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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, November 6, 1967, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Gibson L. Smith and James B. Stegall.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on October 30th were approved as submitted.

#### REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF CHARLOTTE AREA FUND.

Mr. Charles Lowe read the following open letter to the citizens of Charlotte:

"Dear Fellow Charlotteans:

Rightly or wrongly, it appears that the Charlotte Area Fund is at the crossroads; the reason for this is that the House of Representatives may cut off all funds or seriously curtail them. As the lay-head of the Charlotte Area Fund, I would like to give you my thinking for what it is worth.

The Charlotte Area Fund does many things but primarily it brings hope and opportunity to poor people, both White and negro, who did not have hope and opportunities before.

Many individuals and some organizations have taken the Charlotte Area Fund lightly or backed away from it or protested loudly of what was wrong with it. In my mind the three primary things that are needed to help the poor help themselves are: (1) education on a broad scale; (2) job training on a large scale; (3) a way and a means to get people to avail themselves to this education and job training.

At the present time, it seems to me that the Charlotte Area Fund and other agencies such as the Charlotte Bureau of Employment Training and Placement, the OIC, the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the Charlotte Public Schools, the Central Piedmont Community College have coordinated their efforts well in this direction.

Rather than a lessening of funds, it seems to me two primary things are needed - more money and more topnotch leadership drawn from the entire community. Leadership from all segments of society and leadership both rich and poor, and leadership from white and black. The war on poverty is not a war for just Democrats or Republicans or poor or rich people or black people or white people - it's everybody's war.

Local government and state government simply do not have enough money for this war. This money must come primarily from the federal government. Industry and business leaders are beginning to join in. From any angle - physical, mental, spiritual or religious - the war on poverty should be run at a local level by the best brains, the most work and the finest dedication that our community can muster. When we all realize that we are in this war together and we are here to solve mutual problems and not to win an argument, we will make more progress.

To me this problem should be handled no different from any other difficult problem:

- (1) let's analyze the problem as best we can;
- (2) let's pick the best solutions that we can;
- (3) let's go to work on them;
- (4) let's put a time table on them;
- (5) let's evaluate our efforts.

Let's realize that these problems were not created overnight and will not be solved overnight but the quicker we start working on them, the quicker they will be solved.

I do not see how any thinking person could feel different about the war on poverty than the way I have attempted to outline it. If you feel this way, let's get on with the job and stand up and be counted whenever and wherever we can to say that we think this war is worthwhile and we will do our part.

We cannot make all men and women equal, but we can raise their average, individually and collectively. A person is not superior because of race, creed or color. A person is superior only because of brains and character. It is my opinion that superior people are interested in helping their fellowmen to better themselves.

In the final analysis, the war on poverty can be won with federal and local money, local leadership, education, industry, business and the poor all joining hands to reduce dropouts, lower welfare rolls, improve our crime rates, improve our per capita income and put more stable citizens on the tax rolls. Now to me, I do not see how anyone can be against this. This is the biggest problem of our times, the biggest opportunity and the biggest challenge and as the people in the streets say - 'Let's don't blow it'.

Mr. John Zuidema, Director of the Charlotte Area Fund, presented a booklet to members of Council, noting on the last page, that funds administered by the Charlotte Area Fund received from the North Carolina Fund and from the Office of Economic Opportunities and the various types of programs which these funds pay for: Central Office, Homemaking, Education, etc.

That the second column, 1965-67, notes a total of \$4,456,000 Federal Funds came into Charlotte as a result of the war on poverty. He stated this money was all well-spent, not mis-used, not mis-allocated, and was spent for the best use of the people in this community. Their proposed 1967-68 request,

which is in Washington now awaiting funding from the Congress, will total \$3,025,000 in Federal Funds which include approximately \$103,000 of North Carolina Fund money.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Zuidema why this amount is less than before? Mr. Zuidema replied it is actually more because the 1965-67 period covered more months than the 1967-68 request which will be only one year as opposed to 2 years.

Mr. Zuidema stated the second section of the booklet covers the New Careers Program at Central Piedmont Community College to train 64 low-income persons to be licensed Practical Nurses, with 6 professional people to guide the program, making a total of 70. The Charlotte Area Fund itself has 30 professional people, 53 non-professional people, with a total of 83; the Legal Aid Program, which is only 6 weeks old, has 4 attorneys and 2 secretarial people for a total of 6; Family & Children's Society provides social caseworkers for counseling and marital counseling has 3 professional persons and a secretary for a total of 4. The Charlotte Bureau on Employment Training and Placement has 31 professional-level people and 11 non-professional people, for a total of 42 individuals employed in getting people jobs and developing jobs; the NYC (In-School) has 4 professional people and a total of 175 people on a part-time basis - working their way through school - part-time employees so they can finish high school. The Out-of School NYC has 11 professional people and 400 non-professional working 35 hours a week in such projects as Lake Wylie and Huntersville Hospital to provide their services and their man hours to the community and they also provide themselves with working experience. The On-the-Job-Training Program (which the Mayor started about 2½ years ago) has two professional people and 75 non-professional people receiving on-the-job-training. The Homemaking Education, with 3 professional home economists, 15 non-professionals, enrollees and employees, makes a total of 890 people. The Area Fund feels that this agency, with a 900 employee payroll, will need approximately \$3,000,000 coming into the retail outlet. That these figures show that the Area Fund is providing services which are paid for by your Federal dollars and by the North Carolina Fund.

That there are thousands of people who have been reached during this program and that they are in the process of putting in data processing machines which will provide the total number of people. The Legal Aid Program, which is 6 weeks old, had 120 applicants during the first month's operation and has accepted 102 for services.

Mr. Zuidema stated the Family & Children's Service is a new program which was developed in cooperation with their Board presided over by Mr. Burl Narrowmore of Davidson. This is a new project and is called the "Outreach Approach" and is a pilot project by United Community Services which funds Family and Children's Service but it is paid for completely with Federal Funds.

Councilman Alexander asked if this is a separate family and children's service from the regular Children and Family Services sponsored by the United Appeal, it is not the same thing? Mr. Zuidema replied this in addition to the regular efforts.

Mr. Charles Black stated they are asking for the support of the Council as they have asked the County Commissioners. That Council knows the problem, they are asking for the support of Council now as Council has asked for their support at voting time. They are asking for support in their fight and that they will support Council in their fight.

Mayor Brookshire stated Council has taken note of the plight of the Poverty Program at the moment. After conferring with Council last week on the subject, he found that Council is sympathetic with the program and feels it ought to be continued and is willing to abide by the concept that we must do what we can to improve the opportunities of the previous disadvantages of poor people in the interest of building a better community. That he called Congressman Jonas Friday morning and told him of the concern of Council for the continuation of the program. Congressman Jonas assured him that he had no intention of killing the program; that he will support it; that he is waiting to hear the Bill discussed this week with regard to amendments which may be offered and there may be substitute Bills. That he is not making any commitment to what measure or extent he will support the Poverty Program until the matter has been fully debated in the House of Representatives. That Congressman Jonas assured him that he has no intention of backing away from the support of this Bill; he is in favor of the Poverty Program; that he has some questions regarding the techniques, some of the methods, and some of the results which have been obtained. That you would expect any program of this magnitude, a national program, to escape criticism of a lot of people; that perhaps some of the criticism is justified but on the whole, that it is a move in the right direction and certainly would like to continue in our efforts and improve the techniques in whatever money is spent.

Mayor Brookshire stated he personally does not think Congress will drop this program, that he hopes not. He assured the Area Fund Representatives that he has been in touch with our Congressman and the matter does rest in the House of Representatives and Representative Jonas has assured him that he will give the Poverty Program his support one way or another, in some manner or other.

Mr. Lowe thanked Council for listening, for contacting Congressman Jonas and for the feeling and spirit that the Area Fund can feel from Council about the local people, local poverty, etc. That when the poor feel that the entire community is interested in what they are doing and what they are trying to do in their welfare then you have a family and then are united and can go forward together. When the poor feel that the power structure, whether economical, political, or what-not, does not care, that it when the problems arise. He thinks the Area Fund is very fortunate to have Council feel the way they do; that they are humbly grateful.

Mayor Brookshire stated Council should be given credit for trying to get rid of slums and to provide adequate and decent housing for our citizens at prices they can afford to pay. In a number of areas, this community is moving to build a better and higher level of citizenship and to provide more opportunities for more citizens. That is certainly our aim and objective.

#### DISCUSSION OF ONE CENT SALES TAX REFERENDUM.

Mr. H. A. Berry stated he has heard several people say in the last few days that there are very few elections that are likely to be as important as the one cent tax since we are now coming to grips with the very basic problem of whether we try to continue to operate a very growing and demanding community with what amounts to an antiquated tax. That he is hopeful most of the people of the community now understand that our needs cannot be met solely by property taxes and we cannot look only to those people for revenue; we need to continue to grow and to provide the services and facilities and things the citizens demand and need. That he is hopeful

that he can count on all to continue their support to help to acquaint the community with the facts and to encourage as many as possible to get out and vote on November 13th.

Mayor Brookshire stated we have been trying for some five or six years to get authority in this community to broaden the source of revenue, and the last Legislature did give this one option - the only option we have. A lot of people are saying why not tax cigarettes or liquor. We would like to tax that first if we had that authority but we do not. This is the only option and the only chance to take some burden off real estate taxes themselves. The total requirements of this growing community cannot be met out of property taxes as the State Statutes set a limitation on the amount of taxes that can be raised through property taxes.

Mr. Albert Pearson stated he is very sorry to say that he cannot thank this Council for the way in which they have handled the sales tax; he is sorry they did not see fit to represent all the people. There is a vast number of people in Charlotte who evidently cannot count on the Council's support; those are the ones not in favor of taking this tax off property and putting it onto poverty; a great many people feel that a family should have the right to eat without being taxed or having food taken out of their mouths.

Mr. Pearson stated one of the men who leads the sales tax has two pieces of property and if the local taxes are rolled back, he will save \$8,000 on the two pieces alone; he has seventeen other pieces of property in the city. He stated he would have to agree with the Raleigh News and Observer that this is not what is meant by the State Legislature when they give permission to have the text voted on. For a Council who has let the property tax rise to the highest in the state without taking economic measures to obtain for the community the most it can for its dollars is questionable. It is not something to brag about; it is something to wonder why we have the highest property tax and yet we are in more trouble. Is it not because we have listened to the same doctors of our economy that has gotten us into this position? Are not they now saying if we get this additional sales tax that it will solve our problems? That is what they would try to make you believe. Mr. Berry has gone on record as saying this would be enough money to provide for the future. Mr. Fennell, Director of Finance, is not on record on that point; he is saying due to the vast inflation going on in this country, the City of Charlotte is paying three and half per cent more each year just to maintain the status quo; he says Council may be able to roll back taxes for one year, but will not be able to hold that line. He stated he is hurt to think we have representatives who will not try to put across to the people in a fair way just what this is. This is a food tax - over two million dollars will be added to the food cost in Mecklenburg County due to this tax. He stated the City was wrong in allowing the hospital system to go without making the people from outside the county pay more than the local citizens who had to pay off the taxes; but they are not right by putting the extra expense on someone who has to buy bread and butter. The people who use the hospital should pay for it and we not depend on whether or not he buys something while he is in Mecklenburg. That the same goes for the Coliseum which he thinks is costing the city around a quarter of a million dollars a year to pay off.

He stated be honest about it and put in the paper who will save the money if you roll back taxes. One bank will save about eight percent. He asked how many thousands of pennies are you going to take away from these people? That is what should be explained to the people.

Mr. Pearson stated he is interested in making capitalists and you do not make them when you take everything away from them and not give them a chance to get their feet on the ground; you do not make good citizens out of them.

He stated there are a great many of the citizens you did not speak for and it would have been nice if it could have been done under the democratic system. That he is only speaking for himself. That he hopes the people will see fit to support Council on Monday, the 13th, by making them realize what is going on; that there is a limit to what people can pay. When you speak about fairness, it should start right here.

Councilman Tuttle stated a very honorable gentlemen who owns four or five low-rental units told him on last Friday that the last tax increase ran the cost of his taxes per unit to \$1.85; so he raised the rent \$2.50 a month. Councilman Tuttle asked how Mr. Pearson would explain to these people who can buy \$250.00 worth of groceries before it equals the \$2.50 increase at one cent on \$250 - that this sales tax will cost more money than the ad valorem tax increase? Mr. Pearson replied he would say their landlord is gouging them. That he does not question there are people who feel they have to go up \$2.50. Councilman Tuttle stated if he went up \$1.85, the actual cost to him, you could buy \$185.00 worth of groceries.

Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Pearson had indicated he does not think this Council represents the citizens of Charlotte who elected them. That he feels when City Council, in the discharge of its duties, does those things which, in its studied opinion, is best for the total City of Charlotte, it is fully representing the City of Charlotte and is fully discharging its elected responsibilities. As for Mr. Pearson, he has heard him up here many, many times; always he is against everything he speaks about and he has never heard him be in favor of anything in this growing, progressive community.

Mr. Pearson replied he is for something, but the something he is for is not for the type development that went into the thinking on this particular sales tax increase; that he does not think this Council did when it said it could not lower back taxes without knowing about this, that and the other, and then when pressure was put on, rolled it back.

Mayor Brookshire asked if he has ever come up here to speak for something instead of against something? Mr. Pearson replied he can remember in his neighborhood he came up and spoke for curb and gutters, and it finally ended up by Council voting the way he thought it should be done; that he thinks they will find that the next Council will vote on the way things should be done on the sales tax. When you put someone in the position of having opposed something unjust, they are not opposing it, they are fighting for justice. For the Mayor to make a statement that somebody is opposed to something because they disagree with him is not necessarily so; they are for something; they are for fair taxes.

Mayor Brookshire asked if he knows of a fairer tax than one shared by more people? Mr. Pearson replied he does not know one that is fair as a sales tax; you are taxing people not on the ability to pay - you are taxing them on the necessity to eat and that is unfair. Mayor Brookshire stated it is taxing them in proportion to what they spend, whether it is little or whether it is much. Mr. Pearson replied the ones paying it are under substandard wages and are paying much more and it is hurting them more than it does other people. Mayor Brookshire stated that Mr. Pearson was being magnanimous in stating that he owns property and he would rather pay all the taxes on property than to have it distributed more widely. Mr. Pearson stated he is not complaining about a property tax; he asked if he had been heard to oppose any increase in taxes affecting him?

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF HOWARD NANCE COMPANY FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 77.04 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP.

Councilman Tuttle moved adoption of the subject resolution setting date of public hearing on Monday, November 20th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 18.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF PROPERTY AT SIXTH AND TRYON STREETS FOR THE SIXTH STREET WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted authorizing the acquisition of the property at Sixth and Tryon Streets.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, at Page 19.

LEASE WITH WHITEHOUSE FOR ROOM IN WEST CONCOURSE OF AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, approving the subject lease for a term of three years, at \$140.00 per month, plus 5% of the gross for the first year, 6% the second year and 7% the third year, for Room 109 in the West Concourse at Airport, containing 475 square feet of space.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for continuous maintenance by the City:

- (a) Westone Drive from 160' south of Brooktree Drive to 95' north of Westridge Drive;
- (b) Rockbrook Drive, from Runnymede Lane to Colony Road;
- (c) Graford Drive, from 180' east of Plumstead Road to 880' east of Plumstead Road;
- (d) Pitts Drive from Booker Avenue to 400' north of Booker Avenue;
- (e) Denson Place, from 185' west of Tryone Drive to 140' east of Galway Drive;
- (f) Grafton Drive, from 150' south of Denson Place to 252' north of Tryone Drive;
- (g) Tryone Drive, from Grafton Drive to Denson Place;
- (h) Halstead Drive, from Abbey Place to 380' south of Abbey Place;
- (i) Abbey Place, to Halstead Drive, from 190' east of Halstead Drive;
- (j) Colebrook Road, from Malta Place to 640' west of Malta Place;
- (k) Malta Place from Colebrook Road to 90' north of Colebrook Road;
- (l) Springhouse Lane, from Rama Road to 300' east of Rama Road;
- (m) McBride Street, from Plaza Road Ext. to 520' west of Hartsell Cove;
- (n) Caudell Cove, from McBride Street to 150' east of McBride Street;
- (o) Hartsell Cove, from McBride Street to 165' east of McBride Street;
- (p) Somersworth Drive from Barrington Drive to 200' east of Barrington Drive.

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY, LANCE, INC. AND STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR INSTALLATION OF A 12" DIAMETER WATER MAIN IN PINEVILLE ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the subject right of way agreement, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH D. H. GRIFFIN WRECKING COMPANY FOR DEMOLITION OF BUILDING AT 824-26 EAST TRADE STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the subject change order increasing the contract price by \$1,200.00.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH RODGERS BUILDERS, INC. FOR RENOVATION OF COFFEY AND THOMPSON BUILDING.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the subject Change Order was approved increasing the contract price by \$250.00.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, approving contracts for the installation of water mains, as follows:

- (a) Contract with A. V. Blankenship for the installation of 5,790 feet of water mains and four fire hydrants, to serve a portion of the Heatherstone Subdivision, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$22,500.00. The City will finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost;
- (b) Contract with A. V. Blankenship Company for the installation of 3,430 feet of water mains and three fire hydrants, to serve a portion of Crestmont Subdivision, inside the City, at an estimated cost of \$13,400.00. The City will finance all construction costs and the applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following appraisal contracts were authorized:

- (a) Contract with William L. Frickhoeffler for appraisal of nine parcels of land for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (b) Contract with Zollie A. Collins for appraisal of ten parcels of land for the East Thirtieth Street Project;
- (c) Contract with Leo H. Phelan, Jr. for the appraisal of one parcel of land for Duke Power Transmission line relocation;
- (d) Contract with Alfred E. Smith for appraisal of two parcels of land for the South Boulevard Intersections.

## ACTION ON DEED TRANSFERRING HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROPERTY TO COUNTY, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated sometime ago the City had agreed with the County Government that the Health Department property would be transferred to the County under terms acceptable to both the City and County Governments. In discussing this with the City Attorney last week, he was made aware the deed was in proper form for consideration and he had it put on the Agenda. That he should have checked a number of other things with the County Manager before doing so; that he was premature in presenting this to Council because the conditions attached to the transfer have not been discussed with the County.

Councilman Tuttle moved that action on the subject deed be deferred for two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander, and carried unanimously.

## CONTRACT AWARDED BOYD &amp; GOFORTH, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAGGART CREEK OUTFALL.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Boyd & Goforth, Inc., in the amount of \$190,084.22 for the construction of Taggart Creek Outfall, subject to the approval of the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources and United States Department of the Interior, Federal Water Pollution Control Administration. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Assistant City Engineer, stated this starts at the existing sewage lift station on West Boulevard and extends down to Taggart Creek to its junction with Irwin, then bucks grade up Irwin Creek to the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant. That Taggart Creek is an area situated near the airport. In 1963 the City extended and built the smaller sewage lift station from New Dixie Road west to Wilkinson Boulevard to serve this fast-growing area and also the area annexed in 1960. This area has grown to such an extent that the outfall must be taken down into the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant in order to accommodate the total area. In doing so, a vast area below West Boulevard will be opened up for additional sewer service.

Councilman Whittington stated in the budget was a sewage outfall line from Wilkinson Boulevard up through that basin into I-85, between the rear of Westerly Hills and Berryhill Road; he asked when this will be out for bid? Mr. Birmingham replied there are two sections of the Taggart Creek Outfall within the five year plan - this one will be up for budget consideration in 1968-69.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	\$190,084.22
Sanders Brothers, Inc.	205,745.00
Blankenship Constr. Co.	214,833.50
Blythe Brothers Company	222,898.50
Noll Construction Company	255,595.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EDWARDS BRANCH OUTFALL.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, in the amount of \$173,675.50, for the construction of Edwards Branch Outfall, subject to the approval of the N. C. Department of Water and Air Resources and United States Department of the Interior, Federal Water Pollution Control Administration.

Mr. Josh Birmingham, Assistant City Engineer, advised that Edwards Branch is in a section of town near Independence Boulevard at the Coliseum where there has been periodic flooding of line and the city has had to pay claims. This is a must. It is being increased in size and it is needed badly in order to accommodate those things.

The following bids were received:

Crowder Construction Company	\$173,675.50
Blankenship Construction Co.	232,985.00
Noll Construction Company	241,009.50
Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	245,983.55
Blythe Brothers Company	266,865.00

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Heirs of J. A. Morton, for Lot No. 260, Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 for duplicate deed;
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Katherine Kidd Spencer for Lot No. 12, Section A, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 for new deed;
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Alma E. Robinson for Perpetual Care on the north half of Lot No. 8, Section V, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$100.80.

CONTRACT AWARDED GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR GASOLINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Gulf Oil Corporation in the amount of \$202,983.48 on a unit price basis for 1,046,000 gallons of gasoline.

The following bids were received:

Gulf Oil Corporation	\$202,983.48
American Oil Company	209,590.29
Atlantic Richfield Co.	213,658.80
Sinclair Refining Co.	216,551.18
Texaco, Inc.	222,835.24

CONTRACT AWARDED PURE OIL DIVISIONS, UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA FOR MOTOR OIL.

Councilman Alexander moved award of contract to the low bidder, Pure Oil Division, Union Oil Company of California, for 15,370 gallons of motor oil in the amount of \$7,867.62, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Pure Oil Division	
Union Oil Co. of California	\$ 7,867.62
Sun Oil Company	8,855.10
Sinclair Refining Co.	9,099.32
American Oil Company	9,422.94
Texaco, Inc.	10,106.87

CONTRACT AWARDED SUN OIL COMPANY FOR GEAR LUBRICANT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Sun Oil Company, in the amount of \$1,080.48 for 9,580 pounds of gear lubricant on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Sun Oil Company	\$ 1,080.48
Pure Oil Division	
Union Oil Co. of Calif.	1,171.61
The American Oil Co.	1,269.94
Sinclair Refining Co.	1,270.31
Texaco, Inc.	1,341.07

CONTRACT AWARDED PURE OIL COMPANY FOR CHASSIS LUBRICANTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle awarding contract to Pure Oil Division, Union Oil Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$838.70 on a unit price basis, for 5,750 pounds of chassis lubricant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Pure Oil Division	
Union Oil Co. of Calif.	\$ 838.70
Texaco, Inc.	850.42
Sun Oil Company	903.19
Sinclair Refining Co.	997.04
The American Oil Co.	1,041.34

CONTRACT AWARDED SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY FOR KEROSENE.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Sinclair Refining Company, in the amount of \$3,444.58 on a unit price basis, for 27,300 gallons of kerosens. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sinclair Refining Company	\$ 3,444.58
The American Oil Co.	3,585.17

CONTRACT AWARDED SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY FOR NO. 2 FUEL OIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Sinclair Refining Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$13,354.60 on a unit price basis for 115,250 gallons of No. 2 Fuel Oil.

The following bids were received:

Sinclair Refining Company	\$ 13,354.60
American Oil Company	14,233.03
Gulf Oil Corporation	15,431.98

CONTRACT AWARDED GULF OIL CORPORATION FOR NO. 5 AND NO. 6 FUEL OIL.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Gulf Oil Corporation for 167,000 gallons of No. 5 and No. 6 Fuel Oil, in the amount of \$13,285.46 on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Gulf Oil Corporation	\$ 13,285.46
American Oil Company	13,519.47
H. V. Johnson	13,691.67

CONTRACT AWARDED SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY FOR DIESEL FUEL.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the low bidder, Sinclair Refining Company, in the amount of \$13,348.80, on a unit price basis for diesel fuel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sinclair Refining Co.	\$ 13,348.80
American Oil Company	14,226.85

CONTRACT AWARDED PURE OIL DIVISION, UNION OIL COMPANY FOR HYDRAULIC LIFT OIL.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan and seconded by Councilman Tuttle to award contract to the low bidder, Pure Oil Division, Union Oil Company, in the amount of \$3,209.62 on a unit price basis for hydraulic lift oil.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Pure Oil Division	
Union Oil Co. of Calif.	\$ 3,209.62
Sun Oil Company	3,384.20
Texaco, Inc.	3,715.20
Sinclair Refining Co.	3,790.69
American Oil Company	4,058.72

Councilman Whittington asked if anything could be accomplished by bidding all the various types of lubricants together, and all the kerosene and gasoline? Mr. Veeder replied apparently some of them are in a better position to give lower prices than others; that this seems to be working to our advantage in terms of price; one of the reasons we bid in this fashion is that we are not bidding alone; we are bidding with the County and at least one or more smaller municipalities in this. Councilman Whittington stated it seems to him to be worth looking into as far as the future is concerned.

#### CONTRACT AWARDED LIFE OF VIRGINIA FOR EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE.

Councilman Tuttle stated the Insurance Advisory Commission has gotten the bids on Employees' Health Insurance down to two companies to be considered, and in view of the fact it has been established that dealing with one company across the board is better than dealing with two, and the City already has a portion of its coverage with Life of Virginia, he moved that contract be awarded to Life Insurance of Virginia on Employees' Health Insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Whittington stated to members of the city employment in the audience that everyone will be completely informed of the program and the benefits that will be accrued by the employee and their families when it goes into effect on December 1st of this year.

Mrs. Baucom, a city employee's wife, stated she has three children that will come under this plan, and one has a severe brain damage. That she thinks the employees have the right to go over the benefits of the insurance companies as they have had this right before.

Councilman Short stated the present plan removes from the employee any payment whatsoever on its own insurance; it would be a little peculiar if one really objected to it.

Mr. Earle, Personnel Director, stated the intent of the increased coverage is to provide for as many of our people as we can. He stated there are some pre-existing conditions which come into a sort of "gray" area as far as any kind of insurance plan is concerned; however, this has been expressed in the bid specifications that no employee will lose any benefits as the result of this change with respect to pre-existing conditions. With respect to unknown conditions that appear in the future, there will be greatly extended benefits to be applied under this coverage - a \$24.00 a day room, basic surgical schedule of \$300.00, and this is bolstered by a \$10,000 major medical provision which will tie to any portion of the medical expense not covered by the basic schedule. No one should lose anything in the way of benefits on pre-existing conditions. All will gain for future benefits.

Mayor Brookshire stated the basic enlargements of the program will include the increase from \$14.00 to \$24.00 per day for hospital rooms; increase surgical or doctors benefits; all added to the fact that under the new plan the city employees will not pay anything for their own coverage but as in the past, will continue to pay for members of their family who are included.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated the additional cost that is involved is not to be placed on the employee. It will not cost one penny more for the additional coverage. That Mrs. Baucom and her children will have greater benefits than they now have and this will not cost her husband a penny more.

Councilman Tuttle stated Council has asked Mr. Earle by way of literature and personal visits to all the departments to explain the whole program in minute detail.

Mr. Bob Crotts, with Hospital Care, stated the statement has been made that by combining insurance, it would save money. If the retention factor is less than their retention factor that would bear out this statement. Hospital Care has always had a low retention fee; there are also hidden cost to the City in the cost of enrolling this group; the fact that they will not be handling the claims, the employee will have to come down here and have the claim handled. Blue Cross ran a survey and there is an additional 3 percent just for the claim handling. He asked if Council has considered all the hidden costs? If the city employees had a vote in this matter, there would be no change. They are paying the majority of the cost and they will continue to pay the majority of the cost. Next Monday we will vote on the sales tax and this is the democratic way to do it; it affects him and it affects all citizens. This insurance affects the employees - why not democracy here?

Councilman Alexander asked if there has been a policy in the past that employees have had the privilege to give a decision on this type matter? Mr. Veeder replied he does not know that anything has ever been put to any kind of vote; that this was not the case when group life insurance went in two years ago. Mr. Crotts stated they have voted in the past and thirteen years ago they voted for Hospital Care.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 723-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 655-X, THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION TO CONSTRUCT GRAVEL SIDEWALKS ALONG BROOKDALE DRIVE AND CANDLEWOOD DRIVE.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the construction of approximately 490 feet of gravel sidewalk along the north side of Brookdale Drive, between the north crosswalk and Candlewood Drive, and approximately 290 feet of gravel sidewalk along the north side of Brookdale Drive, between the south crosswalk and Starcrest Drive, and approximately 600 feet along the north side of Candlewood Drive, between Edgewater Drive and Brookdale Drive, all to serve Starmount Elementary School with the adoption of the subject ordinance transferring \$565.00 to Engineering-Street Maintenance to be used in the construction of the sidewalks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 135.

#### PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, and seconded by Councilman Whittington for discussion purposes, approving the following property transactions:

- (a) Settlement in the amount of \$50.00 on construction easement on property on Sharon Road at Sharon School, owned by Mrs C. D. Marion, in connection with the Sharon Road Sidewalk Project.
- (b) Resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for acquisition of property of Henderson Belk Investment Company, Commercial Products, Inc., Harry L. Barrett, Jr. and wife, Lucille I., located at 316 West Trade Street for the Pine Street Connector Project, at a condemnation price of \$67,000.00.

- (c) Resolution authorizing condemnation proceedings for acquisition of property of Warner Enterprises, Incorporated, located at 3804 Commonwealth Avenue for Edwards Branch Sanitary sewer trunk.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager stated the price suggested to the owners of the property at 316 West Trade Street is unacceptable to them, and this is the reason for condemnation. Councilman Short stated he cannot see that Council can do other than put this through condemnation proceedings because the \$67,000 price is high. Mr. Veeder advised the City has two appraisals and even this figure is unacceptable to the owner; the owners are talking about a price better than two and half times this figure.

Mayor Brookshire asked when we go to condemnation do we start with this figure of \$67,000 or does the court have appraisals made and then decide? Mr. Veeder replied it can be done either way; if we go this way then we can put up some money in the Court and use the property; the other way is the longer way without attaching any figure to it.

Councilman Tuttle asked if this means it will be the minimum that it will cost? Mr. Kiser, City Attorney, replied when we go into court we deposit this amount of money and it is available for the property owner to take down at any time that he desires without prejudicing his rights to recover more later, or without prejudicing the city's rights to recover some of it back if the jury or commissioners should determine that the amount of money which the city deposited was more than the value of the property. The question of the value of the property is still a matter to be determined by the commissioners and when necessary by the jury. The appraisals the city has had made will be used as evidence in the city's condemnation case as to the value of the property.

Councilman Short asked if this is being done under the new legislative procedures? Mr. Kiser replied it is being done under the highway procedure which the city has been using for State Highways since 1963; it is new on downtown streets.

Councilman Jordan asked if the loss of parking would figure into this? Mr. Veeder replied he would assume there is a combination of a number of things part of which is the loss of parking.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 6, beginning at Page 20.

#### STATUS REPORT ON DOWNTOWN STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, passed out a status report on downtown street improvements, and stated that Mr. Whittington last Monday asked for a report on Pine and Poplar Streets. That Poplar Street is the lower priority of all the streets and we are waiting to see where we stand money-wise because of the problems attached to the cost presented in detail about a month ago.

That six parcels have been acquired on Pine Street and with the condemnation today there is only one parcel left before we go to bid on it. The Right-of-Way Division wants clarity on what happens to the Bus Depot before the city takes the final step.

Councilman Whittington stated he did not know that the work was being done on Third Street, from Independence to Kings Drive, for the Third Street

Connector; this is some progress. He asked for a report on the 30th Street Bridge. Mr. Veeder stated Council today acted on more of the appraisals to negotiate this property; as soon as the property is acquired the City will be in a position to go to bid; none has been acquired as yet; the first appraisal contracts were let two or three weeks ago and some more were let today.

Councilman Whittington stated in reality when we start negotiating for this property, we are perhaps talking about the property from Tryon Street to where the bridge will start over the railroad and where the bridge descends over to Davidson Street; anything beyond that point at this time for budgetary reasons and financial reasons we probably will not negotiate. Mr. Veeder replied it would probably have to go further than Davidson Street because it separates at Davidson Street as part of the project.

Councilman Short stated the Third Street Connector will be completed prior to Third Street Extension; he asked what the Connector will be used for previous to the completion of the extension; will it just funnel Third Street traffic over to Fourth, and when finally completed, it will be the beginning of the one-way portion. Mr. Veeder replied substantial use can be made of it before it is finished and even more use when Third Street is completed.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON NEED FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT EASTWAY DRIVE AND KILBORNE DRIVE.

Councilman Whittington stated on the request made last week by Mrs Barbara Kimbrell and some 500 other people by petition for a traffic signal at the intersection of Eastway Drive and Kilborne Drive, Council members received a communication from Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, and a copy of the letter that the City Manager sent to Mrs Kimbrell. He stated it was his understanding that Mr. Hoose would report to Council on the channelization and Council would decide whether a traffic light was needed. That he does not believe either one has been mentioned in this report. He stated he is going to bring this up at the next meeting when every member of Council is present, and if Mr. Hoose does not have a satisfactory report, he is going to move that a traffic light be installed.

#### NOMINATION OF THOMAS C. RICKENBAKER TO SERVE ON REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Whittington moved the appointment of Mr. Thomas C. Rickenbaker, a local architect, to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Herbert Baxter on the Redevelopment Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Alexander stated he thought Council would just place the name in nomination today. Councilman Whittington stated if Council would prefer that it be a nomination he withdrew his motion and placed Mr. Rickenbaker's name in nomination. Councilman Tuttle agreed to the changed motion.

The name was placed in nomination to be considered by Council at its next meeting.

#### REPORT ON PAWAY PROPERTY ON KINGS DRIVE.

Councilman Jordan asked the City Attorney to report on the status of the Paway property on Kings Drive.

Mr. Kiser stated just a few minutes before the 10th day expired, an upset

bid was filed; so a new sale has been ordered. Knowing that Council wanted to take action immediately if an upset bid was filed, he has already begun the procedure for developing specifications for contracting and notifying the owners that the City is going to take action. The ordinance and contract will be in Council's hands for action on Monday, November 20. That some of the stockholders and some of the parties in interest have been notified unless some action is taken on their part by the 15th day of November, the City Attorney's office will present these matters to Council for its action to authorize the Attorney's office to take the necessary action to clear the property.

CITY MANAGER INSTRUCTED TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBILITY OF KICKING-OFF SUGGESTED QUARTERLY MEETINGS WITH LIVE T.V. PROGRAM.

Councilman Tuttle stated he received the following letter from Miss Donna Lee Davenport, Station Manager of WTVI, the educational television station:

"We are pleased to learn of your suggestion that the City Council bring local government closer to the people through a series of meetings in the four quadrants of the city.

In connection with this proposal, we invite the Council to precede these four local 'town meetings' with a community-wide meeting televised on Channel 42 and originating live from the studios of WTVI.

Through your televised meeting you could acquaint the public with the way in which the Council operates, and alert the people to your plans for the subsequent local area meetings. In this way you would bring the City Council to thousands of citizens in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community.

As you know, we open our studios to the public and broadcast meetings of the Board of Education from WTVI regularly. In addition to our school board members, administrative staff, representatives of the news media, and the WTVI production staff, the WTVI studios will accommodate nearly 100 members of the public.

WTVI represents a means of public communication that can reach and inform more people than any other facility owned by our community. We welcome the opportunity to assist you in helping our citizens learn more about the operation of their own city government. We hope the Council will accept our invitation to televise its meeting and look forward to working with you."

Councilman Tuttle stated in light of the study Council authorized last week for Mr. Veeder to check on the potential quarterly meetings during the Bicentennial year, he moved that Mr. Veeder be requested to investigate the possibility of doing just what these people have suggested by kicking off the meetings with a live program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER INSTRUCTED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF EMPLOYING A FULL TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR TO OPERATE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH IMMEDIATE SUPERVISION UNDER THE CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has discussed the question of some co-ordinated effort in youth work and facilities with Police Chief Ingersoll, and he is

in thorough accord with his thoughts, and the thoughts of some members of this Council that an effective body is essential to our dealing with youth and the youth effort. That it is his sincere belief there is a great need for a youth co-ordinated Council - youth commission or whatever you want to call it - headed by an executive director working directly under the City Manager and who will have a professional board including the Superintendent of Schools, Director of Parks and Recreation, Juvenile Court Judge and the Chief of Police. An advisory board should be established and this committee should be primarily members of the present Youth Council, headed by Dr. Barry G. Miller, which Council is doing an excellent job.

Councilman Tuttle stated Chief Ingersoll is of the impression that those comprising the professional nucleus should be required to actively and personally participate in such a Council as this is not an activity to be delegated to subordinates.

Some of the suggestions of the possible duties of the Director would be:

- (1) To develop a community-wide program designed to prevent and control juvenile delinquency and youth crime, coordinating the efforts of all public, private and religious agencies working in the field;
- (2) To implement prevention programs through all means available to city departments and private agencies;
- (3) To collect, correlate and disseminate information regarding delinquency and delinquency causing conditions and to conduct research about the causes of delinquency and youth crime in Charlotte, the result of which might be beneficial;
- (4) Be acquainted with all community progress that contain implications for the welfare and leisure time activities of youth in Charlotte and inject Council influence in the development and activation of such programs when appropriate;
- (5) To ascertain the need for programs in education and recreation in the various segments of the community and work toward fulfilling the need.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has discussed this with Dr. Barry Miller who is in thorough accord with the proposal he is about to make; that he has discussed it with Councilman Alexander who is very close to this work; that Mr. Alexander told him that meetings are arranged along this same line with Dr. Self, Mr. Kuralt, Bob Smith and Dr. Perry at Johnson C. Smith, and these meetings will be taking place the latter part of November and the early part of December. The main reason he is making the motion today is in order that the study should be an all-embracing study and a once and for all attempt to find out what needs to be done for the youth of this city; that we work along the lines of working with and not subordinate or take the place of any other agencies - and he lays stress on the Youth Council as this organization has done an outstanding job. That he is a member of the Youth Board, and has a whole file of activities. That he received a call from a gentleman who says the City should have someone working with some of these small gangs and try to organize them in the right way. All over town, efforts are going on - the Pot Coffee House is attempting to get off the ground; Christ Church attempted a movement for the youth which failed; the YMCA has a very successful WEB; in Teen Quest you read where "under 18 you have had it, and why can't Charlotte get with it." From the Youth Council has come the possibility of Friends in Court Program. All these things need coordination. In Detroit there are

fourteen people on the payroll working with youth and the youth council and some thousand-odd people working in the program, not paid, that Detroit is not fourteen times larger than Charlotte and if they need fourteen employees engaged in actively doing something for the youth and youth programs, then surely Charlotte can use one.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the City Manager be instructed to investigate this possibility of employing a full time director of what will be known as the Charlotte Youth Coordinating Council - or whatever name - and which Executive Director will operate under the jurisdiction of the City Council and whose immediate supervision will be under the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Mayor Brookshire asked in what respect this differs from the Youth Council except there would be a paid director? Councilman Tuttle replied the Youth Council neither has the staff, nor the knowledge or ability to collect, correlate or disseminate information regarding delinquency and delinquency causing conditions nor to conduct research. This is one part of the program that Chief Ingersoll says is needed. He stated he has talked with Dr. Miller today and he endorses this thought 100%. Mayor Brookshire asked if this would not have the same effect as having a paid director for the Youth Council? Councilman Tuttle replied this is a study he is asking for, whether it is advisable or feasible.

Councilman Alexander stated he agrees with this in principle, but as he said to Mr. Tuttle, he does not agree this is the proper time to act on such a proposal; that with other efforts that have been made and consideration of the youth council activities, and with the recent naming of the last Youth Council, and being a member of this Council and knowing of some of the things in the proposal, he raises the question of whether or not this would be a duplication; that he would like this proposal submitted to the Youth Council and other interested persons to see where it fits in the total framework to approach the solution to the youth problem.

Councilman Alexander stated too many things are started doing the same thing at the same time, and he would think a better approach would be to reserve any formal action on the proposal and submit it to the Youth Council so that it can be discussed among them. That he is not opposed to the proposal because it is in line with what we are trying to do now; he is wondering if the same money that would be spent in an investigation could not be used to assist the Youth Council in arriving at the same facts so it will not be duplicating our efforts.

Mayor Brookshire stated as he understands the motion, it is simply asking Mr. Veeder to give this matter some thought and try to find out what a staff - at least a director and presumably a secretary and an office - would cost City Council if it saw fit to employ such. Councilman Tuttle stated it would do exactly what Mr. Alexander is talking about - that they meet with these committees and the Youth Council to make this determination; and in view of the fact these meetings are coming up, now is the appropriate time to give Mr. Veeder an opportunity to meet with them.

Councilman Whittington stated everyone realizes there is a need here, and he knows of no other way to go about it than this start with Dr. Miller, Dr. Self and perhaps the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation Commission, the Police Chief, and any agencies that would be dealing with the particular problem, and come up with something.

Councilman Jordan stated he is not opposed to what Mr. Tuttle has asked if he is asking just for a study. That he has been called upon by the Youth Council to furnish free music to these youth groups which he is doing now through his organization so they can have dances without costing them any money; they charge an admission fee of approximately 50 cents which they can keep and have other things for their groups and parties. That his own Minister is one of the leaders in this. That he does not object to a survey; but before hiring anyone he would like to take another look, because from what he gathers these people are doing everything they can for the youth, and his organization is happy to contribute its part to see that they have free music for their dances.

Councilman Short asked if it is known where the proposed individual would be positioned on the table of organization? Would he be a member of the City Manager's staff or would he be assigned to the Police Force or perhaps on detached service to the Park & Recreation Commission? Councilman Tuttle replied his motion stated an executive director to operate under the jurisdiction of the City Council and whose immediate supervision will be under the City Manager but he is only asking for a study and Mr. Veeder may come back with different ideas; that he has made nothing specific other than to point out the apparent need.

Councilman Short stated this is an area where looking into is excellent. Mayor Brookshire stated the only reservation he has would be not to set up a duplicating, overlapping service; there are those things that can be done to implement constructive efforts with our youth. Councilman Tuttle stated he is a member of the Board, and the last thing he would do would be anything that would harm or upset or disband the present Youth Council because they are doing a marvelous job.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

SPEED LIMIT REDUCED FROM 35 MPH to 25 MPH ON BURTON STREET, FROM SEABOARD STREET TO OAKLAWN AVENUE.

Councilman Alexander stated at the last Council Meeting he talked about some parking problems on Oaklawn Avenue and the Fairview Homes and the situation is being corrected through Fairview Homes by the installation of off-limit parking signs on one side of the street, and on Oaklawn Avenue the installation of signs prohibiting parking close to the corners on the north side of Oaklawn Avenue; that Council reserved any consideration on the South side of Oaklawn Avenue on the suggestion of Council members so they could take a look at it. Regarding the consideration of the speed limit change on Burton Street from 35 MPH to 25 MPH through the whole street at the time the children are going back and forth to school, the other members of Council wanted to take a look at the street.

Councilman Short stated he did go out and the speed of 35 MPH on any part of Burton Street is not safe; that the bus travels this street and at 15 MPH it was close and there are many other factors that he will not attempt to detail.

Councilman Whittington stated he concurs that the speed should be reduced on Burton Street, and he would so vote if the motion was brought before Council; that he would not vote to take the parking off both sides of Oaklawn Avenue. Councilman Alexander stated not on both sides, it was just on the south side of Oaklawn Avenue; the only thing on the north side was to limit parking altogether up to each corner; but on the south side of Oaklawn is where parking needs to be taken off completely.

That all the businesses have parking spaces where you can drive off the street into the parking spaces in front of the business other than three small businesses. Councilman Whittington stated he feels it would do a great disservice to these merchants to take the parking off the south side.

Councilman Alexander moved that the speed limit be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH on Burton Street, between Seaboard Street and Oaklawn Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short asked if you have to make a school zone out of any place where the speed limit is minimized; can you not minimize the speed limit in accordance with the need? The City Manager replied the speed limit is 35 MPH unless otherwise posted.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

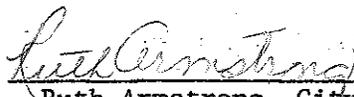
MOTION TO REMOVE PARKING FROM SOUTH SIDE OF OAKLAWN AVENUE DID NOT RECEIVE A SECOND.

Councilman Alexander moved that parking be removed from the south side of Oaklawn Avenue. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Short stated he went over this very carefully and what they have there is as good as they can do.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk