

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A CERTAIN CITY-OWNED VACANT
LOT ON NEWARK STREET UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF
N.C.G.S. 160A-269**

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of a vacant lot located on Newark Street, further identified as Tax PIN 6836-85-6345, Forsyth County Tax Map, that is surplus to the City's needs; and

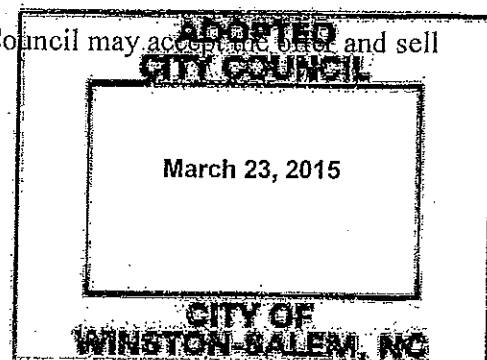
WHEREAS, the City has received an offer to purchase this lot and advertise it for upset bids all in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-269; and

WHEREAS, Johnell Hunter, 177 Apt. D, East Highland Avenue, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, has submitted an offer of \$1,000 for the 10,890 sq. ft. lot; and

WHEREAS, no warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or condition is made by the City relating to the sale of the property and the property is purchased "As Is/Where Is And With All Faults".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston-Salem, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the City Council hereby authorizes sale of Tax PIN 6836-85-6345, to Johnell Hunter for \$1,000 under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160A-269; that the City Secretary shall cause a notice of proposed sale, containing a general description of the property, amount and terms of the offer, and a notice that within ten days any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent of the first \$1,000 and five percent of the remainder, be published, without further authorization of the City Council, shall re-advertise the offer at the increased bid; and this procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying bids are received, at which time the City Council may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder or reject any and all offers.

Vivian Burke
Finance Committee
Bidding Process
City Council Committee



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Community Garden Reaches out to Adults and Children

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Bless the Children and Family Outreach Ministry reached out even further to their neighbors and children by planting a garden.

About 15 children from the neighborhood got involved by helping Johnell Hunter and his wife, Debra, the director and assistant director of the ministry, help spread love throughout the community by raising and giving vegetables to needy families in the neighborhood.

"It's given me some really nice cabbage," Madge Horton said. "They taste so much better when they're raised this way instead of bought in the store."

Outreach Ministry is about to celebrate its 10th year of existence. It began in 1984 as a result of Hunter and his wife's desire to try to make a difference in the hurt and discouragement they were seeing in the community's children and their parents. The ministry has several functions that include door-to-door and group ministering, visiting the sick and helping the needy and elderly, community clean-up projects, child-work task force and musical-song composition.

They started the garden in the

spring with the help of Horton and members of the Ireland family. Johnell Hunter said he asked Horton for help because he knew nothing about how to plant vegetables.

"I thank God for our elders," he said. "We need to learn a lot from them and then pass it down to our children."

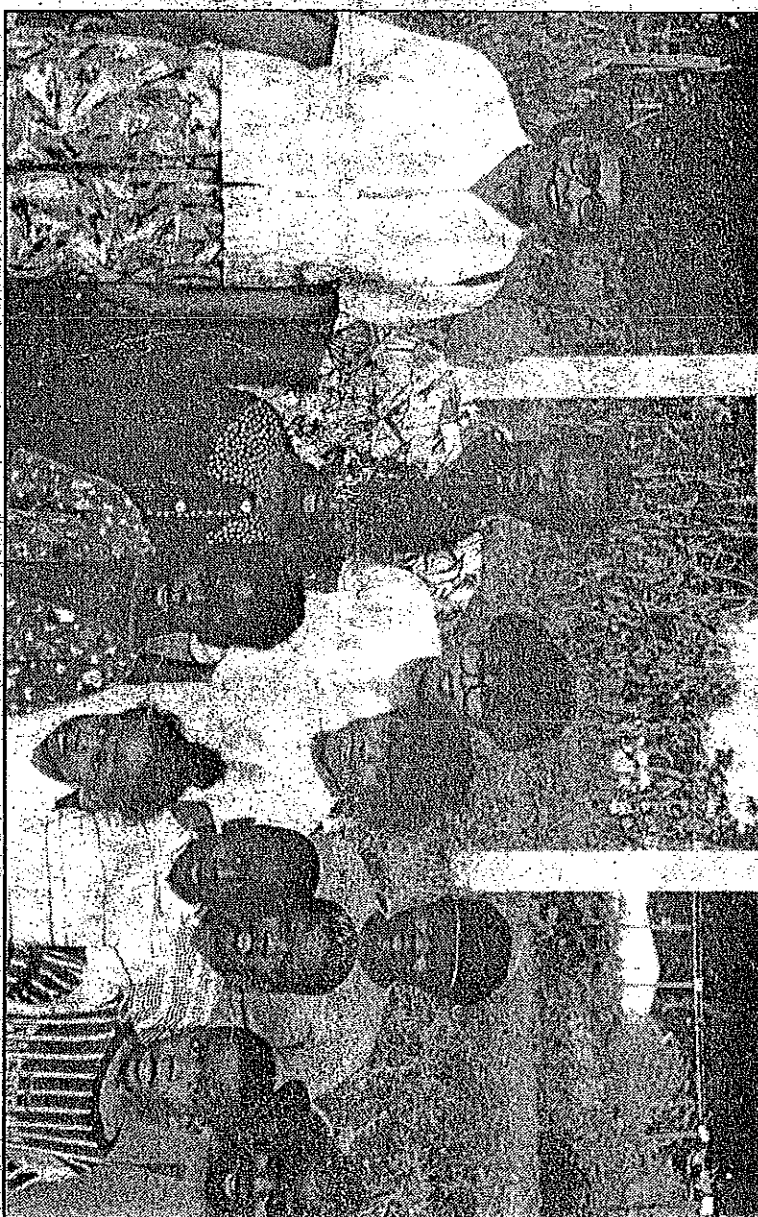
Debra Hunter said she had a bit more knowledge than her husband because her parents and grandparents made a living farming.

The Hunters said the participating children eagerly come once a week to help work in the garden. They have planted watermelon, squash, corn, collard greens, onions, tomatoes and other vegetables.

"Sometimes we would be in the garden and they would come over and help," Johnell Hunter said. "A lot of times kids just get bored, and we as adults don't reach out to our young people. They appreciate someone reaching out to them."

Horton said it will take young people like Hunter and his wife to reach the younger generation.

"They turned us old people out a long time ago," she said. "It's just wonderful what this young couple is doing. Anything young people can get interested in to keep them out of devilment is a wonderful thing."



Johnell Hunter Sr., Debra Hunter, Madge Horton and youth who helped with community garden

The garden is located next to the Hunter's home on North Graham Avenue and the land is owned by N. L. Rumph. Although Outreach Ministry is a city-wide ministry, the garden only serves people on three streets. Johnell Hunter said commu-

nity gardens could grow if more land was available. donate it to churches and individuals who would make use of it."

"Community gardens are an up and coming thing," He said. "It would be nice if Winston-Salem landlords who have developed lots with run-down housing would Another activity of the ministry is a radio show, Bless the Children and Family Christian orientation broadcast, which airs on WSM Sundays from noon until 12:30 p.m.