

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, November 30, 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 Dr. J. Allen Blair, Pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on November 20th and of the Regular Meeting on November 23rd were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON HOLLY STREET, FROM NEWLAND ROAD TO THE END, ADOPTED.

The public hearing was held on the Preliminary Assessment Roll for improvements on Holly Street, from Newland Road to the end, by installing storm drainage facilities and paving with base course and surface course for a total distance of 2,069.5 front feet, at a total cost of \$5,766.40. The City's share of the cost being \$592.65 and the share to be assessed against the abutting properties \$5,173.75, at \$2.50 per front foot.

No objections were registered to the improvements or assessments.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Preliminary Assessment Roll, making it the final Assessment Roll at 3:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 448.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON ROLLINGHILL DRIVE, FROM CURVE TO THE END, ADOPTED.

The public hearing was held on the Preliminary Assessment Roll for improvements to Rollinghill Drive, from the curve to the end, by installing storm drainage facilities, constructing roll type curb and gutter, and paving with base course and surface course, for a total distance of 741.8 front feet, at a total cost of \$5,267.74. The City's share of the cost being \$2,040.91, and the share to be assessed against the abutting properties being \$3,226.83, at \$4.35 per front foot.

Mr. E. P. Yates, who resides at 4500 Rollinghill Drive, advised when the drainage was installed in the street in front of about 2/3rds of his property, which is Lot 14, it was necessary to raise the street approximately 6 feet to install the pipe and the drainage from all the property surrounding him now flows onto his property. He advised that previously there was a drain that went into Sugar Creek Road, which the County kept open, but it is now closed.

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Mr. Yates stated he was not speaking in protest of the improvement which he wanted and approves, but he is lodging a complaint against the existing drainage onto his property.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that the City Manager check into the condition, since we have changed the course of the water, and see what can be done to correct the situation. Mr. Cheek, City Engineer, advised that we have not changed the drainage course at all, and Lot 14 is not a part of the project.

Mr. Veeder stated he will discuss the matter with Mr. Yates, as Lot 14 is not on the Assessment Roll and evidently does not have an assessment against it.

Councilman Thrower moved the adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Preliminary Assessment Roll as the final Assessment Roll at 3:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 449.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SPRINGVIEW ROAD, FROM WELLINGFORD STREET TO EXISTING PAVEMENT, ADOPTED.

The public hearing was held on the Preliminary Assessment Roll for improvements on Springview Road, from Wellingford Street to the existing pavement by installing storm drainage facilities and paving with base course and surface course for a distance of 635.97 front feet, at a total cost of \$1,250.92. The City's share of the cost being \$4.44 and the share to be assessed against the abutting properties \$1,246.48, at \$1.96 per front foot.

No objections were expressed to the improvements or assessments.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of a Resolution Confirming the Preliminary Assessment Roll, as the final Assessment Roll at 3:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 450.

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON WESTFIELD ROAD, FROM HILLSIDE DRIVE TO TRANQUIL AVENUE, ADOPTED.

The public hearing was held on the Preliminary Assessment Roll for improvements to Westfield Road, from Hillside Drive to Tranquil Avenue, by installing storm drainage facilities and constructing standard curb and gutter for a total of 769.66 front feet, at a total cost of \$8,240.94. The City's share of the cost being \$5,491.84 and the share to be assessed against the abutting properties \$2,749.10, at \$3.82 per front foot.

No objections were expressed to the improvements or assessments.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Confirming the Preliminary Assessment Roll as the final Assessment Roll was adopted at 3:20 p. m.

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HEARING ON PETITION OF REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THE CLOSING OF THOSE PORTIONS OF EAST FIRST STREET AND EAST SECOND STREET LYING BETWEEN SOUTH BREVARD STREET AND SOUTH DAVIDSON STREET.

The public hearing was held on the Petition of the Redevelopment Commission for the closing of those portions of East First Street and East Second Street lying between South Brevard Street and South Davidson Street.

No objections to the proposed street closings were expressed.

At the suggestion of the City Attorney, Councilman Smith moved that the adoption of a resolution authorizing the closing of the proposed portions of East First and East Second Streets be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ACTION DEFERRED ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 20, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 20-62 OF THE CITY CODE DEFINING THE WORD "STORAGE" IN CONNECTION WITH UN-ATTENDED CARS LEFT ON STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN CITY.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-62 of the City Code, which prohibits the use of streets for the purpose of storage, in order that the word "storage" be more specifically defined, to read as follows:

"Storage for the purpose of this action shall mean leaving an unattended vehicle on any street or highway for a period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Smith raised the question if a person should become ill and leave his car on the street where there are no parking restrictions, for three or four days, surely the car would not be towed away. That it seemed to him on this type of street and area there should be some protection for the home owner. That there are places all over town where people do not have driveways and park on the street and if they leave town have to leave the car on the street. That he thinks due consideration should be given to some of the effects the ordinance could have. He asked the City Attorney for his comments.

Mr. Morrissey remarked that Mr. Kiser, Assistant City Attorney, handled the matter and discussed it with Judge Beacham who initiated the request for Mr. Whittington, and he also checked it with the Police Department. That the reason for a car being left on the street would be a matter for Police investigation and it would certainly be hoped they would exercise discretion necessary to the situation to determine whether the car is actually abandoned or not. He stated the proposed amendment seemed to be the most effective way to reach the problem that was posed.

Councilman Smith suggested that the word "unattended" in the ordinance be changed to "abandoned". Mr. Morrissey commented then you would have to define "abandoned" and you are in trouble. Councilman Whittington commented that was the crux of the problem, they could not determine what the word "abandoned" meant.

Councilman Bryant asked if there is not an established procedure by the Police Department before towing in any abandoned vehicle? The City Attorney stated there is. Councilman Bryant stated he believes no matter how the ordinance is written, it would still have to be at the discretion of the good common sense of the law enforcement officer.

Councilman Dellinger remarked that he understood it was intended to mean cars that had been left for months on the streets in different sections of the city, and Councilman Whittington commented that is the problem he is trying to correct.

Councilman Smith stated it would depend on the enforcement procedure, if the Officers would determine whose car it is and whether it was in front of the person's residence, he sees nothing wrong with it. Councilman Whittington asked if the Police towed a car away without checking it, would they not be responsible to the owner? The City Attorney stated not so long as they are authorized to do so. They check the registration place and find out who owns the car and then notify the owner before they make any disposition of the vehicle.

Following the discussion, the City Attorney suggested that he check the proposed amendment and they will work out something that will limit any bad results, if they can.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Smith that action be deferred on the proposed Amendment, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

MAYOR BROOKSHIRE LEFT THE COUNCIL MEETING TEMPORARILY AT THIS TIME.

Mayor Brookshire left the Council Meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Whittington presided during his absence.

CONTRACT WITH THRIFT DYE WORKS, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN THRIFT ROAD AND MOORES CHAPEL ROAD, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with Thrift Dye Works, Inc., for the installation of 12,650 feet of water mains in Thrift Road and Moores Chapel Road, outside the city limits, at a total estimated cost of \$53,800.00. The applicant to pay for 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.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN N. C. STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND THRIFT DYE WORKS, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN THRIFT ROAD AND MOORES CHAPEL ROAD AUTHORIZED CO-SIGNED BY CITY.

Councilman Albea moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to co-sign an Agreement between the N. C. State Highway Commission and Thrift Dye Works, Inc., for right-of-way for the installation of an 8-inch water main in Thrift Road and Moores Chapel Road, outside the city limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

CLAIM OF GRIFFIN SUPPLY COMPANY FOR DAMAGES TO TRUCK, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Claim of Griffin Supply Company in the amount of \$79.43 for damages to truck driven into a storm drain excavation on the extension of Edsel Place was denied on the recommendation of the City Attorney as the street has not been taken over by the City for maintenance.

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RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO JOHN WESLEY PATTON ON THE PREMISES OF JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the renewal of the Special Officer Permit issued to Mr. John Wesley Patton, for a period of one year, for use on the premises of Johnson C. Smith University. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED SUMTER MACHINERY COMPANY FOR CATCH BASIN FRAMES AND GRATES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Sumter Machinery Company, for 200 cast iron catch basin frames and grates, and 100 old style cast iron catch basin grates, as specified, in the amount of \$8,005.16, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Sumter Machinery Company	\$ 8,005.16
Dewey Bros., Inc.	8,272.20

CONTRACT AWARDED DEWEY BROS. INC. FOR MANHOLE RINGS AND COVERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Dewey Bros., Inc., for 420 cast iron manhole rings and covers and 60 extra covers, as specified, in the amount of \$12,546.00, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Dewey Bros., Inc.	\$12,546.00
Sumter Machinery Company	13,416.78

CONTRACT AWARDED PRISMO SAFETY CORPORATION FOR PREMIX MARKING COMPOUND.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to Prismo Safety Corporation for 1,000 gallons of Premix Marking Compound for reflective pavement marking, as specified, in the amount of \$3,048.80, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Smith called attention that only one bid was received, which he does not like and the Council doesn't like; he noted that last year we used a premix compound which does not meet our specifications.

The City Manager advised that last year we purchased a premix in lieu of this from the Prison Industries to try out, as it was cheaper and it was not suitable and did not do the job as well as we desired and we want to go back to this material. That basically the problem is in order for any paint manufacture to manufacture this material, he has to pay an annual fee to the holder of the patent, plus so much per gallon royalty, and our quantity is not sufficient to encourage local people to pay this fee just to serve our needs.

Councilman Dellinger commented that up until three years ago the Prismo Company furnished about all the street marking material and they came up high and the Council threw the bids out. That he is wondering why the other thirteen companies did not bid on this item this year when they have been consistently bidding from year to year?

Councilman Whittington remarked that a lot of the companies tell him that they feel they have been cut out, to some degree, of the opportunity of bidding and furnishing the paint.

The City Manager stated we have been buying most of our paint locally but this is a specialized type of formula and all the local manufacturers were certainly asked to bid. They can bid on it if they are willing to pay the annual fee to the holder of the patent plus the royalty per gallon. That Prismo is willing to pay these. That invitations to bid are sent to any and everybody who has displayed an interest in the past on bidding on the material. The vote was taken on the motion for the award of the contract, and carried unanimously.

MAYOR BROOKSHIRE RETURNS TO MEETING.

Mayor Brookshire returned to the meeting at this time and presided for the remainder of the Session.

COMPLAINT OF H. C. WHITAKER CONCERNING ALLEGED FALSE ARREST.

Mr. H. C. Whitaker, 123 South Cedar Street, made a complaint regarding his arrest on June 12, 1962 in the second block of West Fifth Street adjacent to the Old Settlers Cemetery, by Police Officers Bradley and Taylor, who had three other men in their custody whom they had just arrested. Mr. Whitaker stated his arrest was unwarranted, and he explained in detail the ill treatment he received following his arrest from the three prisoners, and the Officers and at Police Headquarters.

At the suggestion of Mayor Brookshire that Mr. Whitaker confer with the City Attorney who could advise him what procedure to follow, Mr. Whitaker left the meeting with the Assistant City Attorney.

CUT AUTHORIZED IN MEDIAN ON WEST TRADE STREET, BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND SOUTH CEDAR STREET, ON 60-DAYS TRIAL PERIOD.

Councilman Whittington moved that Council request Mr. Hoose to open the area in the median on West Trade Street, between the bridge and Cedar Street, as suggested by the City Manager in the Conference Session today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Dellinger remarked that he hardly feels this strip is needed in the downtown section, as we are spending a lot of money trying to build up this section and much of the high-priced property is now vacant, and some parcels are now under negotiation for construction of buildings and it appears to him it would be a detriment to have a median in this particular area.

Councilman Dellinger then offered an amendment to the motion that the median be opened for a period of 60 days and if it does not work out, the matter again be considered by Council.

Councilman Whittington accepted the amendment to his motion, and stated it was his understanding that it was to be on that basis. The motion was then seconded by Councilman Albea.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Bryant that the cut be made in the median at the suggestion of Mr. Hoose at the request of Council. The motion did not receive a second.

The vote was taken on the motion offering the amendment, and carried by the following recorded vote:

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

The vote was then taken on the original motion, as amended, and unanimously carried.

INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY SIDEWALK ON CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE VICINITY OF MEDFORD DRIVE INTERSECTION, AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FUND TO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, a temporary sidewalk was authorized installed on Central Avenue in the vicinity of Medford Drive intersection, for a distance of approximately 350 feet, and \$710.00 was authorized transferred from the Contingency Fund to the Engineering Department for this purpose.

RESOLUTION STATING THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE WENDOVER ROAD-RUNNYMEDE LANE ALIGNMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE INNER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROUTE PROPOSED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION, ADOPTED.

Councilman Jordan presented the following statement:

"As to the two alternate corridors for the proposed belt road, the choice of which was given to Council, both are with reservation, neither is without objections, neither will please everyone.

My original choice and vote on the Briar Creek route for the belt road took into consideration that (1) it conformed to our thoroughfare plan prepared by Wilbur Smith and Associates, (2) that it would open up undeveloped lands along the route, and (3) that it avoided proximity to a three school complex.

In view of subsequent developments, including the recent public hearing, I now feel that it is in the best interest of our city to provide the full continuity of the route at this time. The Wendover Route not only offers full continuity, but a careful analysis of the right-of-way costs indicates that it most likely will be less expensive to our taxpayers.

Therefore, after most careful thought, and without political considerations, I am changing my position and will move that Council rescind its previous action in the matter and now adopt the Wendover alternate given to us by the Highway Commission.

A resolution which will accomplish these two things has been prepared, and I would like to offer this resolution and request that it be read in full at this time."

The following resolution was then read:

A RESOLUTION STATING THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE WENDOVER ROAD-RUNNYMEDE LANE ALIGNMENT FOR A PORTION OF THE INNER CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROUTE PROPOSED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 3A, Chapter 136 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the City of Charlotte and the State Highway Commission have heretofore mutually adopted a comprehensive plan for a street system that will serve present and anticipated volumes of vehicular traffic in and around the city, said plan being the report of Wilbur Smith and Associates dated March 15, 1960, entitled "A Master Highway Transportation Plan for the Charlotte Metropolitan Area," and said general plan and recommendations having been approved on May 12, 1960, by the United States Bureau of Public Roads and

WHEREAS, in the orderly and effective implementation of said master plan, both the State Highway Commission and the City of Charlotte have heretofore

assigned first and second priority to two major expressway projects, both of which are presently underway, and third priority to an inner circumferential route, to be located approximately one mile from the central business district expressway system, to serve locally generated traffic demands resulting from existing development and the almost complete lack of circumferential thoroughfares within the urban area, and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Commission has earmarked funds for the construction of said third priority project and has heretofore presented to the City Council a proposal for a complete circumferential route, beginning at Interstate Highway 85 on the North at Sugar Creek Road, crossing United States Highway 29 (N. Tryon Street) on Eastway Drive, across Independence Boulevard, then to Providence Road, then crossing Selwyn Avenue and Park Road on Woodlawn Road to an area near the new North-South Expressway and continuing from new United State Highway 21 and North Carolina Highway 49 on Yorkmont Road to the vicinity of the Airport, then across Independence Boulevard to Interstate Highway 85, and

WHEREAS, said proposal included two alternate alignments for portions of said route lying between Independence Boulevard at Eastway Drive on the northeast and Park Road at Woodlawn Road on the southwest, said alignments being described in the letter (and maps attached) from W. F. Babcock, Director, to Mr. Paul R. Younts, Commissioner, dated September 14, 1964, copies of same having been given to the City Council on September 21, 1964, and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the alternate alignment known as the "Briar Creek" alignment on September 28, 1964, and now desires to rescind said action and to approve the alternate alignment known as the "Wendover Road-Runneymede Lane" alignment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte does hereby approve the alternate alignment known as the "Wendover Road-Runneymede Lane" alignment, as described in letter from W. F. Babcock, Director, to Mr. Paul R. Younts, Commissioner, dated September 14, 1964, copies of same having been given to the City Council on September 21, 1964, and as shown on Map, Figure 1, attached to said letter, which Map is inadvertently labeled "Woodlawn Road-Runneymede Lane Alignment."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Resolution adopted September 28, 1964, entitled, "A Resolution of Agreement With the State Highway Commission Accepting Responsibility for the Acquisition and Cost of Rights-of-Way Necessary for Construction of a Portion of the Proposed Inner Circumferential Route Pursuant to Article 3A, Chapter 136 of the General Statutes of North Carolina", and recorded in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 423, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Whittington stated he did not know Mr. Jordan was going to do this, and he would like to take this opportunity to commend him for his actions and to commend what he has done today to those who voted the Alternate Route in September, and he would hope that all of the Council members will join in making this motion unanimous.

Councilman Dellinger stated he would like to say a word about this program. That this is the only major highway or thoroughfare that he can remember since he has been on the City Council that the Council has been directed to take either of one or two routes; that there has always been some compromise

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in the Routes that were finally decided upon - on Selwyn Avenue, Providence Road, Park Road and all of the other major thoroughfares. That he thinks everyone is familiar with the Providence Road hassel and he certainly is, and has been, in favor of a 40 foot street, and a lot of the people on Wendover Road would be in favor of it. That he feels in view of the traffic surveys we have had made, 40 feet is ample, unless there is a divider strip and parking on the streets and speeds in excess of 35 m.p.h., and, in face of these facts, he will have to vote against the motion.

Councilman Bryant remarked he still feels that the facts that were there when he voted with the Briar Creek alignment are still there, they have not changed, they were an alternate proposed by the State Highway Commission, and in good faith we accepted them, and he certainly does not intend to change his vote.

Councilman Smith stated he honors Mr. Jordan and has a great deal of respect for him, and this will not affect the way he feels toward him one iota, but he does think this motion is premature, the right-of-way cost has not worked out with the State Highway, and he has been told they will be very liberal in negotiating this. As a negotiator, and he has pride in some negotiations he has been in in the past, he does not think this is good negotiating and he thinks we should hold the 4 to 3 vote until we get a better right-of-way agreement in protection of the City. That he thinks what Mr. Jordan is doing now is changing this thing and the State can give us what they want to, and he found in respect to General Younts, who he admires and appreciates what he has done for Charlotte, that he is a top-flight negotiator and he would prefer to have something left to negotiate with rather than to run up the flag at this point.

Councilman Albea stated he is going to vote for the motion but he is not changing his vote, he voted for the Wendover-Runnymede Route the first time.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilmen Bryant, Dellinger and Smith.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, beginning at Page 2.

DISCUSSION OF WORK BEING DONE ON PORTION OF SHARON-AMITY ROAD UNTIL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO REBUILD ROAD.

Councilman Smith called attention to the work the City is doing on Sharon-Amity Road, from Amity Club on around the curve, and stated it appears to him it is making the road worse.

The City Manager advised the ends of the road coming in from Independence Boulevard and from Sharon Road to Providence Road, and also coming in on Monroe Road, have been resurfaced and this portion in the middle is being repaired in an effort to hold it up until it can be rebuilt if the vote on the bonds in January is successful.

Councilman Smith stated that Sharon-Amity Road is a city obligation, and if any street needs four lanes in the City of Charlotte this is it, as it is carrying 11,000 cars already. And in negotiating the right-of-way cost on Wendover Road we have every right to ask the State to get us out as light as we can on the Wendover Road cost so we can put this money, which we are in dire need of, into Sharon-Amity, because both of these are on the same problem of moving traffic from the west side over to the east side of town, and he thinks it will give the City a point in the negotiations.

COUNCIL NOTIFIED OF APPOINTMENT OF W. L. CULBERTSON AS CHIEF HOUSING INSPECTOR.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised that Mr. W. L. Culbertson, a member of the Building Inspection Staff, has been promoted as of today to take on the duties of Chief Housing Inspector to succeed Mr. Lackey. He stated Mr. Culbertson has been with the Division since its inception and his record and ability is such he was the selection of both Mr. Jamison and himself for the position.

PROGRESS REPORT ON COLLECTION OF LEAVES.

The City Manager gave a progress report on the collection of leaves, stating as of today 1,900 loads have been picked up, and Mr. Davis estimated that 75% of the total work has been completed. They will continue on an extended schedule this week and he thinks this will take care of the rush.

ROBERT PHILLIPS, ASST. SUPT. OF WATER DEPARTMENT, AND R. W. HATLEY, TREATMENT PLANT FOREMAN COMMENDED ON RECEIVING AWARDS.

The City Manager advised that Mr. Robert Phillips, Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department has received the Arthur Sidney Bedell Award from the N. C. Water Pollution Control Association, which is presented each two years to a member of the Association for outstanding service, contributions and accomplishments in the sewage and industrial waste field.

Also, Mr. R. W. Hatley, Treatment Plant Foreman, was given an Award by the N. C. Water Works Operators Association as being the best Treatment Plant Operator in the State during the past year. This award is presented annually on the basis of plant inspection and analysis of records by the Association of various State agencies.

Councilman Bryant moved that the Council pass the proper resolution commending these men for receiving these awards. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

DECEMBER 24TH GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS AN ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

The City Manager called attention that traditionally Council has granted city employees an additional day over and above those scheduled, and Christmas Day being on a Friday and New Year's being on the following Friday, in the event this is to be done this year he would suggest December 24th as the additional day, which the County plans to consider for its additional day.

Councilman Albea moved that December 24th be granted as an additional Christmas holiday to city employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk