

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 Monday, March 23, 1964, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Alba, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Herman E. Davis, Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on March 16th were approved as submitted.

ROUTE OF BELT ROAD OVER WENDOVER ROAD PROTESTED.

For the benefit of any residents in the audience who are interest in the proposed Belt Road, Mayor Brookshire stated that Mr. Wilbur Smith and one of his Associates from Columbia spent more than four hours in Charlotte today and talked with members of the School Board and members of the City Council and will give to the Council a written report which should be received by the end of this week, and the report will be made public. That the Council has agreed to take a vote on the route of the Belt Road two weeks from today, and residents who are interested are invited to be present on that day if they care to do so.

The Mayor asked if anyone in the audience wishes to speak at this time.

Mr. Ernest Foard stated that as a resident of Wendover Road he is, naturally opposed to the present layout of the Belt Road; that he is speaking today for himself but there are lots of others who are opposed to the location of the Road as the Council very well knows. That it seems to him what they are getting out there is a Bypass and not a Belt Road. The City Council has never voted on a Bypass, as such, in this locality, but has voted to adopt the Belt Road concept, and if they will look at the map, this Belt Road as laid out will be practically a straight shot from Greensboro, High Point, and other cities in North Carolina to Columbia, S. C., Augusta, Ga., and points far away and in between, and will invite traffic from far away places and that is not what the City Council had in mind a few years ago when they agreed to adopt the Belt Road program. The Road proposed today will be a highway of great magnitude. One of the Highway Officials made the statement the other day, according to the newspaper, that this Road would be expected to handle 9,000 vehicles in a 24 hour period immediately upon its completion and in a very few years it would be required to handle 18,000 cars, trucks and busses. He stated he would like to ask the Highway Engineer if he were here, how long it would be before it would be necessary to widen this street again? That he understands it will be 4-lanes now and that will not handle many more cars than 9,000 cars which means an additional widening will be necessary.

At this point Councilman Smith stated he asked Mr. Wilbur Smith how much traffic the road would carry and he replied he estimated it would get up to 18,000 cars and also said this is no street it is a highway, and if you get 20,000 cars on it you would need 6 lanes. Councilman Smith stated he asked him then why they didn't set it up for a 100 foot right-of-way?

Mr. Foard stated further the Belt Road will leave North 29 at Eastway Drive and southbound traffic approaching the intersection will see a big sign there which will read, for example, "Columbia, S.C. 110 miles" or whatever the mileage is to Columbia, but there will certainly be a big sign there. Then before the highway is completed the Council will be asked to supply a name for it - and as well as he remembers it took about a year to find a name for Independence Boulevard - Eastway Drive will be no more, Wendover Road will be gone, Woodlawn Road will be no more and some of the other streets will lose their identity.

Mr. Foard stated these are the questions that concern him and also the widening of the street again in the very near future.

Mr. Guy Carswell, Attorney, advised he is representing the group opposing the Road being built around the school, and cutting the school in two. That the only inquiry he wants to make now is will they have an opportunity to be heard before the matter is voted upon two weeks hence as announced by the Mayor?

Mayor Brookshire advised that he thinks the Council will be perfectly willing to hear anyone in the audience before voting on that date.

Mr. Carswell stated he would rather be heard then than now because we will all probably know more about it by that time.

Mayor Brookshire stated he thinks that Mr. Carswell will have to agree that none of us are on trial, at least he hopes he would not take that position.

Mr. Carswell stated it will be understood that no one is on trial and everybody is innocent, and not accused of anything. That they will want to be heard kindly and they will want to be kind about it but they will want to be firm.

Mrs Elisha Carter stated she would like to ask how many of the Council have driven over this proposed route as could be driven over and have walked over the part that could not be driven over and when did they do it? Councilman Dellinger stated he could answer for three of the Council members, they went out last Friday afternoon and did just what she said - rode and walked over what they could, and they saw the big hole over there between the schools. Mrs Carter said that is what she wants all of the Council to see and it is a very rough place to walk over; however if the Council puts the Belt Road through the schools it is going to be much rougher.

REQUEST THAT DRAINAGE CONDITION BE IMPROVED AT 1835 ARNOLD DRIVE REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Mrs S. L. Sain advised that the drains are stopped up at her residence at 1835 Arnold Drive causing a back-up in the house, which they have had to have pumped out. Also, the mud holes that have been facing their house for the past five years are stopped up. That the City will come out from time to time and dig uphill until the mud holes drain across the street, but they will not drain them downhill as it should be done.

The City Manager advised Mrs Sain that he would have someone contact her at her home regarding these problems.

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PETITION NO. 64-10 BY W. A. WARDELL FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY FRONTING ON WEST TRADE STREET AND ON ROZZELLS FERRY ROAD POSTPONED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Whittington moved that the request of Mr. W. A. Wardell for change in zoning from B-2 to I-1 of property fronting on West Trade Street and on Rozzells Ferry Road, be granted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Rev. Thurston St. Clair, Minister of Faith Methodist Church, advised they are signed as concurring in this request for a change in zoning. In connection with their property being under the District of the Methodist Church, they are bound sometimes by regulations unknown to them. It is the request of the District Superintendent that he appear here and withdraw the endorsement of the Faith Methodist Church until the District Committee meets at 4:30 p.m. today. This is not in favor or against the resolution but strictly to go back to the Committee without bias. Mr. St. Clair removed his name and that of the Faith Methodist Church from the Petition submitted by the Petitioner.

Councilman Smith stated as he recalls the map of this property, it was really a gerrymandering job and he has to agree with the Planning Commission it was "from here to here and back to here" and he thinks if we are going to have a public hearing on this whole areawe should hold up voting on this particular portion until after the hearing and see if it cannot all be tied together. That he would be in favor of zoning some of the property Industrial but not in the design that it appears on the map. That he thinks the hearing should be set as quickly as possible. That it was stated they would accept something less than was requested in the way of Industrial zoning. If they can get it into something of a rectangle that is not spread all over the map, then he could go for it but as it is he cannot.

Mr. Horack, Attorney for the Petitioner, advised that as stated in the supplemental letter to the Council they are very much aware of the octopus shape of the property, and being realistic they will be satisfied at this juncture to have rezoned to I-1 Lots 17 through 26 which start at the Barber Shop, all of which are contiguous and form one block.

Councilman Smith offered a substitute motion that Lots 17 through 26 be rezoned to I-1, as requested by Mr. Horack, and hold the remainder in abeyance until the hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Alba stated he cannot vote for that; if a hearing is to be held on any part of the property, it should be held on the entire property. Councilman Smith pointed out that there is apparently no opposition and there is no one here who opposes it and the neighborhood has changed to industrial; that the only opposition he had was that he did not think the terrain was laid out properly for rezoning, and the only thing he wanted to correct was the shape of the property.

Councilman Thrower questioned the legality of this and stated that we are changing the nature of the overall hearing and we should just postpone the decision and see if we require another hearing.

Mr. Morrissey, City Attorney, stated he thinks Mr. Thrower is correct in that that which is before the Council is the area outlined in the petition. To act on an area that is different than that petitioned for is acting on something other than that which is contained in the petition.

Councilman Smith asked the City Attorney if we have not from time to time given less than people ask for - when they asked for 6 lots we have given them 2 or 3? Mr Morrissey stated he does not know that to be a fact; he does

know that you have given them another use - perhaps higher but not lower than that petitioned for, but with respect to area we have a real questionable proposition when you act on something other than the specific area petitioned for. That he does not think you can analogize from the uses which are ascending and descending from that area.

Councilman Bryant asked if they wanted the smaller area, would they have to repetition and pay a fee again? Mr. Morrissey stated that is correct.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Attorney if it would not be better to vote on his original motion with the understanding that the Council is going to call for a hearing the 3rd Monday in April to rezone the entire property? Mr. Morrissey replied that is for the Council to decide not for him to decide as it is not a legal question.

Councilman Thrower stated out of deference to the Church he thinks we should defer action, that he is not opposed to it but just wants to do the legal thing and not run into trouble later.

Councilman Whittington stated he certainly thinks it should be changed; that twice last year the Health Department was sent out there regarding rodents, insects and snakes behind this property.

Councilman Smith stated in deference to Mr. Morrissey he withdraws his substitute motion and offered a new substitute motion that action be deferred for two weeks. Councilman Jordan withdrew his second to the former substitute motion and seconded this motion for deferment for two weeks.

Councilman Bryant asked if the reason Council is postponing it is the Church is meeting this afternoon?

Mayor Brookshire stated the reason for the postponement is that Council wants to consider calling for a hearing on rezoning the general area.

Councilman Thrower stated that is not exactly correct; the motion for deferment is out of deference to the Church; otherwise, we would have to have a rehearing and readvertising of the whole area.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks Council needs to study this matter more and find out the best procedure, probably Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Horack will have some ideas on it.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to postpone action for two weeks and carried by the following recorded vote:

- YEAS: Councilmen Smith, Jordan, Albea and Thrower.
- NAYS: Councilmen Bryant, Dellinger and Whittington.

PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR APRIL 20TH ON MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM B-2 AND R-6MF TO I-1 OF AN AREA BOUNDED BY ROZZELLS FERRY ROAD, WEST TRADE STREET AND THE REAR OF BELVEDERE HOMES PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT NORTHWEST OF JUDSON AVENUE.

Councilman Whittington moved that the Council set a Public Hearing on April 20th to consider rezoning from B-2 and R-6MF to I-1 an area bounded by Rozzells Ferry Road, West Trade Street and the Rear of Belvedere Homes Public Housing Project northwest of Judson Avenue. He stated he says this for the reason that on this side of the street there is presently a service station, across West Trade Street it is all industrial, which is behind this property, and across Rozzells Ferry Road is a gravel and sand pit, and it would seem to him that it should all be zoned alike. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington, Dellinger, Albea, Jordan, Smith and Thrower.
NAYS: Councilman Bryant.

ORDINANCE NO. 236-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY ON SOUTHWEST SIDE OF BELLHAVEN BOULEVARD WEST OF AND ADJACENT TO THE ET&WNC TRUCKING TERMINAL, ADOPTED.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 236-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code by changing the zoning from R-9 to I-2 of a 29,381 acre tract of land on the southwest side of Bellhaven Boulevard west of and adjacent to the ET&WNC Trucking Terminal, petitioned for by Dr. Ernest W. Franklin and Mr. W. E. Hipp, Jr., 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 2.

PETITION NO. 64-14 BY ROBERT C. POWELL, JR. FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF LOTS AT THE END OF OLINDA STREET EAST OF KILDARE DRIVE, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Thrower moved that the Petition of Mr. Robert C. Powell, Jr. for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of lots at the end of Olinda Street east of Kildare Drive, be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Smith called attention that the map of this property shows a cul-de-sac with several duplexes he proposes to build in the cul-de-sac; one side of the cul-de-sac is business and the people objecting to the change in zoning have built some cinder-block houses at the rear of the property. He stated that he cannot see where in this particular area a duplex would be detrimental to the neighborhood; that the street opens into The Plaza where there is a Store building.

Councilman Dellinger pointed out there is a duplex already on the corner.

Councilman Jordan advised he was unable to go out and see the property this week and asks that action be deferred for two weeks so that he can look at the property and probably other members of the Council would like to do so. He offered a substitute motion that action be deferred for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 237-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION, AND GRANTING CONDITIONAL PARKING APPROVAL ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP, OF PROPERTY BOUNDED BY EAST BOULEVARD, CHARLOTTE DRIVE, IDEAL WAY AND KENILWORTH AVENUE.

Councilman Bryant moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 237-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code changing the zoning classification from R-6MF to B-1 of the property fronting on East Boulevard for a depth of 200 feet, and changing from R-6MF to R-6MFH of property from the 200 foot line from East Boulevard extending back to Ideal Way, and granting conditional parking approval from the rear line of the established Business zone, extending back for a distance of 150 feet into the established R-6MFH zone, requested by The Alexander Childrens Center, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Bryant, Jordan, Albea, Dellinger, Smith and Whittington.

Councilman Thrower abstained from voting because of personal reasons.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 3.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH KALE CORPORATION FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN COLISEUM PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER.

Councilman Bryant moved approval of a contract with Kale Corporation, for the installation of 860 feet of water mains and one hydrant to serve the Coliseum Plaza Shopping Center, at an estimated cost of \$2,930.00. The City to finance all costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains was authorized as follows:

- (a) Construction of 345-ft. of sewer main in Pelton Street, inside the city limits, at the request of C. D. Spangler Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$1,175.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 70 ft. of sewer main in Woodlawn Road, inside the city limits, at the request of S. A. Hunter, at an estimated cost of \$350.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 160-ft. of sewer main in Taylor Street, inside the city limits, at the request of Investment Property, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$895.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (d) Construction of 262-ft. of sewer main in Cinderella Road, inside the city limits, at the request of E. J. Rust, at an estimated cost of \$850.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON APRIL 20TH ON PETITIONS NUMBERED 64-23 THROUGH 64-26 TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, ZONING ORDINANCE, OF THE CITY CODE.

Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of a Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on April 20th on Petitions Numbered 64-23 through 64-26 to Amend Chapter 23, Zoning Ordinance, of the City Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 167.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR APPRAISAL OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing contracts for the appraisal of rights-of-way for the Northwest Expressway, as follows:

- (a) Contract with Leo H. Phelan, Jr. for appraisal of 5 tracts of land on Johnson and Canton Streets.
- (b) Contract with T. R. Lawing, for appraisal of 5 tracts of land on Church, Morrow and Long Streets.
- (c) Contract with Wm. L. Frickhoeffer, for appraisal of 16 tracts of land on Jackson Avenue, Central Avenue, Presser Street and Seigle Avenue.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr Alfred G. Shell, for Grave 4, Lot 15A, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (b) Deed with Estate of Helen Hagler Norville, for Graves 9 and 10, Lot 120, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED FAIRBANKS-MORSE & COMPANY FOR ELECTRIC MOTOR RAW SEWAGE PUMPS FOR IRWIN CREEK PUMPING STATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder meeting the specifications, Fairbanks-Morse & Company for Five electric motor raw sewage pumps, as specified, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

The following bids were received:

Fairbanks-Morse & Company	\$20,000.00
T. C. Heyward & Company, Agents for Morris Machine Works	33,687.00
Worthington Corp. - Not on specifications	17,000.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR RECONDITIONING ELECTRIC MOTOR AT VEST STATION FILTER PLANT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to Southern Electric Service Company for the emergency reconditioning of a 250 HP G.E. Motor at Vest Station Filter Plant, as specified, in the amount of \$1,551.90. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON ROUTE OF PROPOSED BELT ROAD TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY.

Councilman Dellinger moved that action be taken on the route for the proposed Belt Road two weeks from today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

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CITY MANAGER TO ARRANGE DATE WITH CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENTERTAINING AT DINNER THE MAYOR AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE SMALLER TOWNS IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY.

Councilman Bryant again suggested that the Governing Bodies of the smaller towns in Mecklenburg County be invited to meet with the City Council and County Commissioners for a dinner to tell them some of our problems; that it would be more in the interest of better public relations than anything else. Also looking to the future, as it seems that area development is a very big thing from what we hear, and he thinks it would be very advantageous to the City of Charlotte to entertain these officials. That he is perfectly willing to entertain his counterpart in each of the other cities and it may be the rest of the Council would too. At the same time he thinks it would be a fine opportunity to show the movie, The Philadelphia Story, which is a very fine program of intown development which should be worth the while of all of us to see, and which is available at this time.

Councilman Whittington stated he concurs in what Mr. Bryant is suggesting; the important thing he thinks is if you brought in these small towns in the County they would have the opportunity to know what we are trying to do. That the thing they would be more interested in than anything else, in his opinion, is the expressways and roads which will effect many of these communities getting to and from Charlotte, along with the program on downtown Philadelphia. He stated he would be in favor of having such meeting.

Councilman Bryant requested that the City Manager contact the members of the Council for a suitable date within the time this movie will be available, which he understands will be only for another ten or twelve days, as he believes the date is April the 9th or 10th that the film must be returned.

Mr. Veeder stated it is timely now to schedule a meeting with the County Commissioners. That he will distribute to the Council, and to the Commissioners this afternoon some additional reports from the Institute of Government, to serve as a basis for discussion at the meeting. Councilman Bryant stated it would be different if the people from the other communities are invited; that he does not believe we would want to discuss these particular issues. This would be a meeting in addition to our usual formal meetings.

Councilman Bryant moved that the City Manager be asked to arrange a dinner at which we could entertain these people and show the movie and give them a brief resume of some of the things the City is trying to accomplish which conceivably might effect them, such as roads, water. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, who stated he thinks this is a very good idea and it should be implemented; that he thinks the cost would be minor.

Mayor Brookshire stated in speaking of the cost, we are talking about private contributions on the part of the Council and Commissioners and not out of public funds. That Mr. Veeder will then please contact the Council and County Commissioners to get their agreement on issuing an invitation jointly for the dinner and decide on the date within the next 10 days.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS.

Councilman Bryant moved the acquisition of the following property for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway and easements for Sanitary Sewer construction. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

- (a) Acquisition of 5,247 sq. ft. of property at 320 East 12th Street, from Mr. Roger Macy, at a price of \$4,400.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (b) Acquisition of 7,650 sq. ft. of property at 817 N. College Street, from Sidney Levin, Tena L. Levin, Jerome L. Levin and Barbara B. Levin, at a price of \$17,000.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (c) Acquisition of 9,420 sq. ft. of property at 816 North Church Street, from Roy B. McKnight and Martha L. McKnight, at a price of \$16,000.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (d) Acquisition of 9,327.5 sq. ft. of property at 808 North Pine Street, from Sam Atkinson, Inc., at a price of \$9,350.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (e) Acquisition of 14,700 sq. ft. of property at 824-26-28-30 N. Davidson Street, from Thomas H. Hobbs, Allen M. Hobbs, Michal G. Hobbs and Jo Ann T. Hobbs, at a price of \$13,000.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (f) Acquisition of 10,895 sq. ft. of property at 414-16 West 12th Street, from Elizabeth S. Cole, at a price of \$7,200.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (g) Acquisition of 12,574 sq. ft. of property at the corner of Independence and Louise Avenue, from Ada Levy and Louis Levy, at a price of \$41,700.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (h) Acquisition of 5,416 sq. ft. of property at 808 North Church Street, from B. S. Blanton and Elsie H. Blanton, at a price of \$12,500.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (i) Acquisition of 5,495 sq. ft. of property at 810 North Church Street, from Theodore Smith, Jr and Pansy G. Smith, at a price of \$13,300.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (j) Acquisition of 9,372 sq. ft. of property at 618-22 Central Avenue, from L. W. Petrie, at a price of \$15,000.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (k) Acquisition of 1,752 sq. ft. of property at 416 West 10th Street, from Melba R. Moore, Paul H. Moore, Ruth R. Bryan and Frank P. Bryan, at a price of \$8,125.00, for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (l) Acquisition of easement 25 ft. wide and 71.64 ft. long in Melbourne Court, from Chester G. Abramson and Gwen M. Abramson, at a price of \$35.82, for the Melbourne Court Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.
- (m) Acquisition of easement 25 ft. wide and 247.80 ft. long in Melbourne Court, from Charlie S. Sayres, Jr. and Bernice R. Sayres, at a price of \$123.90, for the Melbourne Court Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.
- (n) Acquisition of easement 25 ft. wide and 170.54 ft. long in Melbourne Court, from Elizabeth Hood Edens, at a price of \$85.27, for the Melbourne Court Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.
- (o) Acquisition of easement 25 ft. wide and 182.20 ft. long in Melbourne Court, from James H. Nelson and Hilda H. Nelson, at a price of \$91.10, for the Melbourne Court Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line.

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The property located at 416 West 10th Street and at the corner of Independence Boulevard and Louise Avenue acquired for right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway was discussed at length, and Mr. Owens, Right-of-way Agent, explained the details of each property and of its acquisition.

Mr. Owens was requested to show on future reports of the acquisition of all property, the amount of footage involved and a description of the property involved, so that the Council will know whether they are buying open land, a store building, a house or just what.

Following the discussion, the vote was taken on the motion, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE ORIGIN-DESTINATION SURVEY MADE ON SHARON-AMITY ROAD.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to have an origin-destination survey made on Sharon-Amity Road for the review of Council prior to the Council Meeting two weeks from today when the Belt Road route will come up. He stated there has been some question about where the traffic is coming from and where it is going and that Council is building a highway to put people through the City. The City Manager advised such survey is quite an undertaking and he did not know if it could be completed within a period of two weeks. Councilman Dellinger stated this was mentioned a week or two ago and he was under the impression the City had an up-to-date origin-destination program but he finds that is not so, and he would like the Traffic Engineer to make this survey and give all the information possible, instead of counting traffic, as he feels it is necessary to have the survey prior to the meeting with the residents on the Belt Road route question.

The City Manager advised they will do their best and have as complete a survey as possible for Council within the time limit.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BEGIN PROGRAM OF PATCHING STREETS WHERE REPAIRS NEEDED.

Councilman Dellinger called to the attention of the City Manager that the weather is now warming up and a large amount of street patching is needed. He cited the bad condition of the street at the corner of College and Seventh Street. He asked that the Engineering Department be instructed to detail a couple of men to hunt these places out and not have the citizens calling in and reminding the Council of them. Also that the garbage truck drivers and drivers of other city vehicles be instructed to report locations needing repairs to the Engineering Department.

OPINION OF ENGELHARDT, ENGELHARDT AND LEGGETT, SCHOOL CONSULTANTS, TO SUPERINTENDENT OF CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS REGARDING PROPOSED ROUTE OF BELT ROAD THROUGH THE SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Councilman Smith requested that the following letter from Engelhardt, Engelhardt and Leggett, School Consultants, to Dr. Craig Phillips, Superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, regarding the proposed route of the Belt Road through school property, be included in the Minutes:

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"Purdy Station
Westchester County
New York, N. Y.

March 10, 1964

Dr. Craig A. Phillips
Superintendent of Schools
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
720 East Fourth Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Phillips:

I have reviewed the proposal to develop a major highway along Runnymede Drive and Eastway Drive that will affect a number of schools. This is the same highway that was proposed at one time to bisect the Myers Park and Alexander Graham site.

It has been our effort generally to locate school sites so that children move away from heavily traveled roads toward quieter residential areas. This has been particularly true of elementary schools that serve neighborhoods of the school district. To a lesser extent it has been true of major secondary schools that generate quite a bit of traffic.

In a growing urban area it is always difficult to keep all factors coordinated, since frequently schools are built before detailed community planning can take place. However, it would be best if the development of new roads were to take into account the present locations of schools. As a case in point, a proposed Interstate Highway through Charlotte will remove a considerable number of school playgrounds in underprivileged areas where there already is a limited amount of open land.

In viewing the highway problem I would see the highway through the Myers Park-A.G. complex as being a most destructive move. Placing the highway adjacent to the site is better, but still violates the desirability of having neighborhood elementary schools so located that small children, as far as possible, will not be required to cross major traffic arteries to get to school.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Stanton Leggett"

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ASK PARK BOARD TO COOPERATE WITH THE WAR MOTHERS BY MOVING SOME OF THE ROSES FROM THE ROSE GARDEN THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY CLOVERLEAF TO THE WAR MOTHERS MEMORIAL PARK AT THE CORNER OF HAWTHORNE LANE AND EAST SEVENTH STREET.

Councilman Whittington advised that Mrs Emory E. Hinkle, President of the War Mothers Chapter in Mecklenburg County called and asked if the City would work with their organization in moving the roses in the Rose Garden that will be affected by the Northwest Expressway clover leaf, to the War Mothers' Rose Garden at the corner of Hawthorne Lane and 7th Street, which is a Memorial Park they have. He requested the City Manager to ask the Park Board to cooperate with the War Mothers and move some of the roses that will have to be taken up to their Memorial Park.

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COUNCIL REQUESTED TO STUDY REPORTS ON CITY-COUNTY JOINT ACTIVITIES DISTRIBUTED BY CITY MANAGER TODAY AND DISCUSS THEM TOGETHER PRIOR TO NEXT JOINT MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The City Manager distributed to the Council three additional Reports on Joint City-County Activities made by the Institute of Government, and called attention that at the last Joint Meeting the point was made that before the Council and Commissioners get together to make decisions based on these reports, the reports be made available well in advance so that everyone has an opportunity to study them. Therefore, he would suggest that after Council has studied these three reports, they discuss them together as a Council and have it out of the way before the Joint Meeting is held.

Councilman Whittington suggested that the Joint Meeting not be held until after the decision is made on the Belt Road.

Mayor Brookshire suggested that we endeavor to hold the joint meeting next month on the scheduled date.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY, APRIL 6TH.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until Monday, April 6th.

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk