

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Tuesday, January 3, 1967, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mr. J. W. Kiser, City Attorney.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Special Meeting on December 19 and the regular meeting on December 19 were approved as submitted.

RESIDENT OF WOODLAWN ROAD REQUEST ADJUSTMENT FOR ENCROACHMENT ON HIS PROPERTY AND THAT RETAINING WALL BE CONSTRUCTED THE DISTANCE OF THE HIGH BANK IN FRONT OF HIS PROPERTY.

Mr. L.O. Henry stated he lives on Woodlawn Road at the corner of Castlewood Road and since last March when the work started on the road, the residents of the street have been bothered with a lot of inconveniences - dust, mud, noise and even vibrations. That his lot was left in a very unsightly and inconvenient state of affairs. There is a bank on his property six feet high and it was left so that it is almost straight down and it would be impossible to cut any grass on the bank. Also, they have encroached on his property some six or eight inches.

Mr. Henry stated he is requesting the City to have the encroachment straightened out and to make an adjustment on it. Also he is requesting a retaining wall to be built along the front of his house for a distance of 80 feet and six feet in height.

Mayor Brookshire advised the road is being constructed by the State Highway Department who let the contract and supervised the work; however, Mr. Henry's request will receive the City's attention.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated someone will be in touch with the State immediately to discuss the points made by Mr. Henry.

COUNCIL REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE INJUSTICES TO NON-STRIKING EASTERN AIRLINE EMPLOYEES DURING THE STRIKE RECENTLY; AND ALSO TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF DOUGLAS FACILITIES FOR USE BY THE CITY.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated when Eastern Airline went on strike sometime ago, Mayor Brookshire took special exceptions to the fact that the City was going to lose a lot of money. Since Legislature will soon be in session and the City is going to meet with that Body, he would like to know what the City proposes to do about correcting the injustices done on two separate occasions to the non-striking Eastern Airline employees. Council displayed so much interest in the losses incurred by the City that he thinks it behooves them to show equally as much interest in those people who lost their wages through no fault of their own as they did not object to crossing the picket line nor anything else. That the Legislature had a meeting recently, and

he does not think they intend to do anything about this. That he would like to know if Council will consider taking it up with the Legislature when the two Bodies meet?

Mr. Elvin stated the Mayor made a good suggestion regarding the Douglas Facilities that the City might consider the purchase of those facilities. That it appears now we might be considering more consolidations than we have done in the past. In considering the purchase of the property, he would suggest they also consider the purchase of voting machines. That voting machines require a lot of floor space as they should be stored in such a way that they can be maintained. At the same time, as consolidation comes along, the City could make use of the facilities in any way they think wise.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 66-92 BY J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ET AL FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-1 AND B-2 TO B-3 OF FOUR TRACTS OF LAND, DEFERRED.

Councilman Jordan moved that decision on the subject petition be deferred pending the further study by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, what it means deferred for further study; does this mean until the next meeting or for several months?

Mr. Bryant replied the Planning Commission meets tomorrow night and the information they requested is available and he expects they will take action on it at that time.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 66-93 BY CHESAPEAKE PAPER STOCK COMPANY FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM B-2 TO I-3 ON PROPERTY FRONTING ON WEST TRADE STREET AT THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD AND EXTENDING TOWARD CEDAR STREET, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried to defer decision on the subject petition pending the further study of the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 578-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-9MF ON TWO LOTS AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LANTANA AVENUE AND SHARON AMITY ROAD, AND FOUR LOTS AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LANTANA AVENUE AND SHARON AMITY ROAD, ON PETITION OF CHARLIE LEE HELMS ET AL.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning from R-9 to R-9MF as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 468.

ORDINANCE NO. 579-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING ZONING FROM R-9MF TO I-1 ON PROPERTY FRONTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF I-85 BEGINNING EAST OF STARITA ROAD, ON PETITION OF E. B. YOUNG, ANNIE ROBINSON GILREATH AND ANN TODD CROWLEY, TRUSTEE.

Petition No. 66-95 for change in zoning from R-9MF to I-1 of approximately 42 acres of property fronting 2,109 feet on the north side of I-85 beginning 1,300 feet east of Starita Road was considered by Council; the Planning Commission recommending that the petition be approved except for a small portion of the northern section of the property located between a branch of Irwin Creek and the Derita Woods Subdivision.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the Petition as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, if the deletion of the piece of the property has been taken up with the petitioner? Mr. Bryant replied the petitioner is aware of the Commission's recommendation.

Mr. Bryant stated this is following the change that was made on the adjoining property last month to use the creek as the boundary rather than the property line.

Mayor Brookshire asked if they are excepting all that portion of the northern section between Irwin Creek and the Derita Woods Subdivision? Mr. Bryant replied between a branch of Irwin Creek as this is not the main Creek; this is a small branch of the Creek that cuts across this property and they are excluding the northern portion of the property between this creek and the Derita Woods Subdivision.

Mayor Brookshire stated if the recommendation read except for that portion of the northern section of the property located between the branch of Irwin Creek and the Derita Woods Subdivision, it would describe the property that was excepted? Mr. Bryant replied that it would.

Councilman Short stated he does not believe this deletion could affect the petitioner's plans because he said he had no plans. Mr. Bryant stated in his opinion it would be difficult to cross the creek and utilize that small portion in conjunction with the other part.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 469.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 66-96 BY MCDANIEL JACKSON FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6 TO R-6MF OF APPROXIMATELY 15 ACRES OF LAND FRONTING 680 FEET ON THE NORTH SIDE OF GRIERS GROVE ROAD, BEGINNING WEST OF BEATTIES FORD ROAD, DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea and seconded by Councilman Jordan to defer decision on the subject petition pending the further study by the Planning Commission.

Councilman Alexander asked Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, if this involves a length of time? Mr. Bryant replied this will be considered by the Planning Commission tomorrow night.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT WITH HOBART SMITH CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS TO SERVE SECTION 1 OF HIDDEN VALLEY ESTATES SUBDIVISION, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, contract was approved with Hobart Smith Construction Company for the construction of 19,040 feet of water mains and sixteen (16) fire hydrants, to serve Section 1 of the Hidden Valley Estates Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$76,461, with the City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

SANITARY SEWER MAIN INSTALLATION IN BELLHAVEN BOULEVARD, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the installation of 335 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main in Bellhaven Boulevard, inside the city, at the request of Humble Oil & Refining Company, at an estimated cost of \$2,740, with all cost of construction to be borne by the Applicant whose deposit in the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Ralph T. Allen for Grave No. 3, Lot No. 178, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (b) Deed with Frank Pierre for Graves Nos 1 and 2, Lot No. 182, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs Emily S. Ducey for Grave No. 7, Lot No. 169, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (d) Deed with Davis Robinson and wife for Graves Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Lot No. 55, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, transferred from W. L. Varn and wife, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.
- (e) Deed with John William Jones, III and wife, for Lot No. 23, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs Cora S. Scoggins, widow of W. John Scoggins, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED KOPPERS COMPANY, INC. FOR EMULSIFIED ASPHALT.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Koppers Company, Inc., Earco Products Department, in the amount of \$73,573.66, on a unit price basis, for 730,000 gallons of various types of emulsified asphalt. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

-Koppers Co., Inc.	\$73,573.66
American Oil Company	73,715.86

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHEASTERN SAFETY SUPPLIES, INC. FOR TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan to award contract to the only bidder, Southeastern Safety Supplies, Inc., in the amount of \$20,354.45 for one traffic signal master controller and four intersection traffic signal controllers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Manager why the City received only one bid out of the 19 that were notified? Mr. Veeder replied on this particular equipment there is one reason in particular - this equipment would have to be compatible with other equipment and the other equipment is manufactured by the same company, so in this case, he is sure our specifications are such that for all practical purposes we have to buy from this one company. Councilman Tuttle asked if this could mean that we are installing a system that is "down somebody's alley" so to speak? Mr. Veeder replied you could put that connotation on it; at the same time the original equipment was put in, the City put in what they thought was best and this was a successful bidder. To add to that system, in the interest of good business we must get compatible equipment.

Councilman Tuttle asked if it would not be possible to take cognizance of this sort of situation and try and work to the end that our equipment does not cost more money and is diversified to the extent that we can't take advantage of 18 other bids? Mr. Veeder replied to the extent that there are this many other manufacturers. When the City first went into this program it was one of the first cities to get into this type of activity and there were not very many manufacturers of equipment.

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following property transactions were authorized:

(a) Acquisition of right of way 25' x 135.58' on Independence Boulevard at Waterman Avenue, from Presidential Motor Inn of Charlotte, Inc., at no price, for sanitary sewer easement to Edwards Branch.

(b) Acquisition of right of way 25' x 206.52' at 3223 E. Independence Boulevard from Trustees of Davidson College, at \$206.50, for sanitary sewer easement to Edwards Branch.

(c) Acquisition of 832 sq. ft. of property at 3600 Eastway Drive, from Latney W. Osborne and wife, Martha M. Osborne, at \$1,500.00 in connection with the Eastway Drive Widening Project.

(d) Acquisition of 2,047 sq. ft. of property at the northeast corner of W. 6th and North Church Streets, from Industrial and Commercial, Inc., at \$19,000.00, in connection with the Sixth Street Widening project.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTY OF WILLIAM H. TAYLOR AND WIFE, VERDA C. TAYLOR, LOCATED AT 3608 EASTWAY DRIVE, FOR EASTWAY DRIVE PROJECT.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the subject resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 391.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR ACQUISITION OF CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT OVER PROPERTY OF JAMES C. PURNELL AND WIFE, FLORRIE S. PURNELL, LOCATED AT 4522-24 THE PLAZA FOR PLAZA ROAD WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted, and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 392.

RECAP OF HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR 1966 BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire stated as has been his practice in years past he has prepared a brief recap on the highlights of 1966 with a few notes on the look into the new year on which we are entering.

"Under a sustained economy and a continuing pattern of growth, Charlotte marks the end of another year of planned and orderly progress, the highlights of which are worthy of a backward glance as we lay hold on a new year and the challenges it will bring.

The easily recognized developments during 1966 include the completion of the \$6.5 million waste treatment plant and outfalls near Pineville, which with planned increments will meet needs well into the next century.

Other completions include important thoroughfare projects such as Sugar Creek Road, second section of Sharon-Amity Road, first sections of Eastway Drive and Woodlawn Road, and new streets in Earle Village. To this list of completions we also add a new freight terminal and other improvements at Douglas Airport.

Under construction and nearing completion are the 600 new public housing units in Edwin Towers and Earle Village and a new fire station in the Southern part of the City to serve the newly annexed area.

Other visible improvements include the elimination of unsightly overhead wires in the central business district, accomplished through the cooperation of Duke Power Company and Southern Bell, and beautification plantings in various parts of the City, all directed towards making Charlotte a more beautiful city.

Of considerable importance to our continuing growth is the enlargement of the Hoskins Filter Plant, now under construction, which will double its size, a new pumping station on the Catawba River and a new 54 inch water main from the river, financed in part from a million dollar federal grant last year which we were able to get as a project city.

A start was made during the year on grading and bridge construction for the new Northwest Expressway and progress continues, although slower than we like, on the North-South Expressway.

The removal of slum housing continues at a steady pace under the Brooklyn Redevelopment project while we continue at the rate of 1000 per year to demolish or upgrade other residential units under the enforcement of our rigid minimum housing code.

During the year past Council authorized an additional 1000 public housing units and four new Urban Renewal projects, the latter of which required and received public support in the bond referendum on December 17.

Comprehensive planning during the past year, in which the City took the lead or was an active participant with other levels of government and private enterprise, includes the Central City Master Plan, the Governmental Center, new law enforcement building, Mint Museum addition, and University City master plan.

An informal bid was made during the year to have Charlotte designated as a demonstration city, to be followed when guidelines are available with a formal proposal. If and when approval is had, and we are optimistic, Charlotte will be able to move faster and further with its redevelopment program in the central city with less drain on local resources.

Of paramount importance during the year was the passage of \$11.4 million in bond issues which will enable the City to continue its forward march of progress in meeting present and future growth needs in an uninterrupted and orderly manner.

Numerous new ordinances were passed by City Council during the year to meet current problems and to more firmly establish Charlotte as a progressive regional city. Council has worked both hard and well together in the interest of the total city, for which I extend the City's thanks.

General improvement in departmental operations, notably in the Police Department, should also be noted. I am personally pleased that Chief Ingersoll, elected by City Council in June to succeed retiring Chief Hord, has been well received and accepted by both the Police Department and the public-at-large. Changes for which he is responsible are already producing good results. Other department heads and City Manager Veeder have performed in a manner deserving of public confidence, support and applause, as have more than two thousand City employees. Without their faithful service, Charlotte could not be the good city that it is.

When I say that Charlotte is a good city, I think I also can state factually at the same time that it is becoming a better city. More of our citizens, through provided opportunities and encouragement, are living in better houses, have better jobs, are earning more money and enjoying a higher standard of living than ever before. Efforts spent on good community relations last year and in preceding years, with full cooperation of local government with other levels of government and citizenship groups, are paying dividends in both human and material progress.

But more remains to be done. Many Charlotteans need additional opportunities. Towards that end the community should continue efforts to equip many with the knowledge and skills they require to take full advantage of ever increasing opportunities, to the end that we may make optimum use of our human resources.

To mark the two centuries of progress of Charlotte from its charter date in 1768, initial plans were made last year to make 1968 an outstanding year-long Bicentennial celebration, an event that should widely advertise our city and draw thousands of visitors.

Many other matters on the credit side of the 1966 ledger could be mentioned, except for the fact that their inclusion would make this report too long.

While 1966 was a good year in Charlotte, in terms of prosperity, progress and planning, it also held its disappointments and discouragements. We should have been able to work out the details and formalize the general cooperative water-sewer agreement reached with the County in August, but did not. Negotiations are being continued, however, with the new Board of county commissioners, which I feel confident will produce the desired results in the near future.

The cut-back of Federal-State highway funds has definitely slowed progress on our Master Thoroughfare Plan, setting it back as much as two years or more.

Limited local revenue sources, combined with demands for higher levels of services, have necessitated postponement of some capital expenditures, which points up the importance of working with our County Commissioners and Representatives to the next General Assembly in an effort to find new and broader sources of revenue. This search may lead us down a rocky road, particularly in an election year, because taxes have never been popular with those who pay them and any proposed new taxes will meet with opposition.

However unpopular the cause may be, the city must put a high priority on its search for a broader tax base during the year's General Assembly session, or else resort to the alternatives of either an increase on property taxes or the further postponement of capital needs.

Factors favorable to our search this year for new revenue include the presence of an unusually large State surplus, estimated at \$300 million, and the report of the State Tax Study Commission which will be submitted to the new General Assembly. I shall have more to say on this later.

In conclusion I would say that the major matters requiring our attention this year are:

- (1) revenue
- (2) extension of water and sewer into the County
- (3) expediting projects already underway or covered by items in the December bond referendum, and
- (4) coordinating our efforts with other levels of government and private enterprise in the fullest possible development of the community which we proudly call the Queen City."

FLOAT REPRESENTING THE 1968 BICENTENNIAL SUGGESTED FOR THE JANUARY 1968 PASADENA ROSE PARADE.

Councilman Tuttle stated while watching the Rose Parade in Pasadena, the thought occurred to him what a marvelous thing it would be for our 1968 bicentennial if the Mayor could sell some group in Charlotte in having a float in that parade on January 1, 1968. That this parade is viewed by millions and millions of people. That he heard the floats cost from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

REPORT REQUESTED ON PROJECT 4 OF URBAN RENEWAL.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Manager if he has received any additional information on Project 4?

Mr. Veeder replied he has discussed this with Mr. Sawyer and he has some additional material and during the discussion it was suggested that perhaps it would be helpful if the three of them sat down and went over some of the material.

FIFTH STREET, FROM COLLEGE STREET TO TRYON STREET, ADDED TO LIST OF DOWNTOWN STREETS TO BE IMPROVED AS TOP PRIORITY.

Councilman Tuttle stated last year Charlotteans approved \$3.5 million in bonds to improve downtown streets. In seeking this approval Council listed a number of downtown streets needing improvements. At that time it was estimated that improvements of all streets listed would cost \$10 million. On March 28, 1966, the joint committee for the Master Plan for Downtown Charlotte, of which Mr. Jordan and he are members, recognizing there would not be sufficient funds to improve all the streets at this time recommended that priority be given to improving a number of downtown streets. On May 30 Council authorized a contract with Wilbur Smith and Associates for the design service on the following streets:

- (1) Third Street, from Independence Boulevard to the Northwest Expressway, including the connection along Cherry Street and East 4th Street.
- (2) Third Street, from Mint Street to Graham Street and continuing along the new location to a connection of Fourth Street and the Southern Railway overpass.
- (3) Pine Street, from the Pine-Fifth Street intersection via a new location at the intersection of Trade Street and Mint Street.
- (4) Poplar Street, from Trade Street to Second Street and continuing on a new location to the intersection of Mint and First Streets.
- (5) Sixth Street, from Myers Street to Graham Street.
- (6) Fifth Street, from College to Brevard Streets.
- (7) Fourth Street, from Cedar Street to Tuckaseegee Road. (Engineered by the City).

That since the approval of this contract, the joint committee for the Master Plan for Downtown Charlotte, on September 7 submitted a report entitled "Implementation Program for the Master Plan". In this report Council was asked to include the implementation for the future needs program in a bond issue to the extent of \$1.0 million to be spent on streets in the Central City. Recent citizens' approval of these additional bonds now place the responsibility on Council to speed the implementation of the Downtown street program. Council is reminded of the committee's report and their recommendation of priority on the improvement of Fifth Street, between College Street and Trade Street. The report recommends this section of the street be improved as a three lane facility.

Councilman Tuttle moved that this section of Fifth Street be added to those other streets already approved for widening and that every effort be made to speed the preliminary work to the extent that this street will receive the same priority already given the streets authorized for design service on May 30, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Whittington remarked that Mr. Tuttle mentioned the \$3.5 million approved about two years ago and the \$1.0 million on December 17 for Downtown Streets, and at the time the Master Plan Committee recommended that Fifth Street widening be implemented from Tryon to Brevard Streets immediately and he thinks College Street which amounted to the \$1.0 million.

Councilman Whittington asked that the motion include the following things regarding streets in the Downtown area as well as 28th and 30th Streets - whichever is decided on - in this order:

- (1) That the Council have a special meeting with Wilbur Smith & Associates or a representative, with our Right of Way Department, Engineering Department and Traffic Department to review the engineering and the negotiations to date on the streets that Mr. Tuttle mentioned; and that Council then get the design work on these streets from Wilbur Smith that a contract was given for in May, 1966 and was promised by this firm Council would have them on November 1.
- (2) That Council set up priorities on these streets that have been mentioned in Mr. Tuttle's motion by street name beginning with Fifth Street, from Tryon to Brevard.
- (3) Begin the engineering and negotiations on the street work as recommended by the Master Plan in the last bond issue; and just as fast as a block of either one of these streets has been engineered, has been appraised and has been negotiated, if it is possible that Council then let the contract. Councilman Whittington stated he would be happy if we had nine different contractors working in nine different places if this street work was started and he thinks the Council and the Mayor owe it to the citizens of this community to start shoveling dirt.

Councilman Whittington moved with the agreement of Councilmen Tuttle and Albea that this be a part of their motion, and that the City try and get into this in full gear and full steam ahead immediately.

Councilman Tuttle stated he accepts Mr. Whittington's amendment wholeheartedly. Councilman Albea stated he too accepts the amendment and asks that the meeting be held immediately.

Mr. Veeder stated to comments on some of the points that have been made, that he met with representatives of Wilbur Smith & Associates this morning and everything called for in his contract will be completed Thursday of this week. That we have most of it - we have everything except fifteen parcel maps for all these streets. For all practical purposes the engineering work is complete, and he agrees the City should proceed just as fast as possible with the appraisal, acquisition and construction.

Councilman Alexander asked if he understood that the engineering work has been completed on Fifth Street, and Mr. Veeder replied on the Fifth Street that was approved before, from College to Brevard Street, and Council is adding by Mr. Tuttle's motion Fifth Street from College to Tryon Streets.

Councilman Tuttle stated there are very few streets in the Downtown Area that present the problem that Fifth Street does, particularly in the afternoons when the department store employees are getting off. That he has discussed this with Mr. Veeder and the Traffic Engineer, and they are looking into it. Recently, by his watch it took him 21 minutes to go from the corner of Trade Street at College, turning right on College and going one block and two blocks down Fifth Street to Brevard and back Brevard to Trade Street.

Councilman Whittington stated one of the Department Heads has stated that Fifth Street today on the widened portion has as much or more traffic as does East Trade Street during the peak hours, so if you want to say priority he thinks you could start right there.

Councilman Short stated he wants to be sure he understands. The meeting Council would have to set priorities would be arranging the second, third, fourth, and so forth, because by the terms of this motion, Fifth Street would be the first priority.

Mayor Brookshire stated based on what Mr. Whittington has stated and all Council members are insisting upon is that work on all of these streets that have been approved by Council and money is available, be pushed as far as possible and all at the same time.

Councilman Whittington stated let's get the people in here and get the whole picture which Council does not have now.

Councilman Jordan stated he believes the Master Plan has plans for Smith, Hammer and all of those to meet with the Master Plan Committee sometime this month, and while they are here Council could possibly set a meeting.

Councilman Tuttle stated in line with Mr. Whittington's addition to his motion, that he is Chairman of the Street Committee subcommittee of the Downtown Master Committee and they are setting up a meeting in January as early as possible with Wilbur Smith, and if Mr. Veeder would check with Mr. Earl Crawford this could be a joint meeting.

Mr. Veeder stated their design work is complete why does the City need them for these streets? Councilman Thrower stated they should have a representative here to answer any questions that might arise.

Councilman Albea stated Fifth Street, from Brevard Street to McDowell Street, was widened six or seven years ago and to him it has been a bottleneckxxxx because the other two blocks of Fifth Street were not widened.

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Councilman Alexander asked how you can work on the streets simultaneously and get the same movement on them at the same time? That he wants to be sure that Council does not do a thing here today that would stymie our effort to move with speed on Fifth Street as he thinks this is wholly important. If passing this motion today means that anytime in the future we can speed up Fifth Street or any street that is needed he is ready for it without further discussion. He does not want to lose sight of that fact.

Councilman Tuttle stated what Mr. Whittington is simply saying is all of them deserve priority; and if it gets to the point that the engineers say we can put a shovel on Fourth Street today or we can put it on Fifth Street, he is saying let's put it on Fifth Street.

Councilman Whittington stated this is what he implied at the closing. That he would be delighted if we could start to work on all of these streets at the same time, and that is perhaps a dream. That he said set up by priorities by streets beginning with Fifth Street, from Tryon to Brevard. That Sixth Street as far as engineering and negotiations he presumes as of right now is ahead of Fifth Street because the City is negotiating a block of that. That he still believes and his motion indicated that Fifth Street, from Tryon to Brevard, should have number one priority based on the traffic count.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORT ON REID PARK REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

Councilman Alexander stated some eighteen months ago Council talked about the rehabilitation program in the Reid Park area, and he asked for a report on it.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied there have been a number of discussions with regional officials of the Department of Housing and Urban Development as relates to this. They have not been as optimistic on the City's application in later months as they were initially. Based on their reaction and trying to take a look at some additional factors, he hopes to have something to bring back to Council for review in a very short time.

PROPOSED INTERGOVERNMENTAL TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, APPROVED.

Councilman Alexander moved that the proposed intergovernmental telephone communications system, known as Centrex, be approved as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC SURVEY REQUESTED AT SELWYN AVENUE AND PARK ROAD FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT.

Councilman Thrower requested that a traffic survey be made at the corner of Selwyn Avenue and Park Road for a stop light.

SCHEDULED HEARING ON JANUARY 9 ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE REQUIRING APPLICANTS FOR BEER AND WINE LICENSES TO POST BOND CALLED OFF AND NO FURTHER ACTION ON THE QUESTION TO BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME.

Councilman Thrower stated several weeks ago he requested that the City Attorney prepare an ordinance that would require all beer outlets to post bonds conditioned upon compliance with the laws regulating the sale of beer. Last week at his request, a meeting was held to discuss the administration of laws and procedures relating to the sale of beer. Among those attending were enforcement officers of the State ABC Board, the police department, the attorney's office and the manager's office. The meeting was most worthwhile. The consensus of those attending was that the same objectives sought by bond requirement could be obtained by improved communications among law enforcement agencies that deal with beer regulations and by revised procedures making more use of the existing provisions of the state law. Those present expressed the opinion that the available techniques should be utilized more completely before adopting a requirement calling for each outlet to post a bond.

Councilman Thrower stated in view of this development he moves that Council call off the hearing scheduled for next Monday, and take no further action on the question of whether beer outlets should post bond until we can evaluate the effectiveness of the changes to be brought about by these law enforcement agencies involved. He stated he is glad to say that this brought the problem a little closer to home and he hopes it places a little more responsibility on the more than 700 beer outlets that are responsible for administering these laws and to protect the youth of Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander.

Councilman Thrower stated to explain a little more, they called in the Youth Bureau, The Chief of Police, the head of the Vice Squad, the legal department, the manager's office, and had a meeting last Friday. The result was that the general consensus is that perhaps we were not exercising the authority that we now have to accomplish the end that we were trying to get. So they decided rather than to make this requirement and in effect penalize everyone who was responsible for maintaining these regulations, that we would first utilize every tool that is now available and establish better communications between our department and the State ABC Board.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he is in complete agreement with what Mr. Thrower is saying. That the meeting was most fruitful in terms of the ideas and view points as it relates to law enforcement agencies themselves, and they recognize the need for better communications between the agencies involved as well as making better use of procedures already available.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to be sure that those in the audience know that the law will stay as it is at present.

Mr. Papas, a member of the audience, stated he would suggest if any further meetings are held on the subject to invite members of the Restaurant Association to attend the meeting.

Councilman Albea asked why the utilization of the law has not been in effect before now; if we have the law why has it not been enforced.

Councilman Alexander stated he met with a group of small operators who were quite concerned about this matter, and they were of the same opinion that those who are good operators should not be penalized by bad ones, and such a proposal as Council had before it would bring a hardship on many small operators who might own two or three small places of business; it was their opinion and thinking that if the proper authorities did what they should do, then they would not be penalized for the activities of the bad ones.

Mayor Brookshire stated in answer to Mr. Albea's question it might be stated that administrative policies having to do with enforcement of all ordinances are constantly under review.

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stated.
Councilman Thrower/he probably received no more than eight telephone calls over this item. This was merely a matter of getting together and this is the democratic way. That he received just as many calls perhaps for this as against it. But in conclusion this is the responsible people. While they agreed individually that perhaps this was the best avenue, collectively they agreed that it was not.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

H.H. BAXTER REAPPOINTED TO REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR FIVE YEAR TERM.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. H. H. Baxter to the Redevelopment Commission for a five year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK WITH STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON LEFT TURN LANES AT SCALEYBARK ROAD AND SUGAR CREEK AND NORTH TRYON STREETS.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to jug up the State Highway Department on the left turn at Scaleybark and South Boulevard and Sugar Creek Road and North Tryon Street. That both of them are still real problems and to his knowledge there are still no left turns at either place.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW WRECKER ZONES OR EXTENSION OF PRESENT ONES REQUESTED FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Whittington stated from time to time Council has had request by wrecker companies to be given a zone, and it has been several years now since this was looked into. That Starmount and Montclair, and Beverly Woods and some other areas to the southeast have been taken in and some areas to the northwest. He requested the City Manager to have Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, and the Police Department to give Council a recommendation as to whether the present zones should be extended or add new zones to consider the applicants Council has had for wrecker service.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO CHECK ON PARKING SITUATION ON WOODLAWN ROAD WHERE NEW APARTMENT IS BEING CONSTRUCTED.

Councilman Whittington stated there is another Cimarron going up on Park Road behind the new Pure Oil Station and it looks as large as the Cimarron at Marsh Road and Park Road. Where these people are going to park he does not know unless they park on Woodlawn Road. That Woodlawn is now completed for all practical purposes from Park Road to Pineville Road and there is only one lane on the west side of Woodlawn that is open because of all this traffic and all of these trucks and cars parking there because of the apartment house construction. If the City allows another Cimarron to go up there and get in the same mess as Marsh Road and Park Road, then our Planning Commission and Traffic Engineering Department are in a bad way. He requested the City Manager to have the Traffic Engineering Department to check on the parking on Woodlawn Road.

PROGRESS REPORT ON 30TH STREET PROJECT.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated in his judgment the State Highway Commission has been making very fine progress on the 30th Street Project. Mr. Broadrick, Commissioner for this area, has seen that this project keeps moving. That the State will be scheduling a public hearing on the project very soon, and he thinks this reflects credit on the State in the way they have done their planning and have been moving ahead on it. That he thinks a hearing will be held very soon and then a design contract let.

CHANNELING OF TRAFFIC REQUESTED ON STREETS WHERE AUTOMATIC STOP LIGHTS ARE IN USE.

Councilman Short stated one of the most frustrating things in traffic is an automatic stop light which changes when a car is going in the wrong direction. That he is referring specifically to the situation at the intersection of Plaza Road and Anderson Street. That supposedly a car going west on Anderson Street and approaching that intersection would go over a trip in the street which would cause the light to turn green on Anderson Street. Cars coming along The Plaza going north and turning right into Anderson Street run over that because they get out of their channel and this means that the light turns red on The Plaza and stops cars and they all back up in the street in both directions. He requested the City Manager to take this up with Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, and ask him to see if some channeling of traffic cannot be arranged to prevent this from happening.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS NOT IN USE ON ONE-WAY STREETS REQUESTED UTILIZED IN OTHER LOCATIONS IF POSSIBLE.

Councilman Jordan stated on one-way streets where a traffic signal is not used because traffic is not going that way, he asked if it is possible to utilize the signals. That he is talking about streets where traffic is going one way, there are still four signals at the corners and they are not in use. He stated he believes there is one at Third and College Streets. He stated there are a number of these hanging around and they are not used and he requested the City Manager to check with the Traffic Engineer and find out the reason why they are there and if they can be utilized at other intersections.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO CHECK DIRECTIONAL SIGNALS ON FOURTH STREET OPERATING IMPROPERLY.

Councilman Tuttle requested the Traffic Engineering Department to check the signals on Fourth Street in the mornings where the "use this lane" and "keep off" lights are both burning half of the time.

Councilman Jordan stated he found the "use this lane" out for three or four days one time and the people trimming the trees had cut the line and Mr. Hoose did not know about it at the time.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk