

M I N U T E S

MODEL CITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 20, 1970
10:00 a.m.

The Model Cities Executive Board held its first meeting of the new year on January 20, 1970 in City Hall, Committee Room #2. The following members were present:

Mayor Sam Massell, Chairman
Alderman Ira Jackson
Alderman Hugh Pierce
Commissioner James Alredge
Mr. Clarence D. Coleman
Dr. C. Miles Smith
Mr. Howard Phillips
Mr. J. C. Whitley
Mrs. Martha Weems
Mrs. Lillie Thompson
Mr. John Hood
Mrs. Mattie Ansley

Absent:

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

Other City officials, representatives from neighborhood organizations, the general public and the press were also present.

The Chairman, Mayor Sam Massell called the meeting to order and introduced all of the new members of the Board.

The Mayor then entertained a motion for the adoption of the December 16 Minutes. It was so moved and unanimously approved without correction.

REPORT OF THE MASS CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE

Since Deacon Lewis Peters is no longer an elected member of the Executive Board, Mr. Lyall Scott, Director of the Model Cities Mass Convention, Inc, reported for the Mass Convention Steering Committee. He stated that the Mass Convention met on Sunday, January 18 and that the attendance record of 500 represented all of the neighborhoods in the Model Cities Area. He further stated that the annual elections were held for the officers of the Convention.

Mrs. Ansley pointed out that since there is a need for the report of the Mass Convention that the Chairman of the Mass Convention be made a member of the Executive Board. Mr. Johnson stated that this would have to be decided by the Board of Aldermen since they determine the composition of the Board. The Mayor then stated that for now the Chairman of the Mass Convention should be personally invited to attend all of the meetings to make the report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Johnson asked for approval to enter into contract with Arthur Andersen & Company in the amount of \$4,000 to develop an Operating Policy and Procedures Manual for the Model Cities Program. After discussing the feasibility of having the manual prepared, Dr. Smith moved that the CDA be given authority to enter into contract with Arthur Andersen & Company. The motion was seconded and approved. The Mayor then stated that Arthur Andersen should incorporate the role of the Mayor's Office and the Board of Aldermen in their manual.

Southern Railway

Mr. Johnson asked for authorization from the Board to engage the U. S. Corp of Engineers as advisors to the staff on the Southern Railway controversy and authorization, if necessary, to reimburse them for expenses incurred. Mr. Johnson then brought the Board up-to-date on the activities involving the Southern Railway expansion. A discussion then followed on the purpose of engaging the Corp of Engineers and the results expected from their participation in the controversy. After the discussion, Mr. Coleman moved that the CDA be authorized to engage the Corp of Engineers to evaluate the alternatives in the Southern Railway controversy and be authorized to expend up to \$3,000 for expenses incurred. Mr. Hood then moved to amend the motion by adding that the Corp of Engineers be instructed to inform the citizens, the CDA and City Hall of the progress and results of their study and evaluation. The motion was seconded and approved as amended.

NDP Activities

Mr. Johnson presented the 1970 Land Use Plan and indicated that there had been a cut-back in the rehabilitation and clearance areas, because of a deduction of funds from HUD. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Openshaw from the Housing Authority both stated that the cost of the NDP activities had not yet been clearly defined but that the staff of both agencies are working on establishing the exact figures. After a lengthy discussion on the 1969 and proposed 1970 NDP plans, Dr. Smith moved that the Board approve the basic 1970 Land Use Plan as presented by Mr. Johnson. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

At this point, the Mayor had to leave the meeting and asked Mr. John Hood to act as Chairman during the remainder of the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Whitley moved that the Mayor be requested to send a letter to the employers of the new members asking them to grant time off for them to attend the Executive Board meetings. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board.

Compliance Officer

Mr. Johnson stated that the staff had not been able to hire a person to fill the position of Employment Compliance Officer. He then requested authorization for the two Aldermen on the Board to prepare a resolution for the Board of Aldermen to authorize the CDA to enter into contract with the Georgia Department of Labor for one year for the loan of one of their employees to fill the position of Compliance Officer. The request was approved by the Board.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Hood, then asked if there were any groups in the audience that wished to address the Board on any issues. Mrs. Ethel M. Matthews from the Peopletown Community read a petition to the Board protesting the election procedure for the Peopletown representatives to the Executive Board, the Advisory Council and the Steering Committee of the Mass Convention.

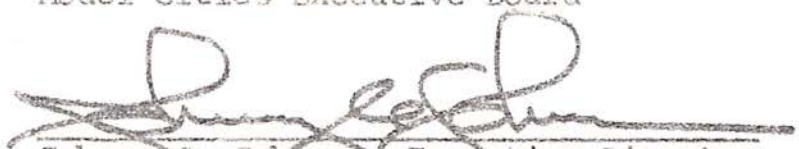
Mr. Hood proceeded to appoint a Grievance Committee to investigate the complaints brought out in the petition. Alderman Pierce was appointed chairman of the committee, with Dr. Smith and Mr. Whitley as members. The committee was instructed to notify the chairman of the Board upon completion of their investigation.

Mr. Edward Moody then spoke to the Board regarding a petition he presented several meetings ago that was referred to the administrative staff for investigation. Mr. Johnson stated that he was not prepared to give a report at this meeting. Mrs. Thompson then moved that the Grievance Committee appointed be made a permanent committee and handle the two grievances that were just presented. The motion was seconded. It was then pointed out that the Chairman of the Board should appoint all permanent committees. Mr. Whitley then offered an amendment to the original motion to state that the temporary grievance committee investigate the petition concerning the election in Peopletown since it was presented today and that Mr. Moody's petition be referred to the permanent grievance committee when it is appointed by the Chairman. The vote on the amended motion was taken first with five (5) Board members voting for approval. Four (4) Board members voted for approval of the original motion. Therefore, the temporary grievance committee will investigate only the complaints concerning the elections.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor Sam Massell, Chairman
Model Cities Executive Board



Johnny S. Johnson, Executive Director
Model Cities Program