

Bond Sale In March

Redevelopment Approves Cansler Project Contract

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In its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, the Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission officially approved the grant and loan contract for the Cansler Street Urban Renewal Project between the commission and the Federal Government. The total Federal Capital Grant for the project is \$2,735,593.

Gene White, director of the Redevelopment Commission read the resolution to approve the grant and loan to the Cansler project and added that the "budget has already been set and the approval is to make it official."

Sale of the bonds for the project will be in March of 1973. Until then, to start on the land acquisitions, a direct federal loan will be applied for. A direct loan, according to White should be forthcoming in about two to three weeks after the application has been filed.

The gross project cost is listed at \$3,859,816. Of this figure \$808,063.00 is set for total non-cash grants and aid to be contributed by the city. This figure of \$808,063.00 is to be provided as "in-kind" contributions. "In kind" includes any work such as site improvements, utility work, water and sewer lines and lands for public housing. Also any work done by the state or federal government for the city can be termed as a Kings Mountain "in kind" contribution. For example an addition to a hospital, even if funded by federal money, is counted as part of the city's "in kind" contribution.

The difference between the gross cost for the project and the city's "in kind" share is \$3,051,753. Land sales from the project will be deducted from this figure which should equal the \$2.7 federal share.

In approving the Cansler Renewal Project on December 6, 1971 the city agreed to pay one-fourth of the actual net cost of the project. As stated in federal guidelines, cities with population under 10,000 initiating an urban renewal project must pay one-fourth while the federal share is three-fourths. When the budget was finalized, the city's cash share came to \$145,000. Although the city obligated itself to pay one-fourth White said the city's share will not be that high.

"The figure projected in the Cansler renewal project was low according to the government," White stated, "so an additional project capital grant will be obtained at a later date to reduce the city's share." The figure of \$114,000 in additional funds was mentioned but the redevelopment director says the amount "could possibly be more."

After approval of the execution of the contract the commissioners also approved

the issuance of project loan notes. These notes are to be issued every March and are to include the projected amounts of money needed for one years operation. This "requisition" of money is designed to cut down on high interest on the lump sum.

In other business the redevelopment board voted to authorize reimbursement on travel expenses incurred while staff members are attending a relocation seminar in Goldsboro on December 10-12.

The seminar is to provide ideas on the interpretation of regulations regarding relocation which will be implemented in the Cansler project. Director Gene White, Assistant Director John Hall and Site Director Hazel Brown are scheduled to make the trip.

Gene White also took up the matter of the Duke substation on the Bonnie Mill property with the board. He said that Duke has agreed to move the substation and install a temporary delivery system

for the Mur-Glo. The Redevelopment Commission agreed that if the Mur-Glo were to start operations again, the commission would pay the previously agreed price of \$2500 to the power company. The substation is scheduled to be moved in a week or so.

Will Herndon and John Plonk were absent from the Tuesday meeting.

Call In And Be Judged!

In an effort to recognize those persons who have really worked on their home exteriors and lawns this Christmas season, the MIRROR has started a decoration judging contest.

There seems to have been some confusion over the situation however. To be eligible for the judging you must call the office. Since it would be almost impossible to see every home in Kings Mountain you must call us so we will be sure to make it by your residence.

Remember, the contest applies only to home exterior and the winning home will be featured in a pre-Christmas edition of the MIRROR.

Get those calls in before December 15 because that is the judging deadline. The number to call is 739-3851.

Good Luck and Happy Decorating!



The end of a perfect parade, as Santa Claus made his appearance of the holiday season in the Christmas parade Friday, but it was a temporary visit, and for local youngsters, the wait will continue until December 25th. (Mirror Photo)



Faces tell the real story of a parade, and this little fellow was completely engrossed in the proceedings last Friday. When the float carrying Santa and his Reindeer came into view, he leaned out from the crowd and began to motion for Santa to hurry up. (Mirror Photo by Rodney Dodson)

Arrests Number 36 For Week

Total arrests for the past week numbered 36 with over 30 being listed the first four days of December. Those booked at the Kings Mountain Police Department were:

John McClean, 27, reckless driving; James M. Price, Jr., 17, stop light violation; Franklin Bell, 49, public drunk; L.Z. Dobbins, 63, public drunk; Austin Falls, 56, public drunk; Horace Mauney, 41, public drunk; Tommy Tidwell, 56, no insurance; L. P. Frix, 30, driving under the influence; Austin Falls, 56, public drunk; Willie Hayes, 26, assault on a female; Virginia M. Reid, 31, 46 in 35; John Mason Wilson, 31, 50 in 35 zone; William Norris, 33, 50 in 35 zone; Ralph D. Stranze, 24, 50 in 35 zone; John L. Melton, 23, 50 in 35 zone; Larry J. Gilliard, 23,

47 in 35 zone; William L. Blanton, 54, 46 in 35 zone; Robert D. Waters, 37, driving under the influence; Johnny L. Jones, 25, driving under the influence; Fay Patterson Garland, 32, driving under the influence; George Clary, assault with a deadly weapon; William Brent, 36, public drunk and capias; Moffett R. Green, 36, driving while intoxicated; Charles L. Ball, 42, public drunk; Kathryn Connor, 44, public drunk; Cecil Campbell, 42, trespassing; Dwight Foster, 26, assault on a female; Newman Marcus McCall, 38, carrying a concealed weapon; Sam Paul Welch, 28, 48 in 35 zone; Dennis Eugene Carroll, 16, 50 in 35 zone; Franklin D. Bell, public drunk; Carol Wanda Hodge, 15, juvenile order; Michael Gene Ellis, 19, improper movement; Newman Marcus McCall, 38, driving under the influence.

Summer Should See Shopping Center Open

"Right now we're trying to get the grading done for pouring foundations. If weather permits, we should be able to move right along," was the report of J. Wilson Crawford, part owner and developer of the proposed shopping center in western Kings Mountain.

The proposed shopping center is located on the property behind the armory along U.S. 74 across from Wade Ford. Total area of the shopping center is approximately 13 acres.

J. Wilson Crawford and Robert. H. Neill, owners, lessors and developers of the project announced plans for the center August 30, 1972. Those plans included a Winn-Dixie Food Store and a Mack's Variety Store. Agreements with the two businesses have been made as to floor plans and type of building to be erected.

The architect for the shopping center is Friedrich H. Schmitt and Lat Pursler and Associates is the leasing agent.

Crawford also stated that there were plans for a drug store to be included in the shopping center but further details could not be divulged.

First Union Bank of Kings Mountain may also have a branch in the shopping center in the future according to Josh Hinnant, vice president and city executive of the bank. Hinnant stated that the bank ran a study of the need for a motor bank in the Kings Mountain area several weeks ago. The study included such items as number of customers to be served as well as pictures of the congested parking lot at the existing downtown facility. The study, along with the application for a motor bank in "the vicinity of Castlewood Road and King Street," was filed November 3, 1972 with the comptroller of currency in Washington. Hinnant was not sure of when the application will be approved.

Although it had been expected that Winn-Dixie would build and be opened by February of 1973, such plans now would be impossible according to Crawford. "We need good weather for just a few weeks so grading can be completed and foundations poured. With this done progress should be good. Contracts for building are up for bids now and should be concluded in a few weeks."

The completed shopping center is expected to have over 100,000 square feet of floor space and a total parking area of 764 spaces. The Winn-Dixie building will cover 19,880 square feet and the Mack's Variety Store 15,600 square feet. Crawford said with good weather and plans going smoothly, the business should be open this summer.

Cards For 1973 Tags Being Mailed

The application cards necessary for obtaining 1973 license plates will be placed in the mail on December 1, December 8 and December 20. Department of Motor Vehicles officials expect this huge mailing, estimated at more than 3,700,000 cards, to be delivered by January 1.

The 1973 Red and White plates will go on sale throughout the State on January 2. The 1972 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the Department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the Department have thru February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain plates at 406 S. LaFayette St., Shelby. Office hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

The local license agent, Miles A. Beam, Jr., points out that "to renew a plate you must have a renewal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when it is received. He also asks you to open the envelope, read the instructions and complete the application according to instructions before presenting it for a new plate. This will expedite issuance and keep lines from forming.

The Department of Motor Vehicles has made arrangements with the Post Office in Shelby to turn over to the local license office renewal cards which the Post Office has been unable to deliver. Anyone failing to receive an application card may possibly find it at the local license office. "It will take from ten days to two weeks to get application cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh," says Mr. Beam, and he suggests that those who have not received an application apply to his office as early as possible so that there will be time to get one out of Raleigh if he does not have it.

Motor vehicles owners who have not received their license application card by January 1st, should notify the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. "It will take you from ten days to two weeks to get one and you should, therefore, act promptly," says Mr. Beam.

Grocery Theft Occupies Deputies

A broken windshield and a larceny at Hardin's Grocery in Grover occupied Cleveland County deputies this week in the Kings Mountain area.

Vassur Hardin, owner and operator of Hardin's Grocery in Grover reported Friday at 10:40 a.m. that his money box had been stolen from underneath his checkout counter. Hardin said that he had been out delivering groceries and that one black man and three black women came into his store. They had reportedly been in the store the day before. The three women had Mrs. Hardin in the back of the store looking at some merchandise and the man stayed up front. After the foursome left it was discovered that the box was missing. It contained \$200 in one dollar bills, five rolls of quarters, two rolls of nickels and six rolls of dimes. A book of S & H Green Stamps was also in the box. The black man was described as 50 years old about 5' 7" and 160 pounds. One of the three women had a large afro haircut. Cecil Murray investigated the larceny.

Nishie Malechi of Route 3, Box 180, Kings Mountain reported a broken windshield in her 1966 Pontiac Tuesday morning. The vandalism took place the night of the 27th. Deputy B. R. McKinney investigated and reported that a person or persons had broken the windshield by throwing a brick through it. No estimates of damages were listed.

The Sheriff's Department also issued a list of arrests in the Kings Mountain area over the week. Those listed were John A. Cooke, 34, of 607 West Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, non-support; OI-

iver D. Moore, 57, of 711 Floyd Street, Kings Mountain; capias instant; Howard Leonard Moore, 52, of 307 First Street, Kings Mountain, capias instant; James Biddix, 33, Route 2, Kings Mountain, assault on a female; Mary Beth Ramsey, 24, of 809 East Ridge Street, Kings Mountain, worthless checks; and Landrum Heavener, 30, of Route 1, Cherryville, assault on a female.

Fire Strikes Twice

Two fires at the same location and within five days of each other have kept Kings Mountain firemen busy and on the alert for other such fires.

Both blazes have been at 918 Grace Street along the railroad track. The first fire happened at 3:40 p.m. Monday, November 27, at the same time as an auto fire at 216 and I-85. The second time the call came at 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 2.

Also last week the fire department answered calls to 418 Dixie Trailer Park. This fire was reported at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday at 9:45 p.m. the fire department was dispatched to extinguish a VW on fire at the A & P Store on S. Battleground. Twenty minutes later that same day, firemen were called to a fire at Foote Mineral and found the blaze already out. The fire was attributed to a conveyor belt mishap.



Oath Of Office

John Hinnant of Kings Mountain was one of three new County Commissioners sworn-in to office Monday morning by Superior Court Judge B. T. Falls, Jr. See photo inside of the new board of commissioners. (Mirror Photo by Lem Lynch)