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Tuesday - October 2, 1990 - 4:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

Present: Mayor Kenneth M. Michalove, Presiding; Vice-Mayor

William G. Moore; Councilmen Wilhelmina Bratton, Eugene W. Ellison and William W. Estes; Corporation Counsel William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Associate City Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott,

Jr.

Absent: Councilmen Mary Lloyd Frank and Norma T. Price

- Out of Town

### **INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Councilman Bratton.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Michalove announced the approval of the minutes of the September 25, 1990 meeting as submitted.

### **I. PROCLAMATIONS:**

#### **A. Proclamation - Asheville School Day -**

**October 6, 1990.**

Councilman Bratton read a proclamation proclaiming

October 6, 1990 as "Asheville School Day." She presented the proclamation to John L. Tyrer, Headmaster of Asheville School.

#### **B. Resolution No. 90-146 - Resolution of Appreciation to**

**Carl Johnson.**

Mayor Michalove read the resolution and presented it to Carl Johnson.

Mayor Michalove thanked Mr. Johnson for the many years of

dedicated and untiring service to the citizens of Asheville and for his commitment to bring about a better standard of life for the people of our community.

Councilman Bratton thanked Mr. Johnson for what he had done for

her and said he would have lots of other things to say in appreciation for his contributions to the poor of the City of Asheville at the special program for him on Thursday night.

Councilman Ellison said he had known Mr. Johnson all of his

life. He said Mr. Johnson had devoted his entire lifetime to efforts for the poor so that they now have a voice in the system.

Upon motion of Councilman Bratton, seconded by Councilman Estes,

Resolution No. 90-146 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution Book No. 18, Page 233**

**B. Presentation to City Manager Intern.**

City Manager Doug Bean presented a Certificate of

Achievement to Mike Holcombe, who had just completed the City Manager Intern Program. He said one of the major projects Mike had done during his internship was the Mid-Year City Council Retreat. He said Mike had just completed a follow-up report on the Retreat, which would be distributed to Council at a later time.

**C. Staff Report on Vladikavkaz, Russia Trip - Sister City**

**Program.**

Mayor Michalove recognized Gerald Green, Senior Planner.

Mr. Green said 19 citizens visited Vladikavkaz, Asheville's Sister City, in the Soviet Union September 11-17, three of whom were official City representatives. He said the official delegation was Carol Alberice, Urban Planner II, John Barber, Director of Communication with the Chamber of Commerce, and himself.

Mr. Green said the cultural differences were overcome by

the friendliness of the Russian people. He described the City of Vladikavkaz, its economics, agriculture, educational and cultural opportunities, and park/greenspace development. He said from their time of arrival to their departure, the group was treated as distinguished guests, with open arms and hearts, by the

Russian people. He said they were taken into the homes as fellow citizens of the world promoting peace and a better world.

Carol Alberice, Urban Planner II, credited Kitty Boniske

for making the trip to Russia possible. She said Mrs. Boniske had paved the way by laying the groundwork for the Sister City Program. She read the following Declaration that had been signed on September 15, 1990, by between The City Council of The Peoples' Deputies of Vladikavkaz and The City Council of Asheville. She said she, Gerald Green, and John Barber had signed on behalf

of the Asheville City Council.

Sister Cities

DECLARATION

between The City Council of The Peoples' Deputies of Vladikavkaz

and The City Council of Asheville

On September 12, 1990, there was a meeting between

representatives of Vladikavkaz and Asheville. We agreed that further contacts between the people of our cities would benefit us all, especially through the development of economic, scientific, political, and cultural ties. We believe that our cities will develop long-term cooperation and declare ourselves to be Sister Cities.

As Sister Cities we agree:

1. To concentrate our joint efforts on the development

of economic links in all possible ways in order to expand social, political, and cultural relations, especially defining ways to train our managers in the skills of international business.

2. To create the necessary conditions for the mutual

study of our respective experience in the management of economic, political, and other processes in our cities through the exchange of delegations and short-term apprenticeships for our city employees.

3. To study and assist the improvement of our

educational systems through the exchange of school children, students, and teachers from our schools and universities.

4. To help each other learn about the technologies

available for the production of agricultural products by our farmers.

5. To develop tourism between our cities on a free

currency basis, whenever possible, and to encourage citizens of both our cities to visit each other as much as possible.

6. To exchange delegations of artists, historians,

archaeologists, scientists, musicians, doctors, sportsmen, and other individuals in order to develop a broader understanding and deeper appreciation of each other among our citizens.

7. To develop joint mutual aid programs for

environmental protection and the rational use of our natural resources.

8. To arrange cultural, educational, agricultural, and

industrial exhibitions and to publicize them to our citizens.

9. To create the necessary conditions for our citizens

to visit our cities for rest, tourism, education, and to become more familiar with our respective cultures, histories, customs, and traditions.

10. To have exchanges between groups of women interested

in learning how our cities work with women's concerns and to encourage the sharing of information that might benefit each other.

Representatives of the Sisters Cities Vladikavkaz and Asheville signed this agreement and expressed their hopes that The City Council of Vladikavkaz and The City Council of Asheville, as well as all the citizens of our cities, will sincerely support this relationship between our cities, work to strengthen the friendship between our people, and

establish mutually beneficial relations. Obviously, one of our goals in establishing this Sister Cities relationship is the promotion of world peace.

This Agreement was signed in Vladikavkaz, the capital of The North Ossetian Autonomic Soviet Socialist Republic, on September 15, 1990.

On behalf of the Presidium On behalf of the Mayor of  
of City Council of Peoples' Asheville (State of North  
Deputies, The Chairman of Carolina, USA)

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of City Council of Peoples' Asheville (State of North  
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Vladikavkaz

s/Laisa B. Habitzova s/Carol Pennell Alberice

(Seal)

s/John F. Barber

s/Michail Shatalov

(Seal) s/Gerald Green

Gerald Green presented Mayor Michalove with a dagger, which had been sent to him as a gift from Michail Shatalov.

Mr. John Barber said the trip to Russia had been an

experience of a lifetime for him. He said the group would continue future involvement by meeting on a regular basis to plan a return visit to Russia in the Spring of 1991. He said the purpose of the return trip would be to show the City of Asheville to the citizens of Russia.

Frank Di Bello said he was treated so royally and there

were tears in his eyes and the people of Russia upon the groups departure. He said he hoped that we would be able to show the Russian people the same kind of hospitality they had received from them.

Rosa Lee Di Bello proudly showed off a stuffed elephant

she said the kindergarten children had made and given her. She said all of the people were real special and were eager to meet the group.

Carroll Hughes said the trip to Russia had been an

opportunity of a lifetime and was different from any other trip he had ever taken. He said the trip had made a profound difference in his life and showed a pin that had been given to him by the Chief of the Union of Architects.

Fran Jones said words couldn't adequately express her

feelings of this personal experience. She said the work should go on to expand our relationship with our new Sister City, Vladikavkaz.

Dr. Bill Palich said the trip has had a great impact on

his life. From the moment he stepped off the plane in Vladikavkaz and the Vice Mayor hugged him and said "Welcome to my home", he said fraternal feelings were experienced and reexperienced. He said he was left with a "feeling of compulsion" that we have to do something.

Robert Russell said he had a wonderful experience. He

said he hoped all of the City Council Members would have an opportunity to go to Vladikavkaz.

Betty Zeluff showed a stuffed duck that had been made

and given to her by the kindergarten children. She said she had visited a "Museum for Childrens' Art" and that there are only four of these museums in the world. She said she hopes the people of Asheville will rejoice at having the delegation from Vladikavkaz in Asheville as they did during their visit.

Mary Kay Pierce said the trip had changed her life, and

that the people of Vladikavkaz had treated her like a long, lost relative. She said they had been treated like royalty.

Virginia Liles said it had been a warm and friendly

visit. She thanked Council for endorsing the Sister City Program and the preparation and work necessary to prepare for the delegation from Vladikavkaz to visit Asheville.

Sue Levine, resident of Haywood County, said she had

gone on the trip because of her involvement and work with Peace Links. She said on October 7th several hundred peace lanterns will float in the fountain on Pack Square. She said these would be sent to schools in Russia by our school children, and it is hoped that this will develop into pen pals in the schools.

Laurey Masterton, coordinator of the trip, showed two

cookbooks that had been given to her by the head cook of a restaurant where she had been taken to dine. She said prior to making the trip to Vladikavkaz, everybody had prepared a short biography of what their interests were. She said after presenting this list in the morning, many of their counterparts were at the meeting in the afternoon and sought each individual out. She said the trip and all of this was made possible by the 5 years of work by Kitty Boniske.

Mayor Michalove said Kitty Boniske was instrumental in

the Sister Cities Program commending her groundwork for the program. He thanked Carol Alberice, Gerald Green, and John Barber for assuming official roles of the City Council. He said he appreciated all of the individuals taking time from their jobs at their own personal expense to make the trip and for coming to today's meeting tell Council of their experiences.

Members of Council expressed their appreciation and

admiration to the group for making the trip, their efforts to promote the Sister City Program, and for their individual endeavors to bridge cultures to bring about this relationship.

**D. Proclamation - Thomas Wolfe Festival Week -**

**October 3-10, 1990.**

Mayor Michalove read a proclamation proclaiming October 3-10, 1990 as "Thomas Wolfe Festival" week.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Ordinance No. 1869 - Second reading of an ordinance**

**rezoning property on Swannanoa River Road for Gold Dot Foods.**

Mayor Michalove said the Petitioner would like to rezone

a part of the southeastern portion of Lot 40 of Ward 8, Sheet 6, shown on the Buncombe County Tax maps (Swannanoa River Road) from R-2 Residential District to LI Light Industrial District. He said the Asheville Planning and Zoning Commission on August 8, 1990, reviewed and recommended approval of rezoning a part of the southeastern portion of Lot 40 of Ward 8, Sheet 6 as shown on the Buncombe County tax maps (Swannanoa River Road) from R-2 Residential District to LI Light Industrial District. He said a public hearing on the rezoning request and the first reading of the ordinance was held on September 25, 1990.

Carol Alberice said she had met with John Cram, adjacent

property owner, and went over all the information with him. She said he does not have any objections to rezoning request.

Mayor Michalove said the ordinance was previously read

on first reading and would not be reread unless there was a specific request to do so.

On a roll call vote of 5-0, Ordinance No. 1869 passed on second reading.

**C. Resolution No. 90-147 - Resolution authorizing the City**

**Manager to accept a facade easement for the former Globe**

**Furniture Building on Broadway Avenue.**

Mayor Michalove said after a fire destroyed the Globe

Furniture building, the building was demolished except for the facade. Negotiations have taken place with the current owner to obtain an easement to insure the facade will be retained. In exchange for this easement, the owner requires that the City pay for the stabilization costs. The retention of the facade would assist in salvaging some of the urban character on Broadway.

City Manager Doug Bean said private funds are in place

for the stabilization work, and this is the final document needed. He said the work would begin in about two weeks. He said the question had been raised about the condition of the 32 Broadway. He said a building permit had been obtained for work to be done to the building. However, he said, they think they've found some asbestos and its removal will

require a State permit. He re-confirmed that the City's funding of the work is limited to \$3,500.

Mayor Michalove said copies of the resolution had

previously been distributed to Members of Council, and the resolution would not be read unless there was a specific request to do so.

Upon motion of Councilman Ellison, seconded by Vice

Mayor Moore, Resolution No. 90-147 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution Book No. 18, Page 235**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Resolution No. 90-148 - Resolution supporting the community's efforts to preserve and utilize the Biltmore School.**

Mayor Michalove said this resolution supports the

community's efforts to preserve and utilize the Biltmore School buildings, fields, gym, and landscape. Further, the City Council requests that the Board of Education work with the City/County Task Force established to protect and utilize the Biltmore School Campus.

Mayor Michalove said copies of the resolution had

previously been distributed to Members of Council, and the resolution would not be read unless there was a specific request to do so.

Upon motion of Councilman Estes, seconded by Vice Mayor

Moore, Resolution No. 90-148 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution Book No. 18, Page 236 & 237**

**B. Resolution No. 90-149 - Resolution directing the City**

**Clerk to investigate a petition under G. S. 160A-31 to annex a contiguous area on Richmond Hill Drive known as the Richmond Hill Inn and Conference Center.**

Mayor Michalove said G.S. 160A-31, as amended, requires

the City Council to instruct the City Clerk to investigate the validity of a petition for a contiguous annexation. He said the property is the site of the Richmond Hill Inn and Conference Center.

Mayor Michalove said copies of the resolution had

previously been distributed to Members of Council, and the resolution would not be read unless there was a specific request to do so.

Upon motion of Councilman Ellison, seconded by Councilman Estes, Resolution No. 90-149 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution Book No. 18, Page 238**

**V. CONSENT:**

**A. Announcement of cancellation of Council meeting for October 23, 1990.**

Mayor Michalove announced that the City Council Meeting scheduled for October 23, 1990, had been cancelled due to Members of Council attending the North Carolina League of Municipalities Convention in Winston-Salem on October 21-23, 1990.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. Claims - William M. Wilson (Water), Harry Brummer**

**(Inspections), Wanda J. Fulbright (Fire), James Valentine, Sr. (Sanitation), Brenda Henderson (Police), Virginia Sudderth (Water), Katherine Soderquist (Sanitation), Carolyn Border (Water), and Tosha Meka Mills (Parks)**

The City Manager presented claims received from William M.

Wilson (Water), Harry Brummer (Inspections), Wanda J. Fulbright (Fire), James Valentine, Sr. (Sanitation), Brenda Henderson (Police), Virginia Sudderth (Water), Katherine Soderquist (Sanitation), Carolyn Border (Water), and Tosha Meka Mills (Parks).

Mayor Michalove said these claims have been referred to the appropriate insurers for investigation.

**B. Schedule Public Hearing - Appeal of Planning and Zoning**

**Commission Decision to Rezone Ward 1, Sheet 8, Lot 31-1/2 from R3 Residential District to OI Office Institutional District - Petitioner Memorial Mission Hospital (Old Newton School Property).**

City Clerk William F. Wolcott said he had received an Appeal

of Planning and Zoning Commission Decision to Rezone Ward 1, Sheet 8, Lot 31-1/2 from R3 Residential District to OI Office Institutional District - Petitioner Memorial Mission Hospital (Old Newton School Property).

Councilman Ellison moved to schedule a public hearing on the rezoning request for October 30, 1990. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bratton and carried unanimously.



**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Michalove adjourned the meeting at 5:15 P.M.

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MAYOR CITY CLERK

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