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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, December 6, 1965, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend George J. Leake, Pastor of Little Rock A. M. E. Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 26, 1965, and the Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting held on November 29, 1965, were approved as submitted to the City Council.

PETITION FROM CHARLOTTE BRANCH NAACP, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND NEGRO CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE FOR ENLARGED MEMBERSHIP ON REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION SO THAT QUALIFIED NEGRO MAY BECOME A MEMBER, AND THAT COUNCIL USE ITS POLITICAL POWER WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE IF ITS APPROVAL NECESSARY AND IN INTERIM THAT NEGRO LEADERS BE KEPT INFORMED AS TO ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN BY COMMISSION ON VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

Mr. Kelly M. Alexander, Executive Secretary, Charlotte Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, presented the following petition, and filed it with Mayor Brookshire, from the Charlotte Branch, NAACP; Community Leaders and Negro Citizens of Charlotte, signed by a large number of citizens.

"We the undersigned do hereby petition the Honorable Mayor of the City of Charlotte and Members of the Charlotte, North Carolina City Council to revise the regulations in reference to the number of members who may serve on the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission from its present number, so that the Negro population may be represented on the Commission and democratic representation may be achieved.

The motive and intent of this petition and request is for you to make whatever legal revisions necessary to enlarge the number of members of the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission so that a qualified Negro may become a member.

The principle involved in this petition and request is not based on personalities but is in conformity with the philosophy of equal opportunity in the Federal Housing Programs. The Executive branch of the federal government prohibits discrimination in Federally assisted housing. It is a known fact that the late President John F. Kennedy in issuing his executive order on housing stated - 'The granting of federal assistance

for housing and related facilities from which Americans are excluded because of their race, color, creed or national origin is unfair, unjust and inconsistent with the public policy of the United States.' This is also the philosophy of the present administration in Washington.

In view of the fact that Community Renewal programs and relocation of families displaced consists in the main of a large segment of the Negro population, certainly Negro representation should be a major consideration to the implementation of Housing and Urban Development Programs in the City of Charlotte. It is our opinion that the City Council, the housing administrative unit and commission should implement this philosophy on the community level as to Negroes being a part of this important program which directly affects them. Our interest in Housing is sincere and the Negro citizens of this community are deeply concerned that the Housing Programs in Charlotte be administered so that all citizens may enjoy a free and open market in housing. We realize that housing is a problem of great complexity but it is the responsibility of governmental agencies concerned with housing to forbid racial or religious segregation or discrimination in all housing using any kind of government assistance.

The Negro citizens of this community have endorsed the philosophy of Urban Renewal and Redevelopment but the Negro citizens are now aware of the grave dangers which can be encountered in its execution. One of the great dangers is the use of this program to further insure racially-segregated areas.

Another factor is the matter of relocation of persons displaced. Relocation should be made in a free and open market and this matter is questionable in Charlotte today.

It is of the essence of importance that qualified minority group representation be on all Charlotte's public agencies involved in the renewal and redevelopment programs. We request that you take positive and affirmative action as to reviewing and revising all present policies and regulations to expand the Commission so that Negro Representation will be a reality. This action certainly will contribute to better race relations in our community. In the event that it is necessary to make legal changes before the State Legislature to satisfy this request, and we think legal changes must be made, further request our City Council to utilize its political power to influence our State representatives to place in operation the machinery for legal revision of the law. We as Negro voters will also use our influence. Since such changes cannot be made before the next State Legislature is in session and some of you may not be on the City Council at the time, we further request that some method be utilized now for constructive lines of communication to be established between the Charlotte Redevelopment Commission and recognized Negro leadership for the purpose of the Negro Community being informed as to action that will be taken in reference to various programs peculiar to the Commission. The Housing Agencies of the federal government are seriously concerned that Negro representation be a part of the housing programs now operative.

We hope you will view our request as an effort to resolve an unfortunate situation amicably."

Mayor Brookshire asked Mr. Kiser, Acting City Attorney, to look into the legal questions which Mr. Alexander has raised in the Petition as to whether or not the City Council has the right and authority to enlarge upon the Redevelopment Commission itself, which was authorized by the State Legislature as we all know. The Mayor reminded Mr. Alexander that the Citizens Advisory Committee on Urban Renewal is bi-racial, and he will be glad to talk with him relative to enlarging that Committee which is not controlled by the Legislature.

Mr. Alexander then asked Mayor Brookshire if there is a Negro member on the Housing Authority, and the Mayor replied that there is not and there has not been a vacancy on that Authority in fifteen years or so and the present members have been serving for fifteen to twenty-five years. Mr. Alexander remarked that they would like the Mayor to consider appointing a Negro to this Authority.

The Reverend George J. Leake stated they believe sincerely that this is a City Council of good will and it has demonstrated such in the interest of all the citizens of our community. They also feel that the removal of Mr. Dale from the Redevelopment Commission was hastily done without thinking the matter through, and be that as it may, it is already done - their concern is that the Mayor and Council know of their concern. That we all know that Negroes are mainly affected by the Redevelopment program, and it is not a popular thing, one reason being because they are being shifted from one side of town to the other side and it creates problems. Therefore, they would like the Mayor and Council to consider enlarging the Redevelopment Commission sufficiently to have a Negro member. That they come before Council today very calmly because they feel that the desire is here for all of us to work together, and they want to work with the Council; but they have become concerned that there seems to be a subtle or unwise movement to remove Negroes from all Boards connected with the City Government and city life. That it may be that Council is trying to find qualified people, but he believes there are Negroes who have sense enough to serve on these Boards. That they lost two the other day, Doctor Rann and Mr. Wetz were in the running but lost out, and now that Bishop Dale is gone, they lost another one, and they get a little upset because they do not know who is going next and they cannot feel they are part of the community unless they help to make up the philosophy by which the government of the people is run. He asked that the Mayor and Council think about that and pray about it.

The Reverend C. E. Quick, stated he is concerned first because he loves Charlotte; and those things we love, we are concerned about. That we have talked about our fair city but in his mind's eye he sees a cloud coming over this city, inasmuch as 90% to 95% of our redevelopment program will involve the Negro race, and yet, with this going on, they are made to feel that they need no representation to help carry this program along. That he feels that the Council is qualified for many things, but he feels it is hard for them to understand the problem of the Negro in their present position. He feels that we need more Negroes in legislative positions, who understand the Negro and his problems. Also, the Negroes represent about 30% of Charlotte's population and that being the case, he feels that they should let their voices be heard from the sinse of being concerned for our city, not only for today but for years to come. That they have confidence in our City Fathers, but they would like to have more confidence; and this will depend upon the action that Council takes in matters of this type. He stated that the Council will never know the many problems they are faced with as leaders of their people. But how long will they be able to wait? How long will they be able to get their people to wait before something will come? Time has so run out. That

they have people here who have helped to build Charlotte, who helped to bring FHA to Charlotte, who helped to bring the employment office here, and they have persons who are connected with the Federal Government and who are connected with persons in Washington and are capable of handling the job. If this is the case, then he hopes and trusts that Council will give some kind of consideration to the things now at hand, because eventually we will have to face it, why not seriously face it now?

Mrs. U. S. Brooks remarked that she wants to endorse what the gentleman has just said that they need representation on all Boards. That she must confess she was shocked when she learned that the lone Negro member on the Redevelopment Commission had been eliminated. That she feels that white people probably feel they know exactly what Negroes want and exactly what they need and exactly what to do for them, but she thinks they are wrong. She thinks they need a Negro to interpret to them the feelings and the attitudes of the Negro people. That white people have the old idea that since they have had Negroes working for them all of their lives, they know Negroes; while in fact, they don't know even those who work for them, because they have wanted to hold their jobs, and they tell their employer whatever they think he wants to hear. That unless they are represented on these Boards, they are being unfairly treated. That when the Urban Redevelopment Program first began, they asked for Negro participation in the program, they asked for integrated housing, they asked for low-rent housing - no one wanted it, the builders said we did not need low-rent housing. Now you are finally coming around to the idea that we are going to have to have it, which points out if the Negroes had been listened to about their needs and their wants, it would have been a great help and it would be a great help now.

Mr. Robert P. Ingram stated that he grew up in Charlotte and attended the schools here and joined the Navy and the Army from Charlotte. That in reading the newspapers, listening to the Radio and looking at the Television, they hear that the Black Wards are dying for the freedom of America. America is not some place out of Charlotte, America is everywhere from Maine to Mexico and from the Atlantic to the Pacific. And what is happening in Charlotte that the only Negro member of the Urban Renewal Commission is being displaced? That he can ask the Council but he cannot tell them to revise the Charter or Constitution so that they can have a Negro representative on this Commission to represent his cause and the Council's cause. They do not ask for something for nothing and they want to pay for what they get, and they ask the Council to make right the master of might.

RESIDENT OF DOGWOOD AVENUE AREA REQUESTING THAT ADVERTISEMENT OF "HOUSES FOR SALE FOR COLORED ONLY" IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD BE DISCONTINUED, REFERRED TO REAL ESTATE BOARD.

Mrs. Bertie Carpenter stated she was appearing before Council in behalf of their neighborhood - Dogwood Avenue, Kemford Avenue, Clemmer Avenue, and other streets off of Graham Street. That ads are being run in our papers which say "Houses for sale for colored only" in their neighborhood and they want it stopped, for it is discriminating against white people. That they do not have to use the words for colored or for white. That they do not advertise out in Myers Park and other areas "houses for colored for sale" or "houses for white for sale."

Mayor Brookshire asked if she has contacted the Real Estate people who are advertising or the Real Estate Board, and Mrs. Carpenter replied that she has not. The Mayor suggested that she do so, because the Real Estate Board has assured the Council they will cooperate in every way they can and Council has passed an Ordinance regarding unethical advertising, and

he is sure the Real Estate Board will be glad to help her in any way they can.

At his request, Mrs. Carpenter showed the Advertisement to which she was referring to Councilman Tuttle.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH CHARLES MORRISON GRIER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR NEW FIRE STATION ON PARK ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with Charles Morrison Grier & Associates, Inc., for architectural services in connection with the new Fire Station on Park Road, at a fee of 4% of the project construction cost.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SMITH, POLLITTE & ASSOCIATES AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF RETAINERS FEE FOR WORK COMPLETED ON DESIGN OF THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of a Supplemental Agreement with Smith, Pollitte & Associates providing for the release of \$40,000.00 retainers fee on work completed in connection with Agreement dated June 12, 1961, for the design of the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY IN RIGHT OF WAY FOR ALEXANDER STREET WIDENING PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, authorizing contracts for the appraisal of three parcels of land at the corner of Seventh and Alexander Streets each with William Frickhoeffter and T. R. Lawing.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHLAND EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR CRAWLER TYPE TRACTOR WITH DOZER BLADE AND SIDE BOOM.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Southland Equipment Company for one crawler type tractor with dozer blade and side boom, as specified, in the amount of \$8,429.52. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Southland Equipment Co.	\$8,429.52
International Harvester Sales & Service	8,961.00

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SALES & SERVICE FOR TRACTOR WITH SIDE MOUNTED MOWER ATTACHMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried, contract was awarded International Harvester Sales & Service, the low bidder, for one tractor with side mounted mower attachment, as specified, in the amount of \$3,244.50.

The following bids were received:

International Harvester Sales & Service	\$3,244.50
Morris Farm Equipment Co.	3,396.95

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SALES & SERVICE FOR TRACTOR WITH FLAIL TYPE MOWER.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, awarding contract to International Harvester Sales & Service, the low bidder, for one tractor with flail type mower, as specified, in the amount of \$2,884.00.

The following bids were received:

International Harvester Sales & Service	\$2,884.00
Morris Farm Equipment Co.	3,271.29
Southland Equipment Co.	3,383.55

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SALES & SERVICE FOR ONE BACKHOE LOADER.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower awarding the contract to International Harvester Sales & Service, the low bidder, for one backhoe loader, as specified, in the amount of \$9,012.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

International Harvester Sales & Service	\$9,012.50
Farm & Industrial Equipment Co.	9,769.15
Southland Equipment Co.	10,183.61
Spartan Equipment Co.	10,197.00
Mitchell Distributing Co.	11,556.34
Morris Farm Equipment Co.	11,687.49
Carolina Equipment & Parts Co.	13,924.57
J. W. Burrell, Inc.	13,992.55

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHLAND EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR ONE PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder meeting specifications, Southland Equipment Company, for one portable air compressor, as specified, in the amount of \$5,509.47.

The following bids were received:

Southland Equipment Co.	\$5,509.47
A. E. Finley & Assoc., Inc.	6,133.65
Arrow Construction & Eqpt. Co.	6,798.00
Mitchell Distributing Co.	6,839.20

Bids received not meeting specifications:

Carolina Equipment & Parts Co.	\$4,789.50
Spartan Equipment Co.	4,818.34
Southland Equipment Co. (Alternate Bid)	4,932.67

CONTRACT AWARDED MURPHY BODY DISTRIBUTORS, INC. FOR LIMB CHIPPING MACHINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low base bid meeting specifications, Murphy Body Distributors, Inc., for one 12-inch limb

chipping machine, as specified, in the amount of \$3,280.55.

The following bids were received:

Murphy Body Distributors, Inc.	\$3,280.55
Contractors Service & Rentals	3,553.83
<u>Alternate Bid</u>	
Murphy Body Distributors, Inc.	3,728.60

BIDS FOR THREE DIAPHRAGM PUMPS & ONE SUBMERSIBLE AIR POWERED SUMP PUMP, REJECTED.

Councilman Whittington moved that bids received for three diaphragm Pumps and one submersible air powered sump pump be rejected as recommended and that new specifications be drawn which will enable the City to receive equipment needed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unani- mously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN PIPE TOOL COMPANY FOR SEWER RODDING MACHINE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried contract was awarded the low bidder, Southern Pipe Tool Company, in the amount of \$3,345.23, for one sewer rodding machine, as specified.

The following bids were received:

Southern Pipe Tool Co.	\$3,345.23
W. H. Stewart, Inc.	3,708.00

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHLAND EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR PATCH ROLLER AND ASPHALT HEATING KETTLE.

Councilman Albea moved award of contract to the low complete bid, South- land Equipment Company, for one patch roller and one asphalt heating kettle, as specified, in the amount of \$1,508.95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Southland Equipment Co.	\$1,508.95
E. F. Craven Company	1,737.61
Arrow Construction Equipment Co.	1,873.57

Bids received incomplete in that they did not bid all items:

- Carolina Equipment & Parts Co.
- Western Carolina Tractor Co.
- Mitchell Distributing Co.
- A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHLAND EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR REAR MOUNTED ROTARY CUTTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Southland Equip- ment Company, in the amount of \$339.90, for one rear mounted, three-point hitch, sixty-inch rotary cutter, as specified.

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The following bids were received:

Southland Equipment Co.	\$ 339.90
Morris Farm Equipment Co.	396.55

CONTRACT AWARDED SPARTAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR SOIL COMPACTOR, PAVING BREAKERS AND AIR TAMPS.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to the low complete bid, Spartan Equipment Company, in the amount of \$2,060.00, on a unit price basis, for one soil compactor, two paving breakers and two air tamps as specified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Spartan Equipment Co.	\$2,060.00
Arrow Construction & Equipment Co.	2,518.35
A. E. Finley & Assoc., Inc.	2,548.22
J. W. Burress, Inc.	2,858.25

Bids received incomplete:

Carolina Equipment Co.
Contractors Service & Rentals
Interstate Equipment Co.
Southland Equipment Co.
Mitchell Distributing Co.

CONTRACT AWARDED VERMEER MFG. COMPANY FOR STUMP CUTTER.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Vermeer Mfg. Company, in the amount of \$2,127.98, for one stump cutter, as specified.

CONTRACT AWARDED SPARTAN EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR FRONT-END LOADER WITH CAB AND FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Spartan Equipment Company, for one front-end power loader with cab and four-wheel drive, as specified, in the amount of \$14,806.25.

The following bids were received:

Spartan Equipment Co.	\$14,806.25
Western Carolina Tractor Co.	15,657.03
Arrow Construction & Eqpt. Co.	15,959.85
Carolina Tractor & Eqpt. Co.	16,892.00
E. F. Craven Company	17,736.60
J. W. Burress, Inc.	19,003.50

CONTRACT AWARDED ARROW CONSTRUCTION & EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR ONE TEN TON, THREE-WHEEL ROLLER.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to the low bidder, Arrow Construction & Equipment Company, for one three wheel, ten-ton roller, as specified, in the amount of \$10,530.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Arrow Construction & Eqpt. Co.	\$10,499.82
Spartan Equipment Co.	10,753.20
Carolina Equipment & Parts Co.	11,124.00
Interstate Equipment Co.	11,849.30

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Western Carolina Tractor Co.	\$10,530.72
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CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR FOUR MOTORCYCLES DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, consideration of the bids for four motorcycles was deferred for one week.

CONTRACT AWARDED G & W EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR TRUCKSTERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bid meeting specifications, G & W Equipment Company, in the amount of \$3,413.54.

The following bid was received:

G & W Equipment Company	\$ 3,413.54
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Bid received not meeting specifications:

Harley Davidson Motor Company	3,164.75
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CONTRACT AWARDED RECORDAK CORPORATION FOR MICROFILMER.

Councilman Thrower moved award of contract to the low bid meeting specifications, Recordak Corporation, for one microfilmer, as specified, in the amount of \$3,759.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The following bid was received:

Recordak Corporation	\$ 3,759.50
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Bid received not meeting specifications:

Remington Rand Office Systems	2,933.96
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CONTRACT AWARDED GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR FOUR MOTORCYCLE RADIO UNITS.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, General Electric Company, in the amount of \$2,900.00 on a unit price basis, for four motorcycle radio units, as specified.

The following bids were received:

General Electric Co.	\$ 2,900.00
Motorola C. & E., Inc.	2,970.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS, INC. FOR TWENTY MOBILE RADIO UNITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., for two mobile radio units, 30 and 80 watt capacity, as specified, in the amount of \$9,777.79, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Motorola C. & E., Inc.	\$ 9,777.79
General Electric Co.	9,945.95
Radio Corp. of America	11,126.06

CONTRACT AWARDED GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR REMOTE CONSOLES, BASE STATION AND ANTENNA.

Councilman Thrower moved award of contract to the low bid meeting specifications, General Electric Company, for two remote consoles, one base station and one antenna, as specified, in the amount of \$2,635.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

General Electric Co.	\$ 2,635.00
Motorola C. & E., Inc.	3,116.78

Bid received not meeting specifications:

Radio Corp. of America	\$ 2,080.60
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CONTRACT AWARDED MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS, INC. FOR TWO PORTABLE WALKIE TALKIE UNITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder meeting the specifications, Motorola Communications & Electronics, in the amount of \$1,163.90, on a unit price basis, for two portable walkie talkie units.

The following bid was received:

Motorola C. & E., Inc.	\$ 1,163.90
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Bid received not meeting specifications:

Radio Corp. of America	\$ 1,001.16
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ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE TO SERVE CRAIGHEAD ROAD, AND IN CAPITOL DRIVE, AND RIGHT OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 10' x 201.17' easement at Craighead and Derita Roads, from Elam T. and Norma P. Robinson, at \$201.18, for sanitary sewer line to serve Craighead Road.

- (b) Acquisition of 15' x 172.38' easement along Capitol Drive, from M. L. Walls, at \$172.38, for Capitol Drive sanitary sewer line.
- (c) Acquisition of 15' x 182.84' easement at 3017 Capitol Drive, from Mrs. Millie Ervin, at \$182.84, for Capitol Drive sanitary sewer line.
- (d) Acquisition of 10,000 sq. ft. of property at 612-18 Stephens Street, from L. N. Stallworth and wife, at \$3,300.00, for right of way for Northwest Expressway.

DECEMBER 24TH GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES AS AN EXTRA HOLIDAY FOR CHRISTMAS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, Friday, December 24th was granted City Employees as an extra holiday for Christmas.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO DISCUSS WITH THE TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND POLICE DEPARTMENT WHAT CAN BE DONE WITH REGARD TO INCREASING THE PATROL TO CHECK THE SPEEDING OF CARS ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD, FROM FIVE POINTS OUT TO I-85, WHERE THERE ARE NO SPEED LIMIT SIGNS.

Councilman Alexander stated that sometime ago he brought to the attention of Council and the Traffic Engineer the traffic situation on Beatties Ford Road and Matoon Street, and the Traffic Engineer had a Caution Signal placed at this intersection. Since that time traffic accidents have increased and he asked the Traffic Engineer to give him a factual report on the accidents and the causes in an attempt to ascertain if the use of the Blinker was effective or ineffective. He stated that the report shows that all of these accidents came from the violation of traffic regulations and reckless driving.

That he wants to raise this point - that the speed of traffic on Beatties Ford Road within the last three months has increased tremendously. So much so that he would like to suggest that the City Manager discuss with the Traffic Engineer and the Police Department as to what can be done about increasing the patrol to check the speed on Beatties Ford Road from Five Points on out to I-85. That it has gotten to the point that it is dangerous to even walk on the sidewalk, that cars have gone across the sidewalk, torn down walls, every night practically there is a traffic accident out there; and unless the speed can be reduced day and night, it is going to increase and become a very bad situation. He advised further that there are no Speed Limit Signs posted on Beatties Ford Road, and that Matoon Street is right at the school.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING BISHOP DALE FOR HIS SERVICES AS A MEMBER OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Tuttle introduced a resolution entitled: Resolution commending Bishop Dale for his services as a member of the Redevelopment Commission, and following the reading thereof moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 162.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM JUDGE BEACHUM REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF THE FINE IN RELATION TO THE NUMBER OF COURT CASES FOR 1965 TO NOVEMBER 1ST.

Councilman Tuttle stated that at last week's Council Meeting he questioned the apparent reduction in the Recorder's Court per case fine. That he has

a copy of a letter from Judge P. B. Beachum reading as follows:

"Reference is made to your memorandum of November 30, 1965. The use of statistics without explanation is always fraught with danger.

The records of this Court are maintained on a 'Work Load' and 'Case Load' basis. The records to which you refer contain both.

The 'Case Load' for 1965 up to November 1, 1965, is 14,295 cases. The revenue for this period is \$171,734.50. The 'Case Load' for 1964 - same period - was 13,242 with revenue of \$166,939.50, showing an increase in case load of 9.263% and an increase in revenue of 9.72%."

Councilman Tuttle stated this still does not give us the answer we are looking for in the fines because even in the new figures, we have a case load average of \$12.01 for a period ending in 1965, and \$12.60 in 1964, so we are still 59¢ less per case.

Mayor Brookshire called attention that it is not likely to run the same year after year.

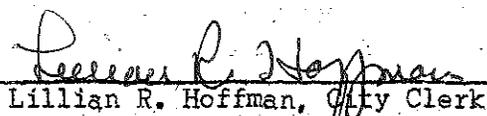
Councilman Tuttle stated he understands there have been some traffic cases thrown over there which could be the answer, but we have not gotten it yet. That it still preplexes him with the crime such as it is, and our fines are going down and the punishment is less rather than greater. That if \$1.00 traffic cases have been thrown over there, that is something else; but we still don't have the answer.

Mr. Veeder replied he had not had an opportunity to review the memorandum from Judge Beachum this morning. That he made a point in going to the Judge's office and discussing it with him a little this morning, and one of the results of the discussion is that he is going to provide additional data in his monthly report. That he did not understand the difference between work load and case load until he heard the Judge's definition, and he thinks additional information is warranted based upon his memorandum.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Veeder to have the Judge check it out.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk