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Contract on Youth Work Debated

NEWBURGH — While the City Council voted 3-0 to consider a special summer youth program Thursday, Councilman George J. Shaw Jr. questioned the administration of the program by a "contractor" rather than the city.

An application for the \$150,000 program was submitted to the state Office of Crime Control Planning by the TLC Community Development Corp of the Mid-Hudson Valley, in the name of the city. Members of the TLC Corp. include Tyrone Crabb, Clyde Sawyer and Leroy Wilson.

The New Hope Baptist Church, including George Butler, also separately expressed interest in being contractor for the program. It was said that the New Hope application was late, but spokesmen at the session said it is being held for further consideration.

"We're interested, but we want to know more about it and I want to know why it has to be contracted," Shaw said.

The city administration was unaware that the program existed. City Manager Theodore F. Maurer learned about it late last week but was advised that applications were closed to cities unless they were working with a contractor.

Maurer said that he imagined the two groups which have filed had direct word from the state that the program was available. Funds to be used are federal but administered through the state.

Crabb, well-known among blacks in Newburgh as a former NAACP leader and currently chairman of a state NAACP health unit, said there is no "competition" between the TLC group and the New Hope Baptist Church group which



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includes Butler, another black leader. Butler formerly headed a human relations unit in the

city.

Crabb said the TLC asked that it be the recipient for funds for its program, if the program were funded.

Maurer said the important point was to get summer employment for youth at a time when funds for summer jobs are limited.

Shaw said that in taking action to "consider" the program, the council was seeking time to review the applications of the two groups.

"We weren't in a position to make a decision yesterday," he said.

Maurer said that he understood the Crime Control Planning Commission had recommended a grant for Newburgh provided the city works with a contractor.

One program discussed would provide employment for 115 youth assistants at \$1.85 per hour on a 10 week basis, 40

hours per week.

According to the application, employment would be with the New Park Department (70 enrollees), St. Luke's Hospital (20 enrollees) and the New Windsor Park Department.

The enrollees would be supervised by 19 adults paid \$3 per hour for the 10 week program.

Administration for 12 weeks would cost \$20,250 and include a project director, \$3,000; assistant director, \$2,250; five youth recreation counselors, \$7,500; three youth counselors for job monitoring, \$4,500; two youth counselors for guidance, \$3,000.

Voting in favor of interest in the program were Shaw, Mayor George F. McKneally and Councilman Marion Romaine. Councilmen Peter C. Patsalos and Mildred Levy were unable to attend.