## REGULAR SESSION, MONDAY, JULY 24, 1978.

Mr. Wilson moved and Ms. Farish seconded the motion to rescind the July 10th action and to increase next year's social service funding by \$7,500. Mr. Goodrich pointed out that the Council reduced the social service budget from \$250,000 to \$243,000--to him that meant the Council wanted their budget to be \$243,000. Ms. Farish argued that they need this money in order to combine four agencies together and to fund new quarters for the Voluntary Action Center--she is in favor of both of these and would like to increase the budget. Mr. Wilson also stated he favors combining the agencies. Mr. Goodrich stated this will increase that particular budget by 11.2% for next year when we were trying to keep everybody within the projected 7.4% increase in revenues.

The vote on the motion was then taken with Barnes, Farish, Beach and Wilson voting yes. Proctor and Goodrich voted no. <u>Motion carried</u>.

Constant Manning Program: Mr. Beck advised that there was a memo sent out by the Fire Chief on this matter. Actually, the Manager can transfer funds within the Fire Department account to handle this situation, but because of questions which arose in past years on constant manning, he is asking for Council approval. He also advised that doing this would deplete the Fire Department's budget and if any unusual problem should come up during the balance of this fiscal year, it may be necessary to come back to the Council for funding. Mayor Proctor pointed out that there was \$30,000 in constant manning funds requested last year, the Council authorized \$28,700 which is a difference of only \$1,300, and apparently the constant manning program has gone considerably beyond that--what is the reason--injuries or what? Fire Chief Wren answered yes, there have been two people off since the middle of January and sick leave is averaging about 3 days per individual.

Ms. Farish moved and Mr. Barnes seconded the motion that funds be reallocated within the Fire Department budget. All voted yes. <u>Motion carried</u>.

## APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Airport Advisory Board Judy Wise, 209 Orleans Court, to term ending 5/16/82.

<u>Commission on Bicycling</u> Russell Bennett, 4605 Rice Road, to term ending 7/31/79. James W. Knight, 700 Scott Boulevard, to term ending 7/31/81.

Housing Authority Les Wagner, 1901 Garden Drive, to term ending 5/31/81.

Board of Equalization: Councilman James Goodrich appointed by acclamation.

## COMMENTS:

<u>Regarding Municipal Court</u>: Councilman Wilson stated it is suggested that the same committee be reappointed with a new charge, those being to look at the options the City has to either maintain its municipal court or to turn its functions over to the circuit court; the second charge would be that if the recommendation were to retain the municipal court to include a recommendation to the City Council on the relationship between the Municipal Court and the City Council or the relationship of the Municipal Court to the City Administration. Since there is some urgency on this decision because the new law goes into effect January 1st and the Circuit court would like to have some idea on whether or not they will be taking over our municipal court, this committee should report back by September 1st.

Mayor Proctor then reappointed the Municipal Court Review Committee, consisting of Councilmen Mosby, Farish and Wilson, with Wilson as Chairman, for a report back to the City Council by September 1st.

Councilman Barnes stated it was pointed out to him today that there are certain city buildings that have a lot of weeds growing around them, then asked Mr. Beck to see that those get taken care of. <u>Announcement of resignation by Councilman Beach</u>: Ms. Beach advised that at the end of summer she plans to move her family to Madison, Wisconsin. She has taken a position as Instructor in Planning at the University of Wisconsin. She stated she would like to take this opportunity right now to thank her colleagues on the Council and the city professional staff and the whole of Columbia for the experience she has had. It has been very meaningful for her to have served this community and she will continue this next month to help in the selection of the new City Manager. This is not her farewell address, but she will be resigning about September 1st.

Council Work Session was set for Monday, July 31st to discuss proposed charter amendments for the November ballot.

<u>Communications from State Highway Department</u>: Mr. Beck advised that we have a response to our two resolutions on bikeways, one along Stadium Boulevard, in which they point out that the road and bridge will have 10 foot shoulders on each side which could be used by cyclists. He said the other resolution requested that they give consideration to acquiring right-of-way along rerouted 63 between I-70 and Mexico Gravel Road, and they say, "the rightof-way plans for this improvement are nearing completion and should be finished within the next thirty days. At this time our plans do not include any special facilities for bicycles. In the interest of safety, a separate bikeway would be highly desirable; however, it would add considerably to the cost of highway construction. It is our suggestion that the City of Columbia use available FAU funds for building any desired bikeways." Mr. Beck advised that he has one other communication from the State Highway Department asking that the City consider