

# Committee to Review Model Cities Programs

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. asked for and got authorization Tuesday to name a committee to review proposed agencies to run some 78 programs in the Model Cities area.

Allen insisted the naming of the review committee is merely routine and follows past practices, but other City Hall sources said he is concerned about some of the recommendations of the Model Cities Executive director, J. C. Johnson.

Allen asked for the authorization from the Model Cities Executive Board, which met Tuesday. At the mayor's request, Alderman Everett Millican made the motion and it was carried.

## HOW MANY?

Later in the meeting, Allen asked Model Cities staff members how many unemployed persons reside in the 3,000 acres covered by the program.

O. D. Fulp, who works with economic development and employment, replied there were 3,000 to 6,000 with another large number underemployed. He said exact figures aren't available because the latest statistics are from the 1960 census.

Because the federal funds still have not arrived from Washington, Allen said the committee, which he hasn't yet named, will have time for the review without jeopardizing the start of programs.

## AWAITING MONEY

The Model Cities programs have administrative funds, but implementation can not be started until the Nixon administration provides the supplementary money.

Although Allen's exact concerns aren't clear, it is thought they include funds to be used for employment and for the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council.

The Georgia State Employment Service would get \$807,291 for various job programs under the proposals with another \$2.4 million going to other agencies for employment programs.

Of the latter amount, \$1.2 million would go to Economic Opportunity Atlanta for the Atlanta Concentrated Employment Program (ACEP), which has had its share of problems.

The Youth Council would get \$167,000 for youth activities and

some officials wonder if the small staff could effectively use that amount of money.

Some city officials also have questions about a \$16,000 proposal by a public relations firm which includes State Reps. Ben Brown and Julian Bond "to relate people and the entire Model Cities an integral part of the Atlanta area."

Allen emphasized he is not "balking at these programs. I just want to review them."