

That he thinks this Report will be of considerable help to the Council in understanding the proposals which have been made. He hopes the Council will give that Report consideration, along with their formal recommendations. He stated he did not come today for the purpose of making a presentation of their Report, as such, and hopes the City Council will withhold its consideration of the recommendations which have been made until they have the supplemental Report.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his appreciation on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Charlotte for the splendid job which Mr. Grier and the Commission have done, and for the innumerable hours of arduous effort they have put into the study of the needs of our current new Charter. He stated they will await the analysis of the Report that has been presented with eagerness and will save judgment on the recommendations until the further report is received.

Councilman Bryant suggested that since the work of the Commission was a pretty big job, each member of the Commission should have some sort of recognition from the City Council in appreciation of their work, as this is a once in every fifteen or twenty year situation. Mayor Brookshire remarked that he thinks the suggestion is valid and he will see that each member gets a Citizenship Award.

REQUESTED TRAFFIC SIGNAL AUTHORIZED INSTALLED AT INTERSECTION OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND OLD MONROE ROAD.

The Reverend Frank R. Moore, spokesman for a group of residents of the Oakhurst section of the City, presented a petition which he stated is signed by 187 of the residents, requesting the installation of a Traffic Signal, not a caution light, at the corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Old Monroe Road in view of the many accidents and especially of the fatality of December 30, 1964, and also have the request apply to Richland Drive and Monroe Road.

Mr. Moore stated they are very much concerned about the regulation of traffic at this point; however, they do not want to lose the School Guard stationed at this intersection but there is a need for a Traffic Signal for the safety of adults as well.

Councilman Dellinger advised he has asked Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to have at this meeting today information as to traffic surveys that have been made in the past at this intersection. He asked Mr. Hoose to give Council the benefit of what has been done and what he anticipates doing at this corner.

Mr. Hoose stated he has conducted four different surveys at this intersection since 1961, the latest one being in September, 1964, at which time they made a recommendation to the State Highway Department to redesign the intersection, which is a T-type intersection and one of the problems is the traffic that is tied up making left turns. He presented a sketch of the intersection and explained the existing conditions and the redesign he requested the Highway Department to make. He stated it involves the widening of the pavement and removal of trees and a stone fence in the right of way in order to open up the intersection. He advised in the meantime he got the School System to put a curb and gutter the length of their property on Commonwealth Avenue and Monroe Road, which will take place very soon.

That on October 20 and 26, 1964, letters were sent to the State Highway Department in reference to this intersection but to date the work has not been completed. He stated during peak hours there is a School Guard, School Safety

Patrol and Flashing lights at the intersection. For the last four years, there have been only 7 accidents at the intersection - 1961 to 1962 there was one accident, 1962 to 1963 there were three, 1963 to 1964 there were none and 1964 to 1965 there were three. He stated that the installation of traffic signals is not a guarantee of protection, that at 8 accident intersections involving fatalities, 6 of the intersections were signalized. So they feel that the signalization of that point will not cure the problem. That they also feel the intersection redesign, including the removal of trees obstructing the view, will be a big help.

Councilman Dellinger remarked to Mr Hoose that it is not unusual to have Traffic Signals at T-intersections, is it, and Mr. Hoose replied that is the type intersection where accidents are most likely not to happen because you either have to turn right or left and your speed is accelerated to such a point that these are perhaps the least non-accident intersections that we have. Councilman Whittington asked him what his plans^{are} for putting Traffic Signals at this intersection, if and when the State does their work? Mr. Hoose replied that he did not recommend traffic signals; that he recommended the intersection be fixed up first to take care of the existing problems, and if the Signal is put in it should be done prior to the State doing their work. That he recommended that their work be done first and then the Signal be installed if it was warranted. Councilman Jordan asked when the State will do their work, and Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied he had recent conversation with Mr. Burgin, Engineer for the Highway Department, towards the end of trying to determine when they plan to actually do the construction; that none has been started as yet but Mr. Burgin assured him he will attempt to obtain the necessary approvals to start the work very soon. That they certainly plan to continue to contact Mr. Burgin towards the end of getting the work done.

Councilman Dellinger asked how many cars there are on Commonwealth and on Monroe Road in 24 hours? Mr. Hoose stated the latest traffic count in September 1964 was for a 12 hour period and there were 6,481 cars going in both directions on Monroe Road and 1753 on Commonwealth Avenue.

Councilman Smith asked if he has made an estimate of what it will cost to put a three-way signal at the intersection with a trip on Commonwealth? Mr. Hoose replied it would not be a three-way, it would be an actuated signal with pedestrian pushbuttons, and the cost would be \$2,500.00. Councilman Smith stated he is the one who requested the survey made last September, and that he passes through there about every day and he knows Mr Hoose's engineering report is correct but he finds that people coming up Commonwealth get impatient standing at Monroe Road and they fan out and shoot out in front of cars, and according to the record there have not been many wrecks but there have been lot of near accidents and so he moves that a Traffic Signal be installed at this intersection and the \$2,500.00 cost be taken from the Contingency Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilman Bryant stated he is as interested as anybody in taking care of this situation but he is wondering if Council does not think it might be a good idea to see what experience they have with the redesigned intersection? That he well remembers the Signal that was installed at Providence and Laurel and it caused three or four quick accidents - so a Signal is certainly not the only solution to the problem. Councilman Smith replied if there were not a school there, there might be reasons to believe this, but he thinks the intersection should be improved by redesigning along with the Signal. Councilman Dellinger stated there have been accidents and near-accidents there for the last 32 years that he knows of and he, personally, thought long ago that something should be done about the corner. Councilman Bryant asked if the intersection will be redesigned regardless, and Mr. Hoose stated if

Council requests a Signal they ought to request it with the intersection redesign, and he thinks the request should include the cutting of the trees or one will never see the signal heads. Councilman Dellinger replied that we have an ordinance to that effect, and he imagines if we ask the citizens to abide by the ordinance, the City will do the same thing.

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

Mr. Moore stated that they also petitioned for a light at Richland Drive and Monroe Road, and he agreed that the trees certainly need cutting as they come right up to Monroe Road at Commonwealth Avenue and obscure one's view.

Councilman Whittington asked what department is responsible for going ahead and moving these trees and Mr. Veeder replied the State Highway Department as Commonwealth Avenue and Monroe Road at this point are maintained by the State Highway Department, and they are aware that the trees must be removed.

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

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the appraisal of rights of way for the Northwest Expressway:

- (a) Contract with Lionel D. Bass, Sr., for the appraisal of one parcel of land at corner of North Graham and W. 11th Streets.
- (b) Contract with G. A. Hutchinson for the appraisal of one parcel of land on Caldwell Street and one parcel on North Davidson Street.
- (c) Contract with Leo H. Phelan, for the appraisal of one parcel of land on North Pine Street.
- (d) Contract with L. H. Griffith for the appraisal of one parcel of land on North Graham Street.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO MILTON P. THERRELL FOR USE ON THE PREMISES OF CHARLOTTE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. Milton P. Therrell for use on the premises of the Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank, for a period of one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF DEED FOR OAKLAWN CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mr. Frank Busby, Jr. for Lot 172, Section 5, Oaklawn Cemetery, transferred from Mrs Daisy McAllister, at \$3.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED ALLIED CHAIN LINK FENCE COMPANY, INC. FOR CHAIN LINK FENCING.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Allied Chain Link Fence Company, Inc. for 1,802 feet of chain link fencing and two gates as

specified, in the amount of \$2,614.98, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Allied Chain Link Fence Co., Inc.	\$2,614.98
Cyclone Fence, U.S. Steel Corp.	2,796.65
Allison Fence Company	2,833.07
Fence Builders, Inc.	3,171.51
Anchor Post Products, Inc.	3,483.00

CONTRACT AWARDED HENDERSON MARINE CO., INC. FOR TWO TRUCKSTERS.

Councilman Jordan moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Henderson Marine Company, Inc. for two - 3 wheel trucksters, as specified, in the amount of \$3,060.55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan and Whittington.
 NAYS: None.

Councilman Smith abstained from voting as he has some stock in the Company.

REAPPOINTMENT OF GUY E. SUDDRETH AS MEMBER-AT-LARGE OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY AND APPEAL BOARD.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. Guy E. Suddreth as Member-at-large on the Air Pollution Control Advisory and Appeal Board, for a term of 5 years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. T. COVINGTON TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Councilman Whittington moved the reappointment of Mr. W. T. Covington to the Firemen's Relief Board of Trustees for a term of 2 years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK BEDDINGFIELD AND FRANKLIN R. JACKSON TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Mr. Frank Beddingfield and Mr. Franklin R. Jackson were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for terms of 2 years each.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE CONSTRUCTION.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following rights of way were authorized acquired:

- (a) Acquisition of tract of land 10' x 80' on Crater Street near Commonwealth Avenue, from Lee T. Williams and wife Lillie and Mrs Fern W. Cortez, at a price of \$40.00 for right of way for sanitary sewer line to serve Crater Street.
- (b) Acquisition of tract of land 10' x 27.40' on Nations Ford Road, from Miss Winnie C. Frazier, James B. Kuykendall and Mrs Emily F. Kuykendall, at a price of \$1.00 for right of way for North-South Expressway sanitary sewer trunk crossing No. 9.

RESIGNATION OF THOMAS B. LANE, JR., AS VICE-RECORDER OF MUNICIPAL COURT,
ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.

Mayor Brookshire again called to the attention of Council the letter he read to them two weeks ago from Attorney Thomas G. Lane, Jr. resigning as Vice-Recorder of Municipal Court, in which he says he would like the resignation to become effective as of January 1, 1965 or to hold court as the Pro Tem thereafter, as the Council may decide upon.

Councilman Jordan moved that his resignation be accepted with regret. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT OAK TREE IN PLANTING STRIP AT EAST 7TH STREET AND LAUREL AVENUE
BE CUT DOWN AS IT IS CREATING A TRAFFIC HAZARD.

Councilman Dellinger called attention that some months ago he brought up the intersection of East 7th Street and Laurel Avenue where a big oak tree is growing in the planting strip and obstructs the view of persons driving into 7th Street from the east. That complaints are still coming to him about this condition, and if it is the State Highway Department's problem, he would like the City Manager to talk with them about. If it is the City's problem then he thinks the tree should be removed, as it certainly creates a traffic hazard.

SHABBY APPEARANCE OF GARBAGE COLLECTORS CALLED TO ATTENTION OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Smith called the attention of the City Manager to the shabby appearance of the Garbage Collectors and he asked if we do not furnish the regular Collectors' uniforms? Mr. Veeder stated they have uniforms furnished them, and Council authorized this year more in the way of clothing for that department than in prior years, and he will certainly check into why this time of the year their uniforms are not in good condition and why they do not appear on the job neatly dressed. Councilman Whittington remarked that Mr. Smith is right, they are not using their uniforms on the job and you see more of them at night when they are off duty than during the day unfortunately.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Construction of 112 feet of sewer trunk between Lincoln Boulevard and Newland Road, at the request of Mr. J.L. Carter, Jr., at an estimated cost of \$1,050.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost has been received.
- (b) Construction of 240 feet of sewer main in Banbury Drive, at the request of Ervin Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$1,480.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 115 feet of sewer trunk and 385 feet of sewer main in Vinetta Court, at the request of Liberty Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$1,155.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

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- (d) Construction of 83 feet of sewer trunk and 2,244 feet of sewer main in Billingsley Park, at the request of T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$10,560.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk