

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 28, 1964, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Don G. Bryant.

CITY EMPLOYEES PLAQUE PRESENTED DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF HORACE C. HORNE, SR. IN APPRECIATION FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mayor Brookshire presented the City Employees Plaque to Deputy Fire Chief Horace C. Horne, Sr., in acknowledgment and appreciation for his forty-two years service to the City of Charlotte, from January 1, 1923, the date of his employment to his retirement on November 17, 1964. The Mayor expressed his appreciation to Mr. Horne for his service to the citizens of Charlotte and wished him happiness in his retirement.

REQUEST OF GROUP OF CITIZENS INTERESTED IN THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED BELT ROAD THAT COUNCIL REQUEST STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION TO POSTPONE FOR TWO WEEKS THE HEARING ON THE QUESTION SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 30TH, DENIED.

Mr. William E. Graham, Attorney, stated he represents a group of citizens who are vitally interested in the location of the Belt Road. That on December 7th this same group appeared here through an attorney and protested the lack of any notice or opportunity for a hearing at the time of the last decision in regard to the location of the proposed Belt line road. At that time a Councilman asked the question as to whether or not this very Council had passed a resolution promising to give such notice. A review of the Minutes of this Council indicates that on March 9, 1964 Councilman Dellinger moved that the Council go on record that the people who had appeared that day be notified and he quotes from the Minutes, "when the decision is to be made on the road". This request was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and was unanimously passed by the Council. That he suggests to the Council that a clear interpretation of this resolution - and he knows all of the members of the Council personally and knows them to be fair men - was that notice was to be given as to when the final determination on the Road was to be made; and the fact that these interested people were notified as to the date of a determination that did not turn out to be final, but to be a preliminary determination, does not comply with the spirit of this resolution when no notice was, in fact, given regarding the date of the final determination. He stated this is particularly true in view of the fact that the position of many of these interested people had changed, some had made improvements to their property in reliance on this decision, and other information would have been available that would have been of assistance to the Council. He stated the State Highway Commission has scheduled a hearing on this matter for December 30th, day after tomorrow; this hearing has been scheduled right in the middle of the holidays, at a time when many of the interested people have conflicting plans. That notice of this hearing, when taking into consideration the holidays, does not permit sufficient time to adequately obtain cost estimates and other information vital to a reasonable presentation of the

position of the opponents of this Route. That the Commission has repeatedly refused to consider what they think is a reasonable request for a postponement of the hearing until after the holidays. That assuming that the December 30th hearing reasonably complies with the responsibility of the State Highway Commission to conduct a hearing, it does not comply nor does not relieve this City Council of a duty to also conduct a hearing on this important matter, because this Council, unlike the Highway Commission, is responsible solely to the citizens of Charlotte. That it is the position of his clients that the benefit of a thorough hearing before a final determination is first and foremost only fair and proper; certainly when citizens are entitled to be heard on matters concerning zoning laws, that may affect only the character of property, it is arbitrary indeed, to say that the Council is under no obligation to hold hearings or to advise the citizenry when it will take action on matters such as the adoption of the Belt Road, which directly affects their property, and in fact, destroys the property of a substantial number of our citizens.

Mr. Graham stated further, it is their further position that the laws of this State require the governing authorities of a municipality to give notice and conduct a hearing regarding matters of this sort. That they are here today to again request a reasonable opportunity to be heard, and if this request is denied, as regretfully it may be, he feels obliged to advise these citizens of our city to seek the enforcement of the due process to which they are entitled, through other forums of this State.

Mayor Brookshire commented that while he is not an attorney, he personally does not think that the due process of law is involved here, but it very well may be as he is not an attorney. That he thinks the actions of the City Council, based on the motion, which was made and seconded and carried, which Mr. Graham referred to, was an accommodation to the public rather than meeting any legal requirements.

Mr. Graham stated they are not putting forward that point in saying that the resolution places any legal duty on the Council. The legal duty they refer to is the duty under the Statutes of the laws of North Carolina and not by virtue of any resolution that has been previously passed by the Council. That he did refer to it to call it to Council's attention and to say to the Council, as reasonable and fair men he knows them to be, certainly they must have had in mind a reasonable opportunity for people to be heard before a final determination of this matter, and they are asking that in view of Council's position at that time, that these people now be given this opportunity.

Mayor Brookshire stated he does not think a final disposition of the matter can be had until after the State Highway Commission conducts the public hearing on December 30th, and he does not think it is the prerogative of the Council to say when the final disposition has been made, because the final disposition will be made by the State Highway Commission, as he understands it.

Mr. Graham remarked as he understands it, this is a joint effort, and unless there is an agreement between the City and the Highway Commission this project will not go forward as scheduled on this particular Route. That he now asks in the event the hearing of the Highway Commission on December 30th does not result in the Commission doing anything that would interfere with the action heretofore taken by the City Council, whether the Council would at that time hear from these people on the question of the route?

Mayor Brookshire replied that if Mr. Graham requested it, he imagines the Council would be willing to hear them.

Councilman Bryant moved that Council request the State Highway Commission to postpone the hearing scheduled for December 30th in order to give a reasonable

length of time for these people to prepare the information they feel necessary for the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Albea stated if he remembers correctly we have had two or three hearings on this and he thinks Council has carried out its obligation thoroughly. Councilman Bryant stated he is not talking about a Council hearing, he is talking about the State Highway Commission hearing. Councilman Smith remarked that Mr. Albea has always supported the idea that people should be given an opportunity to be heard, and his second to the motion is based on not any position that he may have on it but the fact that he does not think sufficient time has been given these people to get up their case and he thinks during the holiday season the Highway Commission ought to allow at least two more weeks before they have this public hearing. Councilman Albea remarked he thinks that is entirely a matter for the Highway Commission.

Councilman Bryant amended his motion to include "for two weeks", the motion to now read, " that Council request the State Highway Commission to postpone the hearing schedule for December 30th for two weeks in order to give a reasonable length of time for these people to prepare the information they feel necessary for the hearing". Councilman Smith, who seconded the motion, accepted the amendment.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Graham if two weeks is ample time for him to prepare his case, and Mr. Graham replied, Yes, they would be satisfied with two weeks.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Attorney if the feeling of the Council, based on Mr. Graham's statements here today, is that these people were not given a fair opportunity to be heard in objection to the Wendover Route, could a hearing not be held after the Highway hearing? Mr. Morrissey replied that he thinks it could be but he does not know to what avail, if the Highway Commission by that time has made a decision.

Councilman Thrower pointed out that all the Council did was make a recommendation to the Highway Commission; that legally the Council has no control over this Route.

Councilman Smith replied to Mr. Thrower that all they are doing today is going on record requesting the Highway Commission to postpone their hearing for two weeks. That they are not demanding, they are in no position to demand such a thing. That he thinks when any group of citizens appears before the Council and asks for more time for a fair hearing, there is no other course to take except to back them up as their representatives.

Councilman Albea stated if they were requesting a Council hearing he would vote for it but this is a Highway Commission hearing. He asked Mr. Graham how long they have had notice of the Highway hearing? Mr. Graham stated this was before he became involved in the matter, and he believes there was some question as to whether there would even be a hearing at one time, that the actual notice of the hearing was posted on the 16th.

Mr. Jim McDuffie, 1800 Eastway Drive, pointed out that the Wendover Road people had the same opportunity to speak as the people on Eastway Drive or any other street, that the time has been equal. That the day the Council voted on the question they chose not to say a word. That knowing the Highway hearing was going to be on December 30th he drove his family to Colorado and flew back last night to be here for the hearing, and he would think it would be unreasonable to vote a postponement considering those of them who are planning to attend the hearing, and he asked Council to continue to represent all of the people of Charlotte and not make this request.

Councilman Smith said to Mr. McDuffie that he has followed his comments in the press and followed his comments before the Council and he thinks that he tries to be fair, and the only thing he is asking is for the other side to be given the opportunity to prepare their objections, and during the holiday season from the 16th to the 25th was a pretty hectic time at his house, and he presumes it was at Mr. McDuffie's, and the only thing these citizens are asking is a postponement and he sees no reason why it should not be granted. And he is seeking Mr. McDuffie's basic fairness in this thing. Mr. McDuffie replied that he appreciates that, that all he is interested in is seeing these belt roads built, and if this one is not built, Tyvola Road will be right down here saying don't build ours, and he would have to agree with them. That he says let's get on with building these roads, even if they go through his yard and Mr. Smith's, and he hopes they go through both.

Councilman Albea stated he thinks they are making their appeal for postponement to the wrong Body. The State Highway people are the people they should have gone to and requested the postponement. That the City Council has no business interfering with the State Highway Commission, and he is most reluctant to ask any other governing body to change their plans, when the people have the right to go and ask the Commission themselves.

Councilman Bryant stated he thinks we have made other requests to the Highway Commission on behalf of the citizens of Charlotte and he does not see anything particularly out of the way with his motion. Councilman Albea asked Mr. Bryant to refer to just one time the City Council has asked the Highway Commission to postpone any meeting for anybody, and Councilman Bryant pointed out he did not say the Council had asked them to postpone anything, but he said the Council has made requests for the Citizens of Charlotte to the Commission.

The vote was taken on the motion, and lost by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Bryant, Dellinger and Smith.

NAYS: Councilmen Albea, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.

RESOLUTION AMENDING AND CORRECTING CERTAIN STATUTORY REFERENCES IN THE OFFICIAL ANNEXATION REPORT HERETOFORE APPROVED ON OCTOBER 12, 1964, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled, "Resolution Amending and Correcting Certain Statutory References in the Official Annexation Report Heretofore Approved on October 12, 1964, by the City Council of the City of Charlotte" was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 471.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ANNEXATION REPORT HERETOFORE APPROVED ON OCTOBER 12, 1964 TO APPEND THERETO A LIST OF THE STREETS IN THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED WHICH WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR MAINTENANCE, ADOPTED.

Councilman Bryant moved the adoption of a resolution entitled: "Resolution Amending the Official Annexation Report Heretofore Approved on October 12, 1964, to Append thereto a List of the Streets in the Area to be Annexed which will be Accepted for Maintenance" which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, beginning at Page 472.

ORDINANCE NO. 297-X TO EXTEND THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY PART 3, ARTICLE 36, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, an ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 297-X to Extend the Corporate Limits of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, under the Authority Granted by Part 3, Article 36, Chapter 160 of the General Statutes of North Carolina" was adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, beginning at Page 112.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION NO. 64-72 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF A LOT AT 1413 CUMMINS AVENUE DEFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Albea moved that consideration of Petition No. 64-72 by Melvin Williams and Harry Goines for change in zoning from R-6MF to B-1 of a lot at 1413 Cummins Avenue be deferred for further study and recommendation by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION NO. 64-73 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF 11.017 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTHWESTERLY SIDE OF PROVIDENCE ROAD, DEFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, consideration of Petition No. 64-73 by T. W. Pritchard for change in zoning from R-15MF to B-1 SCD of an 11.017 acre tract of land on the southwesterly side of Providence Road, was deferred for further study and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 298 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, DIVISION I, SECTION 23-31, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, CATAGORY (b) PERMITTING OPTICAL LABORATORIES IN ALL OFFICE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 298 Amending Chapter 23 of the City Code, Article III, Division I, Section 23-31, Table of Permitted Uses, Catagory (b) permitting Optical Laboratories in all Office, Business and Industrial Districts, was adopted as requested by Southerland-Helms Corp. and recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 121.

ORDINANCE NO. 299-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF FIVE PARCELS OF LAND AT 212, 218, 222, 226 AND 230 BALDWIN AVENUE, FROM R-6MF TO O-6, ADOPTED.

Councilman Bryant moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 299-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning of five parcels of land at 212, 218, 222, 226 and 230 Baldwin Avenue, from R-6MF to O-6 at the request of Mr. Homer O. Baker, et al, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 122.

ORDINANCE NO. 300 AMENDING CHAPTER 23 OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE III, DIVISION I, SECTION 23-31, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, CATAGORY (a) PERMITTING NURSING HOMES, REST HOMES, AND HOMES FOR THE AGED, SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS IN SECTION 23-43, IN B-2 DISTRICTS, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, Ordinance No. 300 Amending Chapter 23, of the City Code, Article III, Division I, Section 23-31, Table of Permitted Uses, Catagory (a) Permitting Nursing Homes, Rest Homes and Homes for the Aged, subject to Regulations in Section 23-43, in B-2 Districts, was adopted at the request of Ronaco Corporation, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 123.

ORDINANCE NO. 301-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE EAST SIDE OF N.C. 16, FROM MCCLURE CIRCLE TO ROZWOOD DRIVE, FROM R-12 TO B-1 SCD, ADOPTED.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 301-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning of a tract of land on the east side of NC 16, from McClure Circle to Rozwood Drive, from R-12 to B-1 SCD at the request of McClure Land Company and recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 124.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION NO. 64-78 BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PIANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, DIVISION I, SECTION 23-31, TABLE OF PERMITTED USES, CATAGORY (c) TO PERMIT FREIGHT TERMINALS AND TRUCK TERMINALS IN I-1 DISTRICTS, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that consideration be deferred for two weeks on Petition No. 64-78 by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission to amend Chapter 23, Article III, Division I, Section 23-31, Table of Permitted Uses, Catagory (c) to Permit "Freight Terminals" and "Truck Terminals", in I-1 Districts, provided "No portion of the property used for this storage, loading or movement of tractors or tractor-trailer units is located within 300 feet of any property in a Residential District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

Councilman Albea asked for the reason for the request for the postponement, and Councilman Dellinger stated there have been some things brought to his attention that he thinks maybe the Council would like the benefit of, and probably some-one will contact other members of the Council and advise them what it is.

Councilman Smith stated he would like to abstain from voting on the motion. That he was represented in the press as having a financial interest in a particular piece of property which was sold to a Motor Line, altho he thinks his comments were valid and in the course of good planning.

The vote was taken on the motion to defer decision on the petition for two weeks, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Dellinger, Albea, Bryant, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.
NAYS: None.

Councilman Smith abstaining from voting.

ORDINANCE NO. 302 AMENDING CHAPTER 23, OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE VI, DIVISION 2, SCHEDULE OF SIGN REGULATIONS, SECTION 23-31 (c) AND SECTION 23-82 (a) AND (b) PERMITTING THROUGH LOTS IN OFFICE, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS TO HAVE TWO IDENTIFICATION OR BUSINESS SIGNS, WITH ONE ON EACH STREET FRONTAGE, ADOPTED.

Councilman Thrower moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 302 Amending Chapter 23, of the City Code, Article VI, Division 2, Schedule of Sign Regulations, Section 23-31, (c) and Section 23-82 (a) and (b) Permitting Through Lots in Office, Business and Industrial Districts to have Two Identification or business signs, with one on each street frontage, at the request of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 125.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH PITOMETER ASSOCIATES TO COMPLETE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM RELATING TO LEAKAGE IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with the Pitometer Associates to complete the fifth year of the five-year program relating to leakage in the Water Distribution System, at a price of \$6,000.00.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH JAMES L. VARNADORE FOR APPRAISAL OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Smith moved approval of a contract with James L. Varnadore for the appraisal of a tract of land on Church Street in connection with the Northwest Expressway right of way. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED WITH SAL RAILWAY COMPANY AND JACKSON ENGINEERING COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were authorized for the installation of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Seaboard Air Line RR Company for the installation of 1,350 ft. of water main and one fire hydrant in the Company's East Charlotte Industrial Park, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$5,800.00. The total cost of the construction to be borne by the applicant and the City to furnish all materials, labor and supervision and maintain and operate same retaining all revenues until the main shall produce a revenue equal to 5% of the cost of the main during any 12 months continuous period when the City will reimburse the applicant the first cost of the project without interest, depreciation or any amount other than actual cost.
- (b) Contract with Jackson Engineering Corp., for the installation of 1,320 ft. of water mains in Foxcroft Subdivision No. 5-A, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$3,960.00. The applicant to pay the entire cost of the mains and own same until such time as the area is incorporated into the city limits at which time the mains will become the property of the City without further agreement.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM NON TAX CONTINGENCY FUND TO COLISEUM FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS.

Councilman Thrower moved the transfer of \$10,577.00 from non-tax Contingency Fund to the Coliseum for maintenance and repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington. Councilman Smith stated he has noticed that the numbers on the concrete in the Stands at the Coliseum are not very legible and he would like for this to be incorporated in the repairs. The City Manager stated he agrees with Mr. Smith's observation and will call it to their attention. The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT FOR 1964.

Mayor Brookshire stated in line with what he considers the duties and prerogatives of the office he holds, he presents the following Report for the year 1964 up to and including December 28, 1964:

"Progress of our City during the calendar year of 1964 has been somewhat obscured by the public attention given to several controversial matters before Council, but a brief recapitulation will show that substantial and constructive progress has been made in a number of areas important to the continuing development and growth of Charlotte.

Perhaps of most importance to the continuity of our efforts in meeting the present and future needs of our City, arising out of an explosive growth, was Council's decision to call an election for January 23 on a municipal bond issue of \$21.1 million to provide for the capital needs of seven vital items of physical facilities necessary to the continued development of Charlotte.

Implementation of our 20-year/^{major}thoroughfare plan saw the completion of the \$3.5 million West Side Grade Separation project which was commenced by this administration in 1962. This project illustrates the advantage of long-term bond financing by the City on improvements which will be paid for as they are used. It is also an example of cooperation between the City and the State Highway Commission, plus in this case the splendid cooperation of a corporate citizen - the Southern Railway.

Progress was made during the year on a much larger phase of our thoroughfare plan, the expressways, which will circle the inner city. To date more than 200 parcels of land required for the right of way of the Northwest Expressway have been acquired and paid for out of the \$3 million bond issue voted two years ago as a starter on this project. The continuation of this important project will hinge on the success of the January bond issue.

Again in the area of construction, the year of 1964 saw the substantial completion of a two-million dollar expansion project at the airport and a decision of Council to undertake additional improvements at a cost of some \$600,000.00.

Under our ten-year Urban Renewal program, virtually all of phase one has been acquired and cleared, phase two acquisition and clearing is on schedule, and phase three was approved and the loan granted by Federal authorities in December. This area of sub-standard housing, crime, and civic shame is on its way to becoming an expanded Government Plaza and Community Center, with other landscaped modern structures to serve future needs of the modern city.

The face of the old, or inner city, is fast being changed by rigid enforcement of the minimum housing code passed three years ago by this Council. In 1964 some 4200 living units were brought up to code standards and approximately

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650 units were demolished. In addition, a number of outmoded and blighted structures in the business section have been voluntarily removed by the owners.

During the past year more than 30 acres, largely occupied by sub-standard housing, in old wards 1 and 4, were purchased by our Housing Authority as locations for the 600 new public housing units authorized two years ago by this Council. It is to be hoped that the construction of these new and modern units, to be started in 1965, will offer an example and encouragement to private enterprise to do the same in the surrounding blighted areas.

Worthy of mentioning in the 1964 picture is the action of Council in appropriating \$35,000 as the City's share for the development of a master plan to continue our central city as a vital hub of activity for Metropolitan Charlotte and the region which it serves.

During the year, a restudy of city-county relations, with particular reference to joint financial responsibilities, was made by Council and County Commissioners, resulting in the transfer by the City to the County of the City Health Department and the gradual phasing out of the City's financial responsibility. This is recognition of the principle that facilities and services made available to all citizens in the community, whether they live in or beyond the City, should be supported through taxes by all on a like basis. This understanding, arrived at with the County Commissioners, to a considerable extent will make the tax burden more equitable throughout the community.

The action of Council today, after more than a year of study, in annexing 4.5 square miles of perimeter under our current policy of urbanizing portions of the perimeter as it becomes urban in character and as the City can extend its services, becomes a part of the 1964 record of progress, even though the annexation will not become effective until late 1965.

During the year of 1964, our Charter Review Commission has completed the structure of a new charter, designed as a modern instrument for enabling the City to meet present and future governing needs of a growing metropolitan center. This can be far reaching in importance.

To round out an even dozen items of progress in 1964, let me mention the decision of Council to convert Charlotte Community Hospital to a chronic disease hospital, after many months of careful study. The decision was tough, but I think was rightly made in the interest of providing the best possible health care in the community.

I am sure that progress, of a nature more difficult to measure, has been made in many other areas. Let me mention only a few examples: the installation of our first computer in City Hall, the acquisition of other modern equipment to improve services and efficiency, extension of water and sewer lines, improvement of streets and sidewalks, progress in peaceful and constructive community relations, and efforts to improve economic opportunities for all of our citizens.

The progress which I have outlined in brief has been largely within the framework of local government, for which we have an elected responsibility. This, of course, is only a part of the Charlotte progress story in 1964.

Volumes could be written on the pursuits of private enterprise and the hundreds of Community agencies which during this past year have brought marked progress in commercial and industrial development, education, culture, the arts and many other areas too numerous to be even briefly mentioned here, but which are indicative of the drive which constantly propels our City forward.

The year 1964 has been a good one, in spite of its problems. I am grateful for the opportunity of working with you and I thank each of you for your cooperation and support. To the extent to which I am able to speak for all of the citizens of Charlotte, I thank you for your continuing service to our City, and wish you Godspeed in the New Year."

TESTIMONIAL SUGGESTED TO GENERAL PAUL R. YOUNTS FOR SERVICES TO CHARLOTTE AS DISTRICT STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER.

Councilman Smith remarked that he thinks the Mayor's Report is excellent, and in line with it he suggests that the Council owes a lot to General Paul Younts for what he has done for the city in the way of expressways and street improvements, in his representation of this District in Raleigh; he suggested that the Council do something in the way of a testimonial to him for his services to Charlotte, probably sometime in January.

Councilman Whittington stated he concurs in Mr. Smith's suggestion. That he has discussed this with the City Manager with the idea of all of us discussing it in January, and he knows it has been discussed by other people in the community and thinks it should be something that is initiated by the Council and a Committee from the Council be appointed to start working on it.

Councilman Smith stated he did not realize it was being discussed privately; that several prominent citizens have mentioned it to him, with whom he concurred; as to it being a surprise to the General, he does not think his area of work is a surprise to anybody, it is all open and above board. That he thought it was fitting that he suggest it because the General and he have been opposed on one very major issue, but he still recognizes his great benefit to Charlotte.

Mayor Brookshire asked the members of the Council to give this some thought and talk with either Mr. Veeder or himself within the next few days as to any suggestion they may have.

CLAIM OF R. GLENN ANNAS FOR WRECKER SERVICE LIFTING CAR FROM STREET CAVE IN APPROVED.

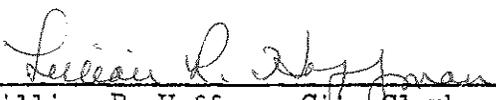
The City Attorney recommended payment of the claim in the amount of \$10.00 of Mr. R. Glenn Annas for Wrecker Service in lifting his Ford Car out of a street cave-in on Kingscross Drive on November 25th, in which there was no damage to the car. Councilman Thrower moved approval of the payment of the claim, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR EXTENDED BY THE MAYOR.

Mayor Brookshire extended Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to the Council, all City Employees and the citizens of Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk