

## B'ham Decides to Apply For 701 Program Aid

Birmingham will make final application for the Federal 701 Program (planning assistance), city commissioners decided Monday night.

The City is applying through the state administration for a grant of \$17,655 from the Housing and Home Financing Agency for urban planning assistance.

City Manager H. R. Gore said that total cost of the proposed planning work is \$28,000. State administrative costs are \$1,540, for a total of \$29,540.

If the request is approved, the Federal Government will grant up to 75 per cent (\$17,655) of that amount.

Birmingham, in turn, must furnish local services in the amount of \$9,945, plus \$2,942 in cash.

The program, designed to complete the city's comprehensive general plan, is expected to take 24 months to complete.

Included are a population and residential neighborhood study, a study of recreation and community facilities, a major thoroughfare plan, a study of utilities, a future land use plan, a public improvements plan, a study of the zoning ordinance and subdivision regulations.

COMMISSIONER Ralph A. Main said the only "no" vote on the motion to make the final application. He has been opposed to seeking the federal aid because he feels Birmingham can handle the work itself.

Main and Commissioner Robert Page raised the question Monday night of possible state or federal interference in Birmingham land uses.

They were assured, however, that the Federal law involved makes any such interference illegal.

## Bits of Birmingham

A series of recent explosions were the result of aerial bombs shot by the Birmingham Country Club to inform players in the Birmingham Invitational Golf Tournament of their bedding-off time. Instead of using a starter to announce each player's tee-off time every seven or eight minutes, this year the club fired aerial bombs twice a day to signal the start of play each day.

**WILLIAM R. ROBERTS** is back from vacation. We don't know where he went or how long he was gone, but there's a note in his column in this fact that he missed a couple commission meetings—that he's been on vacation. He has a deep tan.

A Birmingham mother, who knows a joke when she sees one, put the finger on her son and his teen-age friend Tuesday afternoon when she called The Birmingham Eccentric and squealed on the two boys. Seems her family was expecting guests this weekend and the out-of-towners included a daughter who is a look-alike of movie star Hayley Mills. Also seems the boys thought it would be fun to indicate, via our pages, that the guest was the real McCoy—we mean Mills. They phoned their little joke in as a news tip—mother promptly phoned in to set The Eccentric straight; just in case we believed it. (We did—for a few minutes.)

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Commissioners approved the grant of easement and transfer of the sewer to the county DPW.

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