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Aldermen Virginia Newell and Vivian Burke listen and ponder as Peggy Latham, president of Rainbow House Inc., pleads her case during the regular board meeting Monday night. The board denied Rainbow House's petition to rezone a single-family dwelling in Ardmore to a home for the families of chronically ill children.



Denies Rainbow House

Board OKs Aid Pact

By Allen Johnson
Managing Editor

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen quietly approved increased relocation aid to Liberty-Patterson residents in a Jan. 4 board meeting that was otherwise anything but quiet.

The aldermen unanimously passed an aid package which includes:

- a \$24,864 contract with the Experiment in Self-Reliance to provide relocation counseling for residents from an office to be located in the neighborhood.

- and an increase in the relocation allowance for displaced residents from \$200 per family to \$700.

The package had been endorsed earlier by the board's finance and public works committees.

Other items on the agenda had a much rockier path to travel.

Following a marathon debate before a packed and extremely vocal gallery, the board rejected Rainbow House Inc.'s petition to

rezone an Ardmore house from a single-family home to a rooming house for the families of seriously ill patients.

Following a spirited debate between proponents of the rezoning and members of the Ardmore Neighborhood Association, the board voted 5-3 against the petition.

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"Are you going to start a domino effect?" said rezoning opponent and Ardmore resident W. H. Turner during discussion prior to the vote.

"I wish y'all would just soften your hearts," countered Mary Jones, a Highland Homes resident who supported Rainbow House.

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"I'm Just Speaking My Mind"

By Allen Johnson
Managing Editor

An elderly Winston-Salem woman who resides at Highland Homes complained to the Board of Aldermen Monday night that it has not been sensitive to the needs of elderly citizens.

"I'm talking to you, Mrs. Burke," Jones said as she addressed the board. "You're about the only one on there who's going to help anybody."

Jones in particular charges that the city did not provide as many curbs in East Winston for wheelchair residents as it should.

Jones also requested advice from the board on what the elderly can do to offset cutbacks in federal aid by the Reagan administration.

"Our elderly folks are upset," she said.

Third, Jones requested that the city's housing authority consider moving

the collection of rent for Highland Homes residents closer to where they live.

"It's too much for elderly folks to go all the way up to 29th St. on the bus," she said. "Somebody could kill us at Piedmont getting off the bus."

Alderman Larry Little See Page 2

Motel Incident In Clemmons Angers, Disturbs Local Family

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

A quiet controversy evolving from a dispute over what constitutes noise has developed between the management of the Clemmons Ramada Inn (West) and Mrs. Ruth Furches of 3801 Lomond St. in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Furches believes that she, her family (including four children) and guests were treated rudely and unfairly when she held a birthday party in one of the Inn's banquet rooms on Nov. 6. Mrs. Furches asserts that the continued annoyance of the manage-

ment and two Forsyth County Sheriff's deputies resulted in her leaving the suite she had also rented for the occasion at six a.m.

"They kept complaining about noise," said Mrs. Furches. "First it was my children. They said my children were throwing food in the lobby. Then, after we moved to our suite, they started complaining about noise," she added.

Mrs. Furches said that her children, who range in age from 8 to 19, were with her in the banquet room at the time of the complaint and after being asked to turn down the music in her suite, her husband did so.

The manager of the Ramada Inn, D. C. Lawrence, contends that the Furches party was loud and that she was not treated any differently than any other guest would be in the same situation.

"We didn't treat her any differently than any other guests," said Lawrence. "They were keeping a lot of noise. We don't care who they are, if they're keeping a lot of noise, then we are going to ask them to quiet down and if that doesn't work, then they will be asked to leave."

Sergeant Ken Thomas of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department was

working for the Ramada Inn that night and accompanied Lawrence to the Furches suite on each occasion.

"She (Mrs. Furches) was asked several times and didn't obey," said Thomas.

"We came back two more times and they were loud, about the loudest group we've had out there in a while."

But Mrs. Furches says she has witnesses who will back up her allegations.

Mr. Joniest Moses, a guest at the party, said that he was not aware of any problems with Mrs. Furches' children, but noted that the

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Mayor Wayne E. Corpening proclaimed Friday, Jan. 15 as a day of remembrance for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Corpening's office at city Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 5 as local civic and community leaders witness his signature. The proclamation said, among other things, "On the occasion of the birthday of Dr. King it would behoove us to pause and consider the lessons of our past in order to more effectively deal with the problems of our future." From left to right are: Partick Hairston, head of the local NAACP, Mutter Evans, owner of radio station WAAA, Evelyn Terry, Father Michael Curry, Gwen Ricker and Alderman Larry Little.

Newell Joins Commission

Gov. Jim Hunt has named Virginia K. Newell of Winston-Salem to the newly created Hazardous Waste Management Commission.

Newell is chairperson of the mathematics/computer science department at Winston-Salem State University and a former mathematics professor at Shaw Univer-

sity in Raleigh. She is also a member of the National Council of Negro Women and currently serves as an alderman for the East Ward in Winston-Salem. Her term on the commission will expire Nov. 1, 1983.

The commission was created by the 1981 General Assembly, at Gov. Hunt's urging, to develop a tech-

nologically advanced and environmentally clean system of waste management for North Carolina.

The commission consists of 15 members—eight appointed by the governor, one by the speaker of the house, one by the lieute-

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David Thompkins

Thompkins New Housing Head

By Yvonne Anderson
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The New Year has brought the first black executive director of the Winston-Salem Housing Authority in the person of David L. Thompkins.

Thompkins replaced James K. Haley, who submitted his resignation in

October. The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners appointed Thompkins, who was then the deputy director of housing in the city.

A graduate of North Carolina A&T State University, Thompkins, 49, joined the agency in 1956 as manager of Kimberly Park housing complex. From

there, he was promoted through the ranks to administrative assistant, director of operations, and Deputy Director, where he was in charge of all the Authority's budgets and daily operations, handling funds in excess of \$10 million annually.

"We do not expect any increases in budget

allotment," said Thompkins. "We will keep approximately the same level of maintenance, management and service."

Thompkins studied housing management at Wake Forest University, the University of Georgia and the Institute of Government at the University of North

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Black Self-Help: Are We Willing To Support Ourselves?

By Yvonne Anderson
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Black people all over the country faced difficult times, economically, politically and socially as the Reagan administration initiated its economic recovery program in 1981.

Many programs and agencies designed to help

minorities out of depressed living conditions were wiped out. 1982 shows few signs of hope to relieve these conditions and more and more, black folk are looking to each other instead of Washington for spiritual, as well as economic support.

Here in Winston-Salem, the question of the degree

of black unity and support draws different responses among community leaders, but all agreed that unity is necessary for survival.

Thomas Elijah, director of the local Urban League, cites a need for more support for black-owned businesses in the community.

"Black businesses basic-

ly survive on black patronage," he said. "The problem is that black businesses don't reach out to other markets. You've got to be competitive and have a good, marketable product. We've got to work diligently in '82 to make sure that the black businesses come up to those standards necessary to com-

pete in all markets." Jim Hansley, head of Vanguard Investments, was so pessimistic of the idea of blacks supporting black businesses that he declined to comment directly.

"My views would be so negative that I wouldn't want to see them in print," said Hansley.

On the political front,

there is a definite feeling of

optimism as Winston saw the election of four black Aldermen in 1981. After the ballots were tallied, a call for unity of the aldermen was made and all four aldermen have said previously that they will work for unity among themselves as well as with other members of the

board.

"I tend to think that on some points we are very unified and on others we need a lot of work," said North Ward Alderman Larry Little. "I don't think that there are enough meetings between those who are designated as leaders. Politically, we've been unified on voting at

times, but we need unified strategies. This year, some important elections are coming up for the school board, the county commissioners and the State House. We need to sit down and discuss these things now."

But Patrick Hairston, head of the local chapter of See Page 2