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# Board Back Zones Property

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back part of it lies just eight feet from the adjoining property line. The city codes stipulate that businesses be located at least 10 feet from the adjoining property line.

The citizens said they did not object to Ms. Sexton operating a beauty shop from her home, but did object to the rezoning. They claimed locating a business in the middle of a residential block would lower the value of their property.

Kelly pointed out that the City Planning and Zoning Board, which advises the city board on zoning matters, had recommended that Ms. Sexton's request be denied because it was "spot" zoning. The city board, following a public hearing during which no

one spoke for or against the request, granted it.

Kelly said the Board of Adjustments at a May 18 meeting ruled that Ms. Sexton could not operate a beauty shop from her garage since it is located just eight feet from the adjoining property owner's line.

Fite polled city commissioners individually on their opinions about the rezoning. Commissioners Humes Houston, Curt Gaffney and Jim Dickey said they would stick by the original decision and Commissioners Jim Childers, Corbet Nicholson and Norman King said they favored back zoning the property because when they voted on it the first time, they were told there was no opposition by the community.

But, after further discussion,

all six commissioners voted to back zone the property.

Commissioner Nicholson, who represents the Cleveland Avenue area and who made the motion to rezone, said he did so because he didn't know there was any opposition to it. He said he did not have any complaints when the matter came up before.

Childers said he seconded Nicholson's motion before because he, too, was told there was no opposition to it. King said he made a mistake before "and I apologize."

Houston said he would have to "go along with the decision that has already been made." Gaffney said he "didn't have any objection to a beauty shop" and Dickey said "there was no op-

position the night we voted so I'll have to go along with the board's decision."

Several commissioners and City Attorney George Thomasson pointed out several times that no one objected to the rezoning request during the public hearing. The citizens said they did not attend because they had objected at the earlier meeting of the Planning and Zoning Board and were told by members of that board that it would be illegal for the city board to rezone the property Neighborhood Business.

Commissioners Childers and Dickey asked the group to attend public hearings in the future if they oppose a request.

Commissioner King said he would "only do this for the church. The church doesn't make mistakes. Only people make mistakes. I made a mistake and I admit it. But if this were an individual request, I'd take a different view of it."

Childers, who seconded Nicholson's motion to back zone the property to Residential, said "this is a first for me. I've never backed down on a decision. But we got the facts wrong."

Dickey said "I don't like to back down. On any public hearing, you should come and speak your mind regardless of what somebody tells you."

# Reunion In KM

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a son and daughter in Cuba. Her son is an accountant and her daughter is a teacher.

"They have about everything in Cuba that we have here," Ms. Smith said. "Education is compulsory. You have to go to school. There's more work there now than when I was there, especially for the poor people. They don't have to pay for medical expenses."

Ms. Smith said she felt divided between the U.S. and Cuba for years after coming here. "I felt like I wanted to be there and

here too," she said. "But I was raising two children and I had to decide where I was going to lay my eggs. Things change so much. I never really think about going back now."

Mealtime is a learning experience, Ms. Smith said. Since her children speak very little Spanish and her mother speaks very little English, they're putting what few words they know into practice.

Ms. Smith, who believes in physical fitness, says she has been planning on taking her mother walking since she's been here.

"But, we're laying low," she said. "I'm keeping her to myself. We've been staying up until 12:30 every night just talking. We have a lot of catching up to do."

Some other members of Mrs. Guerra's family live in California, Chicago and New York, and most of them have called since she arrived here. "And, the neighbors have been just great," Ms. Smith said. "They've sent flowers, vegetables and have called. Everybody has been real nice."

"There's something happening all the time," she continued. "It feels real good to have her here. Now that we've got her here, we plan to try to get her back more often."

# City Board Oks Budget

The Kings Mountain Board of Commissioners approved a \$12.5 million budget for the 1983-84 fiscal year during its meeting Monday night at the Governmental Services Facilities Center.

The budget calls for \$3,202,664 for the general operation of the city and \$9,361,195 for utilities. The budget calls for a three percent salary increase for all permanent employees and the tax rate of 50 cents per \$100 property valuation was maintained.

The general fund budget is one percent more than last year's amended budget, Mayor John Henry Moss pointed out.

The general budget provides \$408,626 for capital projects and the utility budget provides \$405,000 for capital projects.

"This is a budget that addresses itself to the current needs with a view toward the future," Mayor Moss said.

Capital budgets include administrative department, \$3,800; Police, \$65,700; Fire, \$52,000; Streets, \$178,200; Sanitation, \$20,000; Recreation, \$15,000; Surface drainage, \$20,000; Garage, \$2,000; Codes, \$1,500; Neighborhood Facilities Center, \$2,216; Emergency Command Post, \$4,210; and Computer System, \$44,000.

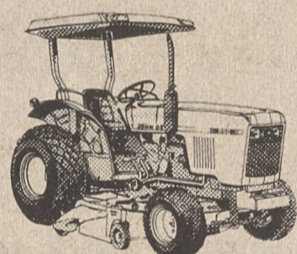
The police department plans to purchase a generator, two patrol cars, two mobile radios, two rotary lights, five walkie talkies, a truck for the animal control officer, a vacuum cleaner, one used highway patrol car, 20 pistols and move a radio antenna to the Citizens Service Center.

The main project for the fire department will be a lease-purchase of a 1,000-gallon

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