

Special Meeting  
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A special meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Thursday, December 5, 1946, at 4 p.m., due notice having been given each Councilman as required by law, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Johnston, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman McIntyre.

#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilmen J. S. Hinson.

#### PURPOSE OF MEETING.

The City having been advised by the State Highway and Public Works Commission by letter dated December 3, 1946, they could not accept the recommendation of the City Council, adopted on November 26, 1946, that the Cross-town Boulevard be constructed through Crescent Avenue extension, Crescent Avenue, Fourth Street, Lillington Avenue, Luther and Baxter Streets to intersect with Morehead Street, being known as Route #3, Mayor Baxter stated the purpose of this meeting was to again take action on the proposed Cross-town Boulevard.

#### ROUTE NO. 1 APPROVED FOR CROSS-TOWN BOULEVARD.

Councilman Newson moved that recommendation be made to the State Highway Commission that Route #2 be used for the Crosstown Boulevard, via Westmoreland Avenue, High Street, Hawthorne Lane, Lillington Avenue, Craighead Street, Stonewall Street, Caldwell Street to Morehead Street. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette.

Councilman White made a substitute motion that the City Manager be instructed to make an official application to the State Highway Commission for the construction of that part of the Monroe highway to Charlotte extension included in the city limits of Charlotte and proceeding from the city limits along Westmoreland Avenue to Pecan Street, thence across the Seaboard Railway by way of an overhead bridge, thence along High Street and its extension to Park Terrace, across Independence Park to Fox Street, thence on Fox Street to Shorter Street, thence across the pasture behind the Thompson Orphanage into Stonewall Street, thence on Stonewall Street to Caldwell Street, thence from Caldwell Street to Morehead Street at its intersection with South Boulevard, all as shown on the "proposed Major Street Plan" and numbered Route 1, which map was approved in substance and forwarded to the Highway Commission some time ago. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston.

Councilman Childs offered a substitute motion to the substitute motion that all routes as laid out be rejected and the money used to open up the through streets in the congested downtown area. Motion seconded by Councilman Hinson, and lost, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Childs and Hinson.

NAY: Councilmen Johnston, Newson, Puette and White.

A vote was then taken on the substitute motion, made by Councilman White, and lost, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Johnston and White.

NAY: Councilmen Childs, Hinson, Newson and Puette.

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During a discussion of the matter, Councilman Newson urged the approval of a route for the Boulevard in order that Charlotte receive the benefit of the estimated \$1,400,000.00 proposed to be expended in its construction, in order to improve traffic conditions. He stated that rather than lose the Boulevard he was willing to vote in favor of Route #1.

Thereupon, Councilman Newson withdrew the main motion, by and with the consent of Councilman Puette, who had moved the second to the motion.

Councilman White moved that a recess be taken to the Mayor's Office for a discussion of the matter. Motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Puette moved that Council accept the route that would be most acceptable to the State Highway Commission. Motion did not receive a second.

Councilman White then restated his motion and moved that the City Manager be instructed to make an official application to the State Highway Commission for the construction of that part of the ~~Monroe~~ highway to Charlotte extension included in the city limits of Charlotte and proceeding from the city limits along Westmoreland Avenue to Pecan Avenue, thence across the Seaboard Railway by way of an overhead bridge, thence along High Street and its extension to Park Terrace, across Independence Park to Fox Street, thence on Fox Street to Shorter Street, thence across the pasture behind the Thompson Orphanage into Stonewall Street, thence on Stonewall Street to Caldwell Street, thence from Caldwell Street to Morehead Street at its intersection with South Boulevard, all as shown on the "proposed Major Street Plan" and numbered Route 1, which map was approved in substance and forwarded to the Highway Commission sometime ago. Motion seconded by Councilman Johnston.

Councilman Childs offered a substitute motion that Mr. J. B. Marshall, Consulting Engineer, be requested to go with the Council over all the routes now proposed for the Boulevard and any other routes that might be suggested, and if he was then convinced that Route #1 was the logical route for the Boulevard, he would vote in its favor. Motion did not receive a second.

Vote was then taken on the main motion by Councilman White that Route #1 be approved. The motion carried, with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Johnston, Newson, Puette and White.  
NAY: Councilmen Childs and Hinson.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Hinson, the meeting was adjourned.

Rebecca R. Hoffman  
City Clerk