

® Tuesday - January 5, 1988 - 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 M. Martin, and Walter Boland; Corporation Counsel William F. Slawter; City Manager Douglas O. Bean; and Associate City

Manager/City Clerk William F. Wolcott, Jr.

Absent: Councilman Walter Boland - Vacation

### **INVOCATION**

Councilman Price introduced Rev. Tony Clarke-Sayer with the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry who gave the invocation.

### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - DECEMBER 22, 1987**

Mayor Bisette announced the approval of the minutes of the December 22, 1987 meeting with several amendments to the motion relative to the Asheville Mall Expansion.

### **®. PROCLAMATIONS:**

® None

### **®I. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

® **A. Continuation of a public hearing relative to closing a portion of Syrlin Street requested by Ellen Goldstein.**

Mayor Bisette said a petition was received on July 17,

1987 from the property owner along a portion of Syrlin Street. The petition requested that a portion of Syrlin Street extending northward from the northern margin of Tax Lot 178 and Tax Lot 13-1/4 of Ward 9, Sheet 7, be closed as a public street right of way. This public hearing was on November 24, 1987 but was continued until January 5, 1988.

Mayor Bisette reopened the public hearing at 4:24 p.m.

Mayor Bisette said a request was received from the

attorney involved in the closing of a portion of Syrlin Street to continue the public hearing due to a death in his family.

Councilman Michalove moved to continue the public

hearing relative to closing a portion of Syrlin Street requested by Ellen Goldstein until January 12, 1988 without further advertisement. This motion was seconded by Councilman Price and carried unanimously.

® **B. Public hearing relative to closing a portion of Syrlin**

**Street requested by G. Findley Reed Jr., Norman C.**

**Bradford, Virginia S. Bradford and others.**

Mayor Bissette said a petition was received on

November 16, 1987 from the property owners along a portion of Syrlin Street. The petition requested that a portion of Syrlin Street between Tax Lots 178 and 13-1/4 of Ward 9, Sheet 7 or the Buncombe County Tax Maps, extending northward approximately 160 feet from the southern margin of said lots be closed as a public street right of way.

Mayor Bissette opened the public hearing at

4:25 p.m.

The City Clerk presented the notice to the public

setting the time and date for the public hearing and the affidavit of publication.

Due to Council's desire to hear both public hearings

relative to the closing of portions of Syrlin Street at the same time Councilman Martin moved to continue the public hearing relative to closing a portion of Syrlin Street requested by G. Findley Reed Jr., Norman C. Bradford, Virginia S. Bradford and others until January 12, 1988 without further advertisement. This motion was seconded by

Councilman Price and carried unanimously.

## **®II. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **® Emergency Shelter Grant Agreements**

Mayor Bissette said the next three agenda items dealing with Emergency Shelter Grant Agreements is a concern to Council in that when the City enters into these grant agreements the City will be responsible for seeing that the facilities remain open for a certain period of time at the exact location where the grant funds are expended. He said the Hospitality House and Eliada Home facilities will have to remain open for three (3) years and Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry for ten (10) years. He said social service programs are historically a county function, however, the applications were made for the grant funds by the City because of the deadline for submitting the applications. He said Council would like to accept the grant funds and perhaps contract with the Housing Authority to administer the grants and in turn the Housing Authority could contract with the agencies in order that all guidelines could be met and the facilities would remain open for the time period specified in the grant.

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Tony Clarke-Sayer, with the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, said they are not abandoning the site on Coxe Avenue and are proceeding with the renovations of that facility. He said there is a possibility of a court case involving the site but they will defend their interest in the location. He said Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry currently holds twenty (20) beds but they don't have enough beds to house the number of homeless people in Asheville. He said Council's acceptance of these grants would help aid in this problem.

Emily Clark; Route 1, Box 738; Candler, North Carolina; 28715; said in her opinion the more homeless shelters Asheville has the more homeless people they will have. She said these people should be put on a "farm" where they can work for their upkeep which would prove more effective in solving this problem.

Dale Roberts, 36 Edwin Place, a volunteer at the Hospitality House, said he feels there is strong community support for these facilities. He said Hospitality House also helps to get people

off the street and rehabilitated.

### **® A. Motion authorizing the execution of an Emergency**

**Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Emergency**

**Shelter of Eliada Homes, Inc.**

Mayor Bissette said this action authorizes the

execution of a grant agreement with the N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for an Emergency Shelter Grants Program. The project will be subcontracted to the Emergency Family Shelter of Eliada Homes, Incorporated to provide shelter and support services for the homeless. The project involves \$5,357 for building rehabilitation and \$9,785 for operations/service activities.

Councilman Frank moved to authorize the execution

of an Emergency Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Emergency Shelter of Eliada Homes, Inc. contingent upon a satisfactory agreement being reached with Eliada Homes, Inc. This motion was seconded by Councilman Price and carried

unanimously.

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**® B. Motion authorizing the execution of an Emergency**

**Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Hospitality**

**House of Asheville, Inc.**

Mayor Bissette said this action authorizes the

execution of a grant agreement with N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for an Emergency Shelter Grants Program. The project will be subcontracted to the Hospitality House to provide shelter and support services for the homeless. All of the grant funds in the amount of \$4,668 will be used for

operations/service activities.

Councilman Bratton moved to authorize the

execution of an Emergency Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Hospitality House of Asheville, Inc. contingent upon a satisfactory agreement being reached with Hospitality House of Asheville, Inc. This motion was seconded by Councilman Frank

and carried unanimously.

**® C. Motion authorizing the execution of an Emergency**

**Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Asheville-**

**Buncombe Community Christian Ministry.**

Mayor Bissette said this action authorizes the

execution of a grant agreement with N. C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for an Emergency Shelter Grants Program. The project will be subcontracted to the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry to provide shelter and support services for the homeless. The project involves \$19,108 for building rehabilitation and \$10,919 for

operation/service activities.

Councilman Price moved to authorize the execution

of an Emergency Shelter Grant Agreement on behalf of the Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry contingent upon a satisfactory agreement being reached with Asheville-Buncombe Community Christian Ministry. This motion was seconded by Councilman Martin and carried unanimously.

Vice-Mayor Michalove moved that the Housing

Authority be requested to administer the Emergency Shelter Grants either as a subgrantee or administrator. This motion was seconded by Councilman Price and carried unanimously.

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**®V. NEW BUSINESS:**

**® A. Resolution No. 88-1 - Resolution authorizing the**

**execution of an easement for General Services Administration for the purpose of refencing and repaving a small portion of the Wall Street Alley by**

**the former U. S. Post Office.**

Mayor Bissette said General Services Administration

has requested that an easement be granted to refence and repave a small part of the Wall Street alley by the former U. S. Post Office/Courthouse. This part of the Wall Street alley has for many years been paved and fenced in while being used as a parking area by GSA. The easement is necessary in order to justify spending Federal money on non-federal property, to repair or replace the paving and fence, which are both in poor condition.

By the use of a map, the City Manager reviewed the

location of the requested easement.

Upon motion of Vice-Mayor Michalove, seconded by

Councilman Frank, Resolution No. 88-1 was unanimously adopted.

**Resolution Book No. 17 Page No. 58**

**®THER BUSINESS:**

**®LAIMS - EDNA HULL (CIVIC CENTER) - KENNETH DACY (WATER)**

The City Manager presented claims received from Edna Hull

and Kenneth Dacy.

Mayor Bissette referred the claims to the Corporation

Counsel for investigation and recommendation.

**®ALPH BISHOP - RIGHT OF REDRESS AND LOTTERY SALES**

Ralph Bishop spoke to members of Council relative to his right to seek redress from Council and lottery sales in the

City of Asheville.

**@DJOURNMENT**

Upon motion, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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**MAYOR CITY CLERK**

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