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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, March 14, 1966, 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, Jerry C. Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman John H. Thrower.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend J. B. Golden, Pastor of Mouzon Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on March 7, 1966, were approved as submitted.

MATTI NARHI AND CHRIS MALISKA, MEMBERS OF THE SING OUT GROUP, WELCOMED BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mr. Matti Narhi and Mr. Chris Maliska, members of the Sing Out Group of world-wide students touring the country in the interest of moral Re-armament Inc., were introduced by Councilman Tuttle, in whose home they are guests. Councilman Tuttle advised that Mr. Narhi is from Jyvaskyl, Finland, is three times junior collediate ski-jump champion of Finland and before joining this Group was Director of the Finnish Physical Fitness Program. And that Mr. Maliska, a native of Finland, is from Winter Park, Florida, and he excelled in highschool in collegiate basketball, football and track.

Mayor Brookshire warmly welcomed the young men and their Group to Charlotte and wished them luck in their undertaking and God's speed.

WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL BASKET-BALL TEAM CONGRATULATED BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE ON WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Councilman Alexander introduced Coach Charles McCullough and the members of West Charlotte Basketball Team, winners of the North Carolina High School Athletic Conference 4-A Basketball Championship.

Mayor Brookshire extended his congratulations to them on their victory and on their 22-1 record for the season.

ERNEST SIFFORD AND DANIEL MARTIN REAPPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried, Mr. Ernest Sifford was reappointed a member of the Park and Recreation Commission for a term of five years.

Councilman Alexander moved the appointment of Mr. Walter S. Tucker as a member of the Park & Recreation Commission, which did not receive a second.

Councilman Albea moved the appointment of Mr. Daniel Martin to membership on the Park & Recreation Commission, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

COUNCILMAN JORDAN ABSENT FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION.

Councilman Jordan left the meeting at this time and was absent for the remainder of the session.

ORDINANCE NO. 439-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING LOCATED AT 317 WEST SEVENTH STREET, PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the subject ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, beginning at Page 285.

ORDINANCE NO. 440-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING LOCATED AT 500 BILLINGSLEY ROAD, PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, beginning at Page 286.

ORDINANCE NO. 441-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING LOCATED AT 809 WEST TRADE STREET, PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, beginning at Page 287.

LEASE WITH EMERY AIR FREIGHT CORPORATION FOR SPACE IN AIRPORT AIR CARGO BUILDING AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved approval of a lease with Emery Air Freight Corporation for approximately 3,570 square feet of space in the Air Cargo Building at Douglas Municipal Airport for a term of ten years, at a rental of \$9,460.56 per annum, payable monthly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28TH ON PETITION OF JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE OF 44.78 ACRES OF PROPERTY IN SHARON TOWNSHIP.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the subject Resolution was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, beginning at Page 225.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AUTHORIZED IN CONTRACT WITH T. A. SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., PROVIDING FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAYS OF THE YMCA AND YWCA IN THE BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL AREA NO. 1.

Councilman Whittington moved that Change Order No. 1 in the contract with T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, Inc., for sidewalk construction in

Brooklyn Urban Renewal Area No. 1, dated October 20, 1965, to provide for the reconstruction of existing driveways of the YMCA and YMCA Buildings to meet the new grades of the street improvements, at a cost of \$483.00 increase in the contract price, be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR APPRAISAL OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY AND KILBORNE DRIVE-CENTRAL AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the appraisal of rights of way were approved:

- (a) Contract with L. H. Griffith for appraisal of one parcel of land on Kilborne Drive, in connection with the Kilborne Drive-Central Avenue Widening Project.
- (b) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel of land on Kilborne Drive, in connection with the Kilborne Drive-Central Avenue Widening Project.
- (c) Contract with G. A. Hutchinson for appraisal of two parcels of land on Louise Avenue and Independence Boulevard, in connection with the Northwest Expressway.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS TO SERVE KILBORNE ACRES AND YORKTOWN GARDEN APARTMENTS, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried, construction of sanitary sewers at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) Construction of 1,036 feet of sanitary sewer trunk and 609 feet of main to serve Kilborne Acres, on the application of Ed Griffin Development Company. The cost of the construction is estimated at \$8,230.00 and will be paid by the Applicant, whose deposit of this amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 1,521 feet of sewer trunk to serve a portion of Yorktown Garden Apartments, on the application of Trotter & Allan Construction Company. The cost of the construction is estimated at \$7,720.00 and will be paid by the Applicant, whose deposit of this amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Carl Horn, Jr. for Lot 326, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$283.50.
- (b) Deed with Earle K. Whitney and wife Beatrice, Lot 188, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00, for transfer deed from Mrs. Agnes L. McSwain.

- (c) Deed with Howard B. Alexander, Jr. and wife Mary, West half of Lot 38, Section D-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 for transfer deed from Mrs. Clara P. Stephens.
- (d) Deed with Trustees of First Baptist Church for Lot 217, Section 7, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$3.00, for transfer deed from heirs of Mrs. Mary M. Hopkins.

LEASE OF SUGAR CREEK DISPOSAL PROPERTY TO CHARLOTTE SOAP BOX DERBY, INC., FOR ERECTION OF SOAP BOX DERBY TRACK.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the lease of a tract of land in the northwest corner of the Sugar Creek Disposal Plant property to Charlotte Soap Box Derby, Inc., as a site for Charlotte's Soap Box Derby track at a fee of \$1.00 per annum. The motion was seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 442-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 360-X, THE 1965-66 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT, TO TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH A TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL INSTALLATION AT OAKLAWN AVENUE AND STATESVILLE AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, beginning at Page 288.

ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT AND EASEMENTS FOR WOODLAWN ROAD WIDENING PROJECT, AND FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

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

- (a) Acquisition of 534 square feet of property at 3340 Eastway Drive, from E. R. Efird and wife, at \$750.00, for Eastway Drive Widening Project.
- (b) Construction and Drainage Easement over 3,500 square feet of property at the northwest corner of Woodlawn Road and Old Pineville Road, from Coleman Pool & Equipment Company, at \$5,000.00, for Woodlawn Road Widening Project.
- (c) Easement 30' x 68' x 10' x 60.01' across property at 1334 Dean Street, from E. R. Blackmon and wife, at \$478.00, for sanitary sewer line to serve Irwin Creek Outfall relocation.
- (d) Easement 25' x 462.86' across property off Independence Boulevard along Edwards Branch, from J. M. Wallace, et al, at \$1.00, for sanitary sewer line to serve Edwards Branch.
- (e) Easement 30' x 102.44' across property at 1230 Dean Street, from James W. Crawford, Jr. and wife, at \$282.44, for Irwin Creek Outfall Sanitary Sewer Line Relocation.
- (f) Easement 50.03' x 30' across Lot 8, Block 2, Andrill Terrace, from Alfred G. Taylor and wife, at \$50.03, for Irwin Creek Outfall Sanitary Sewer line.

- (g) Easement 20' x 512' across Sugar Creek Disposal Plant property to Celanese Corporation, for the construction of a sanitary sewer line to serve their Plant on Archdale Drive.

RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF JAMES EDWARD DOWD.

A resolution in memory of Mr. James Edward Dowd, General Manager of The Charlotte Observer and Vice-President and Treasurer of The Knight Publishing Company, who died on March 12, 1966, was read by Mayor Brookshire and adopted by the City Council upon motion of Councilman Albea and seconded by Councilman Alexander.

At the suggestion of the Mayor, the Council and audience stood and observed a moment of silent prayer in Mr. Dowd's memory.

The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 226.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK INTO CHANGES IN SALARY AND RANK OF THREE FIREMEN AUTHORIZED DURING LAST BUDGET SESSIONS.

Councilman Whittington stated the Council will no doubt recall that during the budget sessions last spring, he brought up the matter of three men in the Fire Department; one was M. A. Eastwood, Assistant to the Director of the Fire Alarm Division, which position had previously carried the rank of Captain. That he requested, and Council agreed to his being given a Captain's pay and the rank of Captain. Since then he has been given the rank but has never received a Captain's pay. The other two men were Mechanics, and he requested that they be given the pay of a Captain and the rank, and Council agreed. Since then they were given the pay of a Captain but have never received the rank. That he does not think that he was wrong in his understanding that Council agreed to these adjustments, and he thought that Mr. Earle was told to attend to it. Apparently, there is a misunderstanding in the Personnel Department and he requested the City Manager to please get it straightened out.

The City Manager advised that this is the first he has heard about it, and he will be glad to check into it.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO NOTIFY BOARD OF REALTORS THAT THE PRACTICE OF BLOCKBUSTING IS CONTINUING, AND NEWS MEDIA REQUESTED TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC THAT THE COUNCIL IS IN SYMPATHY WITH THEM AND WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT IF THEY COOPERATE WITH THE COUNCIL.

Councilman Whittington advised that he is receiving calls practically every day regarding the continuation of the practice of blockbusting. That he does not know if there is anything Council can do about it, but he thinks the public should be informed as often as possible that these are unethical tactics being employed by Real Estate people. That he thinks the City Manager should notify the Board of Realtors that these incidents are being brought to the Council, and the public should be told there is nothing Council can do about it unless they bring charges against these people who are, actually, trying to frighten and coerce property owners into selling their property. That he brings this up only in the hope the News media will let the public know that the Council is in sympathy with them and will do something about it if they cooperate with us.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to give Council a report on the status of the Capital Improvements Program as to what things are yet to be done, and what things that have not been done, why they have not and what we can do to get them completed in this fiscal year. He stated he thinks this is most important because we are already in the last quarter of the fiscal year, and we should make every effort to use these funds this year, as it is primarily tax money.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MAKE REPORT TO COUNCIL ON THE CITY'S BONDED INDEBTEDNESS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to have Mr. Fennell, Director of Finance, give Council a report on our Bonded Indebtedness and of our financial condition, so that Council will be apprised of where we stand when the Task Force and the Downtown Association give us their reports, and we, perhaps, start thinking about priorities in connection with Urban Renewal. That he thinks it is important for Council to have a clear picture of these things before we start making decision involving money.

ATTENTION OF COUNCIL CALLED TO FEDERAL HOUSING ACT, SECTION 221-D3 UNDER WHICH CHARLOTTE'S LACK OF HOUSING COULD BE MET, AND SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF ASSIGNMENT TO THE TASK FORCE.

Councilman Whittington called attention that Section 221-D3 of the Housing Act has to do with non-profit or limited dividend housing. That at this time, there is nothing, perhaps, more critical than the lack of housing as we go forward with our urban renewal program and our housing code and expressway system. That we can go into this kind of program to meet the needs of housing if we have a workable program, and we do have a workable program, or if we have land available where 10, 15 or more houses could be built under this non-profit housing section of the Act. That what the Council should know is whether we have land suitable for this type housing, or land that is close in where we could work out the mechanics with the Legal Department of the Housing Division in Washington to perhaps promote this program with private developers, where we made the land available and they built the units with Federal money, and work out a program between Government and private enterprise to promote this, along with the housing that we hope to get under our own Housing Authority.

Councilman Alexander remarked that he had been under the impression that these are among the things the Task Force will give us a report on, and certainly he would like to hear their report and what they recommend, and have all of the proposals they suggest growing out of their findings as to what will be a workable program under these various governmental agencies.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that he thinks it is obvious that what the Task Force has been assigned to do is not as much that as it is to help, through the Council, obtain necessary State and Federal cooperation made available for progress for which there are demonstrated need and that qualify.

Councilman Alexander commented that in that case he has been laboring under the wrong impression for he certainly thought that the Task Force was also to look into these various governmental programs and give Council their recommendations as a guide to future projects.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that they are studying all the programs available, and they have full information on all federal and state assistance programs and any suggestions that they make would be welcomed, but that was not the reason that the Task Force was created.

At the question of the Mayor if he has any comments, the City Manager remarked that he has only to the point that Mr. Whittington brought up of the possibility of Section 221-D3 housing in future renewal projects; he would think any future renewal projects, without much doubt, are the ones that have been reviewed with Council to date and would be predominantly residentially orientated in terms of future uses of land, and certainly with this type of orientation, it seems to him it should be a role for this type housing, very definitely.

Councilman Whittington remarked that they talked with Greensboro people this morning and they said the answer would have to come from the attorneys in Washington; that if we had a workable program this could be done. He remarked that Council can talk about this and do nothing, or get the information together and he thinks this is what we should do, for there is nothing more critical than the housing situation, which is only in the planning stage. That Council should have the necessary information before them and ask the City Manager to get it, then we would have something before us on which to base a decision.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that he thinks it is well that Council discuss all of the Federal assistance programs that are available; the discussions might create an interest on the part of non-profit organizations who are able to move ahead with public housing under 221-D3. He remarked that the City Council might be construed as being a non-profit organization but he does not believe it comes under the qualifications of 221-D3.

Council Alexander commented that if these things are not being considered by the Task Force and will not be part of their report, then the Council should have long since been discussing the programs. And again he must express his surprise that he was so mistaken in thinking that Council would receive the recommendations of the Task Force along these lines, and, in fact, in his opinion, this was the purpose for which the Task Force was created.

Mayor Brookshire replied that he did not say that Council would not get recommendations from the Task Force, he said that any recommendations they give will be welcomed, but it was certainly not the purpose for which the Task Force was set up.

Councilman Alexander then remarked that being the case, he would certainly suggest that Council get recommendations from them along these lines so that we can get something started under these programs.

Councilman Tuttle remarked that to sum this up, nothing that Council thought was happening has happened. That perhaps the City Manager, as Coordinator to the Task Force, is able to say approximately when Council can expect a report from the Task Force which will tell us more about what they are going to do; that January 15th was the original date for their report and yet it is now March 15th without the report having been made. Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied that he does not know but he will be glad to call General Younts, the Chairman, and ask him.

Councilman Tuttle asked the Mayor if it would not be in order for him to discuss this with the Task Force and see if they can come up with a date, and Mayor Brookshire replied that the Task Force, to the present moment,

has not had the opportunity, afforded by actions of the City Council applying for these Federal assistance programs, to do anything to supplement such efforts to procure the assistance programs. That we have moved as fast as we could on the public works section of the 1965 Act in regard to water and sewer and have our application pending. And only last week Council took action with regard to Reid Park and that is something else the Task Force can follow up; but up to now, Council has not moved far enough in advance for the Task Force to give us any help or support.

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Councilman Tuttle/he recalls back in January the Task Force indicated they would be ready to give their report on January 15th, and because of a large number of zoning hearings scheduled for the meeting on January 17th, they were asked to give their report either a week ahead or a week later.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that he does not recall that particular matter but he will say again that the Task Force has really not had an opportunity to follow our applications to the Federal Government for federal assistance programs, so they do not have anything on which to report as yet.

Council Tuttle commented that if they do not have anything to go on to make a report, and we are not close to getting a report, then Council had better start all over again.

And Mayor Brookshire replied then he would urge Council to adopt some methods to pursue for additional Urban Renewal Projects, or other projects for which we have a need, and qualify so that we can make the application to the Federal Government and ask the Task Force to follow up the application in an effort to augment Council efforts.

Councilman Whittington stated that he does not believe that the Mayor and Mr. Tuttle understand the work of the Task Force the same way as he understands it, and Mayor Brookshire replied that may be; however, he appointed the Task Force and gave it its assignment. Councilman Whittington stated he understands that of course, and the Mayor was also kind enough to appoint him as liaison between the Council and Task Force; however, he has no intention of reporting on anything; but he does think that we should clear up, if we can, some of the things that have been said today. That the Mayor gave the Task Force a responsibility in five areas - open lands and parkways, expressways, urban renewal downtown and water and sewer; the Task Force was composed of five Committees in these areas, and they have been bringing these programs up to date and studying the laws under the Housing Act, and they will report as soon as they can get all of their findings together, keeping in mind that the Downtown Report will be made in May, but the Task Force wants to get all of their information together before they bring in a report to Council.

Councilman Tuttle remarked that the Task Force knew back in January, when they were ready to give Council a report, that the Downtown Report would not be coming up until May, so how can their excuse now be that they are waiting on the Downtown Charlotte Committee to report?

Mayor Brookshire stated that no efforts were initiated last August to get Charlotte included in projects under the Public Works Section of the 1965 Housing Act, and through delays in Washington, their regulations and application form were not received prior to January 15th, in fact, not until three weeks ago, so that part has moved as fast as we expected.

He stated further that he would like to see if he can add any clarity to the discussion by reading the first part of the Guidelines, which he included in a Statement at the time of his appointment of the Task Force,

Which was:

"The purpose in naming this Task Force of leading Charlotte Citizens is to make optimum effort to secure for Charlotte the maximum available benefits under State and Federal assistance programs which can be used to meet our needs.

It is to be expected that this Task Force will work with the Mayor and City Council, as a closely knit team, to move our city forward at a quickened pace towards its destiny as an important and beautiful regional city, a destiny that is ours to claim if we will.

Now it seems to be an appropriate, and even a propitious, time for positive and aggressive action. Recent Congressional Acts make available to local communities new and enlarged assistance programs. Many needs of our growing urban society can be met through these programs involving inter-governmental cooperation. These programs are financed by our tax money, whether paid on the local, State or Federal level, and I would like to see Charlotte benefit from the programs as fully as possible.

In order to derive the maximum benefits available, we must qualify with overall comprehensive planning and be prepared to finance our portion of the programs through present or new local tax sources, or through the issuance of bonds. This is a challenge, which I believe our City Council will meet with the approval and support of our community.

I am confident that where the County is concerned, as in the extension of water and sewer into County areas under Public Works provisions and in procuring open spaces for future parks, we can count on the cooperation of the Board of County Commissioners."

Mayor Brookshire stated he then outlines the responsibilities of the General Chairman, the Coordinator and the Committees.

Councilman Tuttle asked if there is not, somewhere in there, a date where we asked for this report? Mayor Brookshire replied that he thinks Council did subsequently make the request of the Committee for a report on January 15th, but he would like to emphasize that of all these inter-governmental cooperations are first the responsibility of City Council and that the Task Force can only move in the direction in which Council moves in support of applications which Council makes, and for that reason, it has nothing to do with initiating housing under Section 221-D3. They can just make suggestions, and it might be Council will have to seek this from those in the community who qualify.

Councilman Tuttle remarked that he personally is guilty of being complacent on some things to a large extent by reason of the fact that he has been waiting on this report, and he still thinks the Report was something that we were looking for on January 15th and something that he has been looking for every day, and evidently he has been under the wrong impression.

Mayor Brookshire stated apparently he is, because we did not get an application filed on water and sewer extensions, provided by the Public Acts of 1965, until last week.

Councilman Alexander remarked that it is apparent that his thinking was off base according to Mayor Brookshire's explanation, but his thinking was based on the statement of purpose which the Mayor has just read; which he interpreted to be broad enough to cover all these things we have talked about and, also,

what we could do on these various programs, and how they could best be approached. He stated further that perhaps the Task Force is not doing some of these things because the Council is not giving them anything to do. He remarked further that he has been holding his peace waiting on the report of the Task Force so that Council would have something to go on, and this is the thing that disturbs him greatly.

Councilman Short remarked that the Task Force is composed of some of the most aggressive men in this State. The term "Task Force" implies something a little different from a Committee that is asked to come back and just give some factual information, and he knows personally that these men are being just as aggressive as they can be; they are meeting constantly, and he has had the pleasure and privilege of meeting with them a number of times, and he thinks any suggestion or implication on the part of this Council that we do not think they are being aggressive is misplaced. That he believes the Council will find these are men of action, and they are doing everything that can be done and we should be proud of what they have done and will do, notwithstanding the fact that they may not be down here talking about it all along.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is positive there is a misunderstanding as far as the Task Force is concerned because two of the sub-Chairmen themselves, as far back as two months ago, asked him if he knew when the report was going to be made; that they had their own individual report in long ago, and they were wondering when the report was going to come to Council. He stated to Mr. Short that he has not implied that this is not a competent Task Force; that, in fact, he thinks it is a very competent Task Force.

Councilman Whittington commented that he thinks we are rendering a great disservice to the Task Force by this discussion. He thinks they are rendering an excellent service, and when they come in with their report, it will be the guidelines which this Council and future Councils will need for the orderly growth of this community and will be a package or picture which we can use to go forward on - what we need, where we can get the money, and how we can pay for it, and these are the things he thinks we asked for, and these are the things he thinks they will give us. There have been many stumbling blocks, and most of us know what those things are, but he thinks we will have a report in the very near future, not all at one time but in sections, and it will be extra guidelines by which we can go forward and will be very helpful to the planning and to the city in general, and he would like to drop the subject at this point.

Councilman Albea remarked that, in his opinion, it leaves this whole matter very much confused. That he thinks we should have Mr. Veeder, the Coordinator of the whole thing, to confer with the Task Force and find out when they will have a report and not just sit here and wonder what it is all about.

Mayor Brookshire replied he does not think they will be reluctant at all to come to Council as quickly as they have something on which to report. Again, he would like to say that in inter-governmental cooperation the availability of federal or state assistance programs, for which the city qualifies and can make applications, is up to this City Council to make those applications, and he is sure that the Task Force can then be of tremendous assistance to us in following the applications and in resolving any difficulties, road blocks or what might happen to be in our way in securing those programs as early as possible.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he is aware of some of the activities of the Task Force by virtue of having attended a number of their committee meetings

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and discussions. That he is aware that a number of individuals in Charlotte on the Task Force are spending a considerable amount of time trying to devise some approaches of suggestions for Council consideration, and he is sure when they are presented to Council, they will be well thought out and will merit Council's consideration. That he wishes he could report now when they plan to have a report to submit, but he cannot do that. That the first thing he is going to do when this meeting is over is talk with General Younts and see if he can provide any information that he can pass on to Council in terms of what date he is shooting for. That he knows that General Younts had hoped to be able to submit a report to Council before now, and he is satisfied that the fact that he has not done so would indicate he had good reasons for not doing so, and he would hope that the report would be something that Council can make good use of.

Mayor Brookshire stated he thinks the Task Force is genuinely interested in helping the Council in the area of securing the assistance programs and as soon as they feel that they have anything that would be helpful to Council in the way of suggestions or advise, Council will be hearing from them promptly.

Councilman Alexander stated that anything that he has said here today that might leave the impression that he implied, or intended to imply, that any member of the Task Force was not performing the duties imposed on him by the appointment or not rendering the best service possible as he sees it, is quite mistaken, because he does not think that at all. That he thinks this discussion has been enlightening and valuable, and he is sorry that it has not come sooner.

Councilman Tuttle stated he agrees thoroughly with Mr. Alexander, and his question was simply "when," that is all. He has been concerned because we are ten years behind, and everyday we are getting another day behind.

Councilman Albea stated he still says it is up to our Coordinator to work it out with the Task Force.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that one thing Council could be giving some thought to is the manner in which we can finance the City's share in these assistance programs. That he realizes even on a 1/3 - 2/3 cost of additional urban renewal projects, the City will have to put up in cash its one-third, either by raising the present ad valorem tax, or finding new sources or by going to bond issues.

COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON URGES THAT EXPRESSWAYS BE CONSTRUCTED BEFORE OTHER ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION STARTED.

Councilman Whittington advised that both Charlotte Newspapers had a story last Thursday or Friday regarding the last Loop of the Expressway from the Northwest Expressway, generally, at Charlottetown Mall to the North-South Expressway about at Walnut Avenue, and both said "Wilbur Smith on tomorrow will make a proposal as to which way this road will come," and he would like the City Manager to comment on what he knows about this.

Mr. Veeder stated the meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday morning in Raleigh to review the work that Wilbur Smith has done on this subject. That personnel of the Bureau of Public Roads, the State Highway Commission and some of our own people will be present. That he would not prejudge the attitude of anybody at this meeting as to what their reaction might be to any alternatives that may be available. Councilman Whittington asked if we are spending \$75,000, and Mr. Veeder replied that is incorrect; the amount

is \$20,000 for this contract, and the contract is for the planning of this road. Councilman Whittington stated the point he wants to make is that the plan as proposed by Wilbur Smith is that the road will go through Projects four and five and straighten out the turn at Stonewall, and the present Independence Boulevard will remain as it is now, and this would be another segment of it running through Projects four and five and crossing South Boulevard somewhere near Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church in the vicinity of Lexington Avenue and on over to the North-South Expressway about Walnut Avenue. That this is fine as far as the City is concerned, and we can work out an agreement with the Urban Renewal Commission for that portion in Projects four and five that we would need for the Expressway, as we did in Project three. That so long as he is on this Council, he is going to try to get this done.

However, what the people want to know is when we are going to build the Expressways and not when we are going to start planning for another. That he thinks the Highway Commission and all of us ought to be concerned with when we are going to conclude what we have been talking about and what the public is paying for, in the way of right of way and engineering, and what efforts the City has made towards that end with both the State Highway and the Bureau of Roads. That he does not want the public to get the idea that it is going to take another five years to plan this inner-loop road, connecting with the Northwest Expressway, until we start building what we have already said we were going to build and have been talking about building since the Wilbur Smith Thoroughfare plan was presented the year he came on the Council.

Mr. Veeder replied that he thinks we are pretty much on schedule on the City's obligations; perhaps some of the obligations of others have not moved as quickly as ours, and maybe there are some reasons for this, but, like Mr. Whittington, he certainly is not satisfied at the rate of progress of some of these things, and he would hope that something is done about it. That he is hoping to come back from Raleigh with something specific on some construction of contracts for the Northwest Expressway.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that both the Northwest and North-South Expressways have been on schedule; we have been acquiring property and the engineering has proceeded, et cetera. That he would like to know whether the improvement upgrading Independence Boulevard has been put into schedule, or was that suppose to be left until last? Mr. Veeder replied that he thinks there are two subjects here, and they can be related, but he does not know that it is necessary to relate them. One is the Northwest Expressway on which we have spent considerable money for a considerable period of time; and the other is, where are we going to locate that portion of the loop that will complete the Expressway loop around the Central Business District, and that is the subject of the meeting scheduled for Wednesday. That he does not think that the two are necessarily related in the sense that any emphasis you put on one is going to decrease emphasis on the other; he thinks the two needs are in different stages of planning and construction, and we should proceed with due haste on both, and he does not think that one necessarily relates to the other in terms of proceeding construction wise. And he would like to see the Expressway Loop around the Central Business District finished and in service today, as it is going to be of major importance to the future growth and development of the heart of the City. But he does not relate one project to the other in terms of one being such that it detracts from the other.

APPOINTMENT OF J. W. KISER AS CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Whittington stated that Mr. Kiser has been the acting City Attorney for some time, and he thinks he has done an excellent job for the City and is well qualified; therefore, he moved that he be appointed as City Attorney

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and that his salary be set according to the pay plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle and carried unanimously.
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Mr. Kiser expressed his gratitude to the members of Council for their confidence which the appointment indicates and pledged the continuation of his maximum abilities and energies in carrying out the responsibilities of the position. He stated he feels that he should comment that the shoes that Mr. Morrissey left to be filled were quite large, and he does not intend to step into them and try to fill them, instead he pledges to Council that he shall wear his own shoes and try to make his own footprints, hopefully arriving at the same destination which is the successful performance of the responsibilities and duties of the office.

RESOLUTION APPROVING MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR THE SECOND SECTION OF EASTWAY DRIVE PROJECT, FROM ARNOLD DRIVE TO A POINT SHORT OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, INCLUDING THE PLAZA, FROM HIGHWAY PLACE TO EASTWAY DRIVE.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the subject resolution was adopted and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, beginning at Page 227.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE ORDINANCES THAT HE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DRAW AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

Councilman Short stated that we have at least two Ordinances which we are waiting on from the City Attorney, and now that Mr. Kiser has the opportunity to obtain additional personnel, he hopes that we can get these Ordinances, along with the Anti-Litter Ordinance, and the Ordinance relating to the handling of petitions for amending Zoning Petitions, prior to the next hearing date. He would also remind Mr. Kiser of the conversation of some months ago, at which time Council agreed that it would be a good idea to review as much as possible of our City Code with reference to the new Charter, and he hopes that the person Mr. Kiser will have to assist him is good at writing Ordinances because he thinks there are many places in the Charter that we were enabled by the Legislature to enact ordinances, and this should be done at the earliest time possible.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk