

## City council OKs processing of jobs, recreation

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### NEWBURGH

Following a controversy-filled meeting Thursday, the Newburgh City Council adopted by a 3-0 vote a resolution that will allow it to administer \$118,000 in State Crime Control Commission funds to provide summer jobs and recreation for youngsters.

The controversy arose when two groups of blacks, each representing recently formed agencies, urged the council to accept their programs and applications to the crime control commission for funding of the project.

The program, which would provide approximately 115 summer jobs, would have funds administered by the city but a private agency would recruit youngsters and provide jobs.

The two agencies represented were: TLC (Tender Loving Care) Inc., represented by Clyde Sawyer and Tyrone Crabb, both members of the Newburgh NAACP; and the New Hope Baptist Church youth and community service agency, represented by Richard Peterson.

Robert Corliss, director of the mid-Hudson office of the crime control commission, said that as far as he knew only the application made by Sawyer and Crabb had been submitted before a deadline last week. Peterson contended that he had received a special extension from an attorney for the commission, but a subsequent phone call by Corliss to the commission's New York office didn't clear up the matter. The attorney was not available, he said.

Corliss said that as far as he knows, the only application under consideration is that of TLC and that the only way the city can get funding for the program is through TLC.

Councilman George J. Shaw Jr., complained that the city should have applied for the funds on its own and charged that City Manager Theodore W. Maurer and Corliss, were remiss in not seeing to it that the city got the funds directly.

Maurer said he did not know about the program until it was too late. Corliss said he learned funds might be available about

two-and-a-half weeks ago. He said he told the TLC Corp., which was looking for funding for summer jobs, and the city manager.

Crabb and Sawyer, he said, went to New York to make further inquiry and discovered that the cutoff date for applying was that very day. They wrote a brief proposal and applied for the funds on behalf of the city and TLC said Maurer.

He said St. Luke's Hospital, the Town of New Windsor and the city would provide jobs under the program. The city's cost will be about \$21,000 in services such as city personnel, and office space.

Sawyer and Crabb said they had formed the corporation about two months ago along with Newburgh attorney Leroy Wilson as a non-profit agency to find jobs and provide job training for Newburgh youths.

When Corliss told them about the crime commission funds they leaped at the opportunity, Crabb said, and were fortunate enough to file before the deadline.

Corliss said the funds would be spent on providing jobs and recreation in the

high crime area of Newburgh, primarily the east end black ghetto.

Asked by Councilman Marion Romaine why Newburgh was considered for the program over other mid-Hudson communities, Corliss answered that job opportunities are fewer and crime problems more serious.

Corliss denied Peterson's contention that the agency which runs the program gets 6 per cent off the top for submitting an application and a program.

The city's resolution, approved by Shaw, Mrs. Romaine and Mayor George F. McKneally, did not specify which agency would run the program for the city, apparently making either application approved by the commission acceptable.

After Peterson attempted to discredit the TLC agency as self-serving, Mayor McKneally commented, "I don't want a war as the result of an effort to keep the peace."

He said to Sawyer, "Why to hell can't you people get together and run a joint program to benefit the kids."