

Tuesday - October 7, 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 Associate City Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott, Jr.

Absent: None

INVOCATION

Councilman Tisdale led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 MEETING

1. Consideration was given to the approval of the minutes of the September 30, 1986, meeting.

Councilman Boland requested that the minutes be amended to substitute the following paragraph in lieu of the paragraph regarding his statement relative to the second reading of the proposed Chestnut-Liberty Street Historic District: "Councilman Tisdale said the majority of Asheville's citizens support historic districts. He said this is reflected in responses to Alternatives for Asheville questionnaires and also in the proposed districts for Biltmore Village and the downtown area. He said the designation of a historic district is also a useful tool to limit the urban sprawl from the central business district. He said it has been determined that a historic district will raise property values. He suggested that a forum be established to work out the active promotion of marketing of such areas".

Mayor Bissette announced the approval of the minutes of the September 30, 1986 meeting, as amended.

PROCLAMATION - "EMPLOY THE HANDICAPPED WEEK" - OCTOBER 5-11, 1986

2. Mayor Bissette read a proclamation proclaiming October 5-11, 1986 as "Employ the Handicapped Week".

Mayor Bissette presented the proclamation to Sally Monroe with Handi-Skills.

RECOGNITION OF BOY SCOUTS

3. Mayor Bissette recognized several boy scouts in the audience.

PROCLAMATION - OCTOBER, 1986 - "NATIONAL LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH"

4. Mayor Bissette read a proclamation proclaiming October, 1986, as "National Lupus Awareness Month".

Mayor Bissette presented the proclamation to Robert and Mary Proctor.

REPORT RELATIVE TO MARKETING SURVEY - BELE CHERE 1986

5. Jim Daniels, Chairman of Bele Chere 1986, and Jerry Grant, Festival Chairman, said they felt Bele Chere 1986 was a success. Mr. Grant said Pro Gen

Research of Greenville, South Carolina, conducted an independent demographic and economic impact survey during the festival. He said approximately \$11.5 million was spent in Asheville during the festival at restaurants, hotels, gift shops, retail outlets, gas stations, and other businesses, in addition to the money spent at the festival itself. He said he felt the \$11.5 million was a conservative figure. He said it was determined that 200,000 people attended the Bele Chere 1986 Festival. He said vendor revenues from Bele Chere totalled \$176,636.00, and the City's 20% commission totalled \$35,327.00. He said the survey, based on a sampling of 829 people who went to the festival, including responses from 640 residents who live in Western North Carolina areas, and 189 non-residents from 22 states. He said the survey showed the average person at Bele Chere spent \$31.27 on souvenirs; \$96.40 on lodging for those who obtained lodging; \$23.64 on food; and \$13.58 on gasoline. He said the average total

expenditure was \$54.46 for area residents, and \$146.06 for non-residents. He said of the area residents surveyed, 94.4% said they will attend the festival next year, while 83.6% of the non-residents said they will return for Bele Chere 1987. He said the figures are above what was projected for Bele Chere 1986. He said he felt the survey should be used in a positive way to plan other festival events.

Jim Daniels thanked the 600 volunteers who worked for Bele Chere 1986, and for the City of Asheville's support.

Mayor Bissette thanked Jim Daniels, Jerry Grant, the Bele Chere Board, and Leslie Anderson for their efforts in making Bele Chere 1986 a success.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-192 - RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF CARL EUGENE EDWARDS

6. Consideration was given to a resolution in memoriam of Carl Eugene Edwards.

Mayor Bissette said Carl Eugene Edwards was a dedicated employee with the City of Asheville over his 30 year career until his untimely death on September 28, 1986.

Upon motion of Councilman Tisdale, seconded by Councilman Michalove, Resolution No. 86-192 was unanimously adopted.

Complete text of Resolution No. 86-192 will be found in Resolution Book No. 16 at Page 170.

RESOLUTION NO. 86-193 - RESOLUTION COMMENDING PARTICIPANTS IN THE ANNUAL RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

7. Consideration was given to a resolution commending participants in the Annual Red Cross Blood Drive.

Mayor Bissette said the City of Asheville, in conjunction with the Asheville Area American Red Cross, conducted an annual Blood Drive on Wednesday, August 27, 1986, at the Main Fire Department Headquarters. Eighty-five pints of blood were donated by City employees. The Department of Public Works donated thirty-eight (38) pints and the Division of Water and Sewer Maintenance donated sixteen (16) pints.

Mayor Bissette recognized several City employees who had donated a substantial amount of blood to the Red Cross.

Upon motion of Vice-Mayor Frank, seconded by Council Tisdale, Resolution No. 86-193 was unanimously adopted.

Complete text of Resolution No. 86-193 will be found in Resolution Book No. 16 at Page 171.

ORDINANCE NO. 1611 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE TO CREATE THE CHESTNUT-LIBERTY STREET AREA AS LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT

8. Consideration was given to the second reading of Ordinance No. 1611, an ordinance amending Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville to create the Chestnut-Liberty Street Area as local historic District.

Mayor Bissette said this ordinance would designate the Chestnut-Liberty Street neighborhood as local historic district. Certificates of Appropriateness would be required by a property owner before any exterior rehabilitation or new construction can take place. At the August 12, 1986 meeting, a public hearing was held to consider a proposal by the Historic Resources Commission; however, this matter was remanded to the Historic Resources Commission to reconsider alternate plans that include a smaller area and different boundaries. The Historic Resources Commission has now presented Council with a revised proposal. This ordinance passed first reading at the September 30, 1986 meeting.

Mayor Bissette said this ordinance was previously read on first reading and would not be reread in its entirety unless there was a specific request to do so.

Ralph Bishop requested that the ordinance be read in its entirety.

Mayor Bissette and members of Council read the proposed ordinance in its entirety.

James Smith, of 90 North Liberty Street, showed a video of the Chestnut-Liberty Street area. He also spoke in opposition to the designation of the Chestnut-Liberty Street area as a local historic district.

Ann Cross, Orange Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed designation, and requested that her property be excluded from the historic district.

Judge Frank Parker, co-owner of property located at 95 Charlotte Street spoke in opposition to the proposed designation, and presented statistics showing that a substantial number of actual owners and residents in the area opposed the designation.

Paul Jones, President of the Asheville Board of Realtors, and resident of Black Mountain, said the Asheville Board of Realtors was approached by the Historic Resources Commission to present facts to the Board relative to the historic designation. He said Tom Stietler with the Historic Resources Commission and June Grant, a resident opposed to the designation, appeared before the Asheville Board of Realtors on October 6, 1986, to present all of the facts involved. He said after hearing the presentations, the Board was still in opposition to the proposed historic district.

Waylon Hampton, of 179 S. Liberty Street spoke in opposition to the proposed historic district, and asked that his property be excluded.

Ralph Bishop spoke in opposition to the ordinance.

Gary Lanning of 109 North Liberty Street spoke in opposition to the historic

designation.

Bill Duckworth, Manager of property on Charlotte Street also spoke in opposition to the historic designation, and recommended that Council defer action on this ordinance for at least one or two years until a survey is taken in the Montford Historic District to determine its success. He said he felt like the next request for the Montford area would be for an urban redevelopment area.

Catherine Hunter of 160 East Chestnut Street spoke in support of the ordinance.

Tom Steitler, Chairman of the Historic Resources Commission spoke in support of the ordinance.

Betty Lawrence of 142 Hillside Street spoke in support of the ordinance. She said she did not feel a study or survey is needed in the Montford Historic District. She said the Montford area has proven to be successful as a historic district.

Annette Owenby of 30 East Chestnut Street said she felt there was no comparison with the Montford area and the Chestnut-Liberty area. She spoke in opposition to the proposed designation.

Jean Warner of North Liberty Street, speaking in support of the proposed ordinance, stated that the list of names presented by Judge Frank Parker was not accurate. She said information has been given to residents in the area which has been distorted and is frightening some residents.

Councilman Tisdale, speaking in support of the ordinance, said many commercial businesses have been successful in historic districts.

Councilman Michalove said he felt an additional cost would be involved in the Historic Resources Commission budget if the proposed ordinance is approved. He said Council had only approved the Historic Resources budget through October. He said he would agree to postpone action on the ordinance until a survey of the Montford Historic District is completed, and a decision as to funding for the Historic Resources Commission is made.

On a roll call vote of 4-3, Ordinance No. 1611 passed on second reading, with Councilman Boland, Councilman Tisdale, Councilman Price, and Vice-Mayor Frank voting "Aye", and Mayor Bisette, Councilman Michalove, and Councilman Bratton voting "no".

CHANGE IN MEETING LOCATION FOR MEETING SCHEDULED OCTOBER 14, 1986

9. Mayor Bisette noted that the regular scheduled City Council meeting for October 14, 1986, will be held in the Asheville Civic Center Banquet Room.

SALE OF DISPOSAL PARCELS 35, AND 126 - EAST RIVERSIDE RENEWAL PROJECT AND THE EAST END/VALLEY STREET COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

10. Consideration was given to a motion approving the sale of disposal parcels 35 and 126 in the East Riverside Renewal Project and the East End/Valley Street Community Improvement Project.

Mayor Bisette said the Housing Authority has tentatively accepted the following bids for certain disposal parcels in the East Riverside Renewal Project and the East End/Valley Street Community Improvement Project.

Parcel Resue Price Bid Redeveloper

35 Residential \$300.00 \$300.00 Joyce Neal

126 Residential 900.00 900.00 Varick Chapel Church

Disposal Parcel 35 is located in the East End/Valley Street Project. The developer is proposing to improve the accessibility and frontage to the adjacent property on Martin Lutuer King Blvd. The improvements will consist of fencing and grass. No construction is anticipated.

Disposal Parcel 126 is located in the East Riverside Project on the corner of South French Broad Avenue and Bartlett Street. The developer proposes a parking lot for the church to eliminate on-street parking. No construction is anticipated.

Councilman Michalove moved to approve the sale of disposal parcels 35 and 126 in the East Riverside Renewal Project and the East End/Valley Street Community Improvement Project as recommended by the Housing Authority of the City of Asheville. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tisdale and carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

11. Consideration was given to a motion approving the Consent Agenda.

Mayor Bissette said the following items are of a routine nature and they have been previously reviewed by the members of the City Council. Therefore, by unanimous vote to approve these items, the City Council may, pursuant to the procedures established in Ordinance No. 1008, adopt all of the items with one motion without the full reading and/or separate motion adopting each individual item. Upon the request of a citizen, a member of the City Council, and/or a member of the City staff, any single item scheduled for approval on the consent agenda may be considered separately.

Resolution No. 86-194

A. Consideration of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce for services promoting general industrial growth and growth of the travel and tourism industry.

HIGHLIGHTS: This resolution will authorize the City Manager to

execute an agreement between the City of Asheville and the Asheville Area Chamber of Commerce for services

promoting tourism.

FISCAL IMPACT: Total Sum - \$37,542 - to be paid in quarterly payments.

Resolution Book No. 16 - Page 172.

B. Consideration of a motion to schedule a public hearing to rezone a

portion of Lot 192, Sheet 13, Ward 8 from R-2 Residential District to CH Commercial Highway District for October 28, 1986.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Asheville Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting

held September 10, 1986, considered the petition of Attorney John Stevens for Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frink that a portion of Lot 192, Sheet 13, Ward 8, be

rezoned from R-2 Residential District to CH Commercial Highway District.

The property is located on Arco Road. After review and discussion, the Commission voted to recommend to City Council that a portion of Lot 192, Sheet 13, Ward 8 to within 50' of Arco Road be rezoned from R-2 Residential

District to CH Commercial Highway District.

C. Consideration of a motion to schedule a public hearing relative to a site plan of the proposed Bob Barbour Development to be located at 1616 Patton Avenue for October 28, 1986.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Asheville Planning and Zoning Commission at a meeting held September 10, 1986, reviewed the site plan of the proposed Bob Barbour Development to be located at 1616 Patton Avenue. The plan was prepared by Vaughn & Melton, Engineers, for Bob Barbour, Developer, and submitted in accordance with the Group Development Section of the Asheville Zoning Ordinance. After review and discussion, the Commission voted to recommend approval of the project subject to buffering and compliance with the Erosion Control Ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

D. Consideration of a motion to schedule a public hearing authorizing the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Hilliard L. Wright for October 28, 1986.

HIGHLIGHTS: The City Manager will be authorized to issue a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Hilliard L. Wright pursuant to Section 27-34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Asheville upon proof of financial responsibility in accordance with N. C. Gen.

Stat. sec. 20-280.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

Upon motion of Councilman Michalove, seconded by Councilman Tisdale, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

CLAIMS - ROBERT W. LONG (SEWER) - MICHAEL BRADY (STREETS) - HERSCHEL HARRIS (WATER)

12. The City Manager presented claims received from Robert W. Long, Michael Brady and Herschel Harris.

Mayor Bissette referred the claims to the Corporation Counsel for investigation and recommendation.

RALPH BISHOP - LOTTERY SALES IN THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

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

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Councilman Price, seconded by Councilman Tisdale, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

MAYOR CITY CLERK
