1989 was set to raise \$15,000 to buy the cars and \$10,000 to transport them up the mountain. She said two weeks ago, the Asheville Trolley Committee began a final, intensive effort to find the money. She said on Monday, January 23, they were far short from their goal. However, Edna and Wayne Blanton from Blanton's Business College decided that the trolleys deserved to be brought home and took the necessary action to ensure their return by donating \$15,000 for the Asheville Trolleys and offered to take care of the transportation. She said with the support of the Blantons in helping transport the cars and with the additional support of interested groups across the state, they now have a total of \$19,276 in a special trolley account with Asheville-Buncombe Discovery.

She said the cars should be ready for the journey to Asheville within two months and the committee will begin meeting immediately to determine a site for the cars during restoration and to begin work for a feasibility study on the best use of these trolleys for the people in Asheville.

Mayor Bisette introduced the members of the Asheville Trolley Committee in attendance and expressed the City's appreciation for their efforts, with particular appreciation to Edna and Wayne Blanton, who have made trolleys in Asheville a reality again.

®II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

®III. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 1745 - Third reading of an ordinance

relative to amending Section 30-5-12. OI- Office Institutional District to permit banks.

Mayor Bisette said the Asheville Planning and Zoning

Commission on December 7, 1988, voted to approve staff's recommendation that Sec. 30-5-12, OI Office-Institutional District be amended to permit banks.

Mayor Bisette said members of Council were

previously furnished copies of the ordinance and it would not be read in its entirety.

On a roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance No. 1745

passed on third and final reading.

Ordinance Book No. 11 Page No. 415 - 416

®IV. NEW BUSINESS:

® A. Resolution No. 89-6 - Resolution authorizing the City

Manager to execute a contract with Matthews Ford, Inc. for the purchase of two (2) mid-size sedans for the Division of Engineering.

Mayor Bisette said bids for automobiles were received

by the Purchasing Division in November, 1988. Included in these bids were two vehicles for the Division of Engineering as called for in the City of Asheville Capital Improvement Program. At the December, 1988 Asheville-Buncombe Water Authority meeting, it was decided not to fund these Engineering vehicles out of the Water Department Budget because they would be

utilized at times for non-water related work.

Upon motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by

Councilman Price, Resolution No. 89-6 was unanimously adopted.

Resolution Book No. 17 Page No. 317

®V. CONSENT:

®VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

® A. Ordinance No. 1748 - Budget Ordinance amendment to

provide funding for career development program in Police Department

The City Manager said a Career Development Plan was

adopted by the Civil Service Board and put into effect in January of 1983 setting up four classes of Police Officers - Police Officer Trainee, Police Officer I, Police Officer II, and Police Officer III. He said in July of 1985, the City implemented a new pay plan City-wide and at that time the Police Office II and Police Officer III positions were combined into one class title - Police Officer Senior. He said the requirement for movement from Police Officer to Police Officer Senior was three continuous years and an accumulation of 25 education and training points. He said somewhere along the line this action was not taken and 27 officers are eligible for upgrading to Police Officer Senior. He said 12 of the officers have not yet met their training requirements (points); however it would be his recommendation that the 27 officers be upgraded and back pay benefits awarded from the time they became

eligible and that the 12 that have not met their requirements also be given the back pay benefits and be given a period of two years to obtain the necessary training. He said the cost associated with this action would be \$61,514.61. He said adoption of this budget amendment would allow this to take place.

Councilman York moved for the adoption of Ordinance No.

1748. This motion was seconded by Vice-Mayor Michalove.

On a roll call vote of 7-0, Ordinance No. 1748 passed

on first and final reading.

Ordinance Book No. 11 Page No. 420

®REPORT - WIND IN THE OAKS UPDATE

The City Manager said, as of today, the City has been

in contact with all but one property owner in the Wind- in-the-Oaks complex. He said either inspections and/or return visits for explanation and clarification have been scheduled. He said no more major structural violations have been found. He said the City met with the Board of Directors at the Wind-in-the-Oaks and they have indicated a willingness to help get responses from all Wind-in-the-Oaks occupants.

The City Manager said a new procedure has been

implemented for conducting final inspections for structural, electrical and plumbing code compliance at the same time, with a limited option for temporary CO's (for which a permit-holder must apply in writing) in cases where utilities are needed before a permanent CO can be authorized.

The City Manager took exception to a recent editorial

in the newspaper regarding the issuance of Certificates of Occupancy. He said he realizes that editorials are only opinions but the information in the editorial was not factual. He stressed that a Certificate of Occupancy is not required prior to the sale of a structure but prior to occupancy.

®COMMENTS BY PAT RITCHIE - PROPOSED TOWN OF FLETCHER

Pat Ritchie, Interim Mayor for Proposed Town of

Fletcher, read the following letter and resolution.

January 23, 1989

Mr. Gerry Cohen, Director

Legislative Drafting Division

Room 100

2129 State Legislative Building

Raleigh, NC 27611-9184

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The Interim Board on behalf of the Fletcher Improvement Committee and the majority of the residents of the proposed

Town of Fletcher request that the attached resolution or the intent there of be included in the charter of the Town of Fletcher. The intent being that Fletcher shall not annex into any portion of Buncombe County.

Respectfully,

Patricia G. Ritchie, Interim Mayor

Harold N. Conner, Interim Board Member

Byron M. Terrell, Interim Board Member

John F. Parris, Sr., Interim Board Member

Sara S. Waechter, Interim Board Member

Robert G. Parrish, Chairman of Fletcher Community Improvement Committee

PROPOSED TOWN OF FLETCHER

INTERIM GOVERNING BOARD

RESOLUTION

concerning encroachment upon bordering county lines

WHEREAS, the Fletcher Community Improvement Committee was formed in June, 1988 with its purpose being to incorporate the community of Fletcher; and

WHEREAS, the Interim Governing Board is made up of a five member team which is drawn from the Fletcher Community Improvement Committee and which shall be the governing body of the Town of Fletcher when incorporated until the first general election; and

WHEREAS, it is within the authority of the aforementioned board to resolve and present this in representation of the Fletcher Community Improvement Committee for the proposed Town of Fletcher and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, and hereby recorded that the Interim Governing Board of the Proposed Town of Fletcher shall not at any time encroach on any portion of the county lines which touch proposed boundaries before or after the incorporation of said town.

Adopted this 18th day of January, 1989.

Interim Governing Board

Proposed Town of Fletcher

Pat Ritchie, Interim Mayor

Harold Conner, Council Member

Byron M. Terrell, Council Member

John F. Parris, Sr., Council Member

Sara S. Waechter, Council Member

Fletcher Community Improvement Committee

Robert G. Parrish, Sr., Chairman

@ANNOUNCEMENT - ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION FOR THE BILTMORE VILLAGE HISTORIC MUSEUM

Robert Griffin appeared before Council to announce the establishment of a Commission for the Biltmore Village Historic Museum. He said the museum should be open in May, 1989 and is being established to collect, preserve, and catalogue the history of Biltmore Village. He said the museum would be located at 32 All Souls Crescent.

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RALPH BISHOP - LOTTERY SALES IN THE CITY

Ralph Bishop again spoke to members of Council about the lottery sales in the City of Asheville.

@ADJOURNMENT:

Upon motion of Councilman Martin, seconded by Councilman

York the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

MAYOR CITY CLERK
