

Ward lines pass

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"I would feel more comfortable if we had a more equitable realignment of numbers. I am ready to get through this thing if we can get that kind of resolution."

That prompted Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke to question how many housing units are planned for Newell's ward and how many people they would include. Assistant City Manager Joe Berrier estimated another 200 to 250 housing units will be built in the next few years, bringing about another 500 persons to the ward.

"I'd say about half of those should be built in the next six months," he said.

North Ward Alderman Larry Little proposed to break the impasse by transferring a section of his ward to Newell's. But, because the transfer involved a section which was relatively undeveloped four years ago, city planners weren't sure how many people actually live there and the idea was scrapped.

Then, Little suggested moving the block between 13th and 14th streets and between Ivy and Patterson avenues from Burke's Northeast Ward to Newell's East Ward, a change of about 106 persons.

After the planning staff confirmed the numbers involved, the

aldermen seemed ready to proceed when Burke said final approval of the plan should be delayed.

"I have no problem with the change," she said, "but since we're talking about a change, I think we should not take a vote on this issue tonight."

Burke told the other other board members she had assumed there were no problems with the planning department recommendation until she learned of Newell's reservations on that night's television news.

At that point, West Ward Alderman Robert Northington Jr. said that, if the decision were delayed, the board would have to redraw the ward lines again to include two annexations scheduled for approval that night.

Little also pressed for approval, saying, "I tried to get this thing resolved, because I don't think we have a good deal of difference.... What I think we have is a pretty good framework (concerning the population figures) and we generally know what they are. I really think it's not as complex as we're making it and I just want to get it out of the way."

Southwest Ward Alderman Lynne Harpe moved approval of the realignment with the transfer of the one-block area to Newell's ward. Burke seconded the mo-

tion, which passed without dissent.

The wards now vary by no more than 235 persons in population.

In other action, the board:

- directed the planning board to develop a growth and economic development plan for the city's Northeast Ward.

- approved city financing of a drainage system to prevent flooding of property on Aureole Street. Of the \$35,000 required by the project, owners of the five affected lots would be assessed \$14,360, while the remaining \$21,540 would be paid by the city.

- annexed a 14.44-acre lot off Shattalon Drive at the request of Joy McNabb and Ruth Bokun. The lot had been contiguous to the previously existing city limits.

- annexed an 18.51-acre lot off Peace Haven Road at the request of CFM Properties Inc. That area also had been contiguous to the previously existing city limits.

- refused to reconsider an order to demolish a house owned by Silas Settle. William Mitchell, Settle's attorney, had asked the board to change its Oct. 15 decision to tear down the structure at 1530 Attucks St. and allow Settle to rebuild it.

- approved sale of a 1.69-acre lot on West 10 1/2 Street to the

E.G. Forrest Co. for \$40,000.

"The reason that a private sale is recommended is that it will solve certain problems regarding debris that Forrest dumped on city-owned land several years ago," said a memorandum from Assistant City Manager Joe Berrier. "Forrest has agreed to remove the debris, but the high cost of removal makes the purchase more attractive."

Berrier said the company has no immediate plans to develop the property.

- approved the sale of a 9.27-acre lot between Seventh Street and Mount Zion Place at Graham Avenue to J.M. Dixon for \$100,100.

A memorandum from Berrier said Dixon plans to build 78 one- and two-bedroom rental units on the property. The city will make a development loan of \$657,000 to Dixon through the East Winston Restoration Association, which supports the project. Dixon submitted the only bid for the project.

- approved the sale of 6.47 acres of land north of 12th Street and east of Cleveland Avenue to the South Atlantic Conference of Seventh Day Adventists Inc. for \$53,610. The group plans to build a church, a school and related facilities on the property.

Dew to retire

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have both retired within the same year. Palmer Friende, former assistant superintendent of instruction, resigned last spring.

"We lost one top-notch black and are about to lose another," said Bailey. "I'm concerned who he (Eagle) will replace them with."

Bailey said he doesn't think Eagle will replace Dew until July, when Eagle is expected to present a major administrative reorganization plan to the board.

Eagle said he won't hire based on color but will look at the most qualified people to fill the position.

"We have on our staff qualified minorities and non-minorities," said Eagle. "We need qualified people (on the staff) to represent all the community and we will make an effort to continue that."

Dew, 55, joined the school system in 1956 as an eighth-grade teacher at Skyland Elementary

School and later became the school's assistant principal. He subsequently transferred to Kennedy Junior High School as the assistant principal there.

Dew also during his career directed the school system's Title I program, served as principal at Skyland, became assistant principal at Brunson Elementary School, became principal at Atkins High School and remained principal at Atkins after it became a 9-10 school.

He became an assistant to former Superintendent Marvin Ward in 1973, served as an assistant to Superintendent James Adams in 1976, was named interim superintendent after Adams resigned in 1982 and was named deputy superintendent under Eagle in 1983.

Dew also helped design the city-county school desegregation plan implemented in 1971.

"It hasn't been dull," he said. The event Dew said stands out

in his mind more than any other during his career was the desegregation of the system's teaching staff one year before total school desegregation.

"That was a depressing and trying time," said Dew. "The staff and teachers were upset. Many of them quit and resigned. "The whole desegregation thing was a very trying time. We were putting together two groups that had almost no understanding of each other. It was one conflict after another."

As an educator, Dew said, he has had the opportunity to teach in both all-black and integrated settings. Each, he said, has its advantages and disadvantages.

"You have got to consider the youngsters," Dew said. "Many of the youngsters we were teaching in the all-black schools were poor youngsters with behavior problems and poor dress and health habits. We had to teach all that. With integra-

tion, that all stopped. In that respect, blacks didn't receive from school what they had received prior.

"Black people left the molding of their children up to the teacher. We were expected to take over."

Dew added: "As for academics, black youngsters have progressed very well. The test scores of the average black youngster and the average white youngster are drawing closer and closer together."

Dew also said the responsibility of teachers has changed over the years.

"The first year I taught I spent almost all of my check buying kids' shoes and lunches," he said. "There was a kid in my eighth-grade class that told me he had never been outside Winston-Salem. One Friday afternoon, I put him in my car and drove him to Greensboro.

"We did all that. We had to do it and we were expected to do it."

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