

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, on Monday, October 12, 1964, at 2 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, and Smith present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Thrower and Whittington.

Sitting as a Joint Body with the City Council to hear petitions for changes in zoning were the following members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission: Mr. Sibley, Chairman, Mr. Ervin, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Jones, Mr. Stone, Mr. Suddreth and Mr. Toy.

ABSENT: Mr. Lakey, Mr. Olive and Mr. Turner.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Paul H. Felker, Pastor, Mulberry Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on October 5th were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 64-64 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ON THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CLIFFWOOD PLACE AND WEST PARK AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Petition No. 64-64 by Raymond E. Bumgardner for change in zoning from R-6MF to B-1 of property on the southeast corner of Cliffwood Place and West Park Avenue. The Council was advised that a protest petition has been filed and determined to be sufficient to invoke the 20% rule requiring a 3/4 majority vote of the Council for approval of the change in zoning.

The Planning Director advised the petition covers property which is directly across Cliffwood Place from Wilmore Presbyterian Church a short distance from the Wilmore Elementary School. The property at present is developed with residential structures - duplexes and single families. Immediately behind the property on W. Park Avenue is generally residential; directly across West Park the zoning is residential and directly across Cliffwood Place, in addition to the Presbyterian Church there is a small business establishment. Going down Cliffwood Place in the direction of Wilmore School, the property is developed residentially. The zoning of the property at present is R-6MF and all the adjoining zoning is R-6MF.

Mr. John Shaw, Attorney, stated the petitioners have two houses, one facing on West Park Avenue and the other facing Cliffwood Place. He pointed out the Wilmore School on West Boulevard and stated this is one of the two main thoroughfares leading west to the Airport; that from a block away the use is all solid business toward Summit Avenue; in the block just north there is a restaurant supply house, and a flower shop, and the same is true across the street; that there is very little owner occupancy. That the property across W. Park Avenue from the petitioner and to the

east of the property on Park Avenue is owner occupied; that the petitioners reside in a house on the back part of the property just across from the store; then there is one house between there and Kingston which is owner occupied, the other is all rental property. He pointed out the school and the Methodist Church and stated this Church sold their property and moved out when West Boulevard was put through. That on the other side the property is all rental property. He stated he thinks it is a question of neighborhood deterioration. That the property was developed in the early 20s, and the houses were built as owner occupied. Very few built for double occupancy. That you see a duplex occasionally. That here you have neighborhood deterioration and what you need is neighborhood rehabilitation, but if you don't do that then business should be allowed in. That the property is R-6MF and is located on a very heavy thoroughfare, and people don't particularly want to live on such location. That to see the deterioration of the neighborhood is shocking; that they will not hurt the neighborhood by making it business. He requested Council to go out and look at the property and see what it is best suited for. That it is business. That it is on a public thoroughfare. He read the protest petition signed by the three trustees of Wilmore Presbyterian Church and stated they submit they are entitled to their opinion and the petitioners are entitled to theirs. That they do not believe it would be detrimental to the neighborhood and they asked Council to go to see it. That they would like to be rezoned. That the petitioners have no particular plans for the property at this time.

Mr. Jamieson, member of the Wilmore Presbyterian Church, stated they would like the church property to stay zoned as it is at present.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 64-65 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND FRONTING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PLAZA OPPOSITE VANDERBROOK AND HARWYN DRIVE.

The public hearing was held on Petition No. 64-65 by E. I. Earnhardt for change in zoning from R-9MF to R-6MF of a 39.22 acre tract of land fronting on the north side of The Plaza opposite Vanderbrook and Harwyn Drive.

The Planning Director advised the property is located on the north side of The Plaza just a short distance East of Eastway Drive. That there is a small Plaza shopping center located at the intersection of Vanderbrook and The Plaza. That it is generally speaking surrounded by vacant land with the exception of a small portion on the easterly boundary which is bordered by residential zone. The property directly across Plaza is developed for single family residential purposes; near the vicinity diagonally across The Plaza there is a duplex subdivision. At present the property is zoned R-9MF and is adjoined on all sides by similar R-9MF zoning with the exception of the easterly boundary which is R-9. That toward the town side of the property there is a major shopping center planned for which the zoning has been changed and subdivision plans approved.

Councilman Smith asked the effects of changing from R-9MF to R-6MF and Mr. McIntyre advised it would increase the density and would reduce the amount of the front yard.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 64-66 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF TRACT OF LAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOSKINS ROAD ADJACENT TO AND EAST OF JOHNSON MOTOR LINES PROPERTY.

The scheduled hearing was held on Petition No. 64-66 by C. D. Spangler Construction Company for change in zoning from R-6 to R-6MF of a 13.811 acre tract of land on the south side of Hoskins Road adjacent to and east of Johnson Motor Lines property.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the petition covers a 13.811 acre tract of land that lies immediately east of Stewart Creek and near the vicinity of Mecklenburg College; I-85 is a short distance south of the property. The property is vacant at present and adjoined on all sides by vacant land. The property at present is zoned R-6 and is adjoined on the southerly side by a small industrial zoning; there is a small area of R-6MF to the west and general industrial zoning to the west from that. Otherwise the adjoining zoning is single family.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 64-67 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF TWO LOTS AT 1314 AND 1318 PECAN AVENUE.

The public hearing was held on Petition No. 64-67 by Eva Johnson Faires and Robert E. Greene for change in zoning from O-6 to B-2 of two lots at 1314 and 1318 Pecan Avenue.

The Planning Director stated this petition covers two pieces of property only a short distance from Central Avenue, lying half way between Central Avenue and Hamorton Place. At the present time one piece of the property is used for residential and one for business. The property is generally adjoined along one side by various business establishments on Central Avenue, and on the opposite side is adjoined by residential zoning which extends from Pecan to Hamorton Place. Directly across there is a nursery school and office building. Property at present time is zoned O-6 and adjoined on two sides by O-6 and on the other two sides by business zoning.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning. Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 64-68 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ON THE NW SIDE OF COWLES ROAD NEAR NORMA STREET AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF BEECHNUT ROAD SOUTH OF WEST BOULEVARD.

The scheduled hearing was held on Petition No. 64-68 by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, for a change in zoning from R-9 to R-6MF of a tract of land fronting on the northwest side of Cowles Road near Norma Street and on the east side of Beechnut Road south of West Boulevard.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property covered by this petition is essentially acreage which has been divided into a number of lots. The property is irregularly shaped and extends from the rear line of residential lots fronting on Beechnut and generally in an easterly direction toward Remount Avenue it extends out to Cowles Road. The property has a very small frontage on Beechnut. The property at present is entirely vacant; on Cowles Road it is adjoined by many single family residences; the nearest development to the property on the Remount Road

is a church and business uses. Across from Beechnut Road the property is developed with single families; the property is adjoined basically by two types of zoning - on the side towards West Boulevard the property is adjoined by R-6MFH, otherwise it is adjoined by R-9 single family.

Mr. Jesse Waller, purchaser of the property, explained the property from a map pointing out the O-6 zoning to the corner, then the R-9 zoning. He stated Duke Power has a big right of way through the property. That the property is all business and R-6MF at present across the street. He pointed out the back part of the property which they are requesting rezoned; that he did not think it could be cut up for single family residents and he proposes to put up apartments.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning and Council decision was deferred until the next meeting.

PETITION NO. 64-59 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING IN VICINITY OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Bryant moved that consideration of Petition No. 64-59 by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission proposing changes in the Official Zoning Map in the vicinity of Douglas Municipal Airport be deferred until the next Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Smith stated two weeks ago he brought up the question that the purpose of the zoning is to eliminate the possibility of residential property being built in this sound barrier, and yet in the process, and he is sure in the interest of better zoning, the Planning Commission has recommended that Council reduce some of the property from I-2 to I-1 and this is outside the noise factor and putting into the Bill something that the original intent wasn't there. That he knows the owner of this property has negotiated with a trucking line and if the zoning is changed to I-1 the negotiations would be thrown out and he doesn't believe this is the intent. That if changes are going to be made for other purposes, it should be done outside this Bill. That what they will be voting on in this petition is with the interest of the sound effects of the jets, and he would like for Mr. McIntyre to review this with the Commission and if they intend to change the I-2 to I-1 that he thinks it should be done under a separate Hearing and not be included in this petition.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL MEETING RECESSED AT 2:35 AND RECONVENED AT 2:45.

Mayor Brookshire called a 10 minute recess at 2:35 and reconvened at 2:45.

CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE REQUEST COUNCIL TO MAINTAIN CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AS GENERAL HOSPITAL RATHER THAN CONVERTING TO OTHER TYPE HOSPITAL.

Mr. Kelly Alexander stated their purpose for being present is to discuss the conversion of Charlotte Community Hospital from a General Hospital to some other type of hospital. That they vigorously oppose the transition for many reasons. They feel the history of this hospital is of such a nature and is deeply rooted in the life of this city based on a geographically basis; that once it was maintained by a private religious institution and they were able for years to maintain the hospital. That complications started with the inadequacy of medical care and facilities and the entire community saw the necessity of improving the facilities to meet the demands of the time, and this was done very beautifully, and since that transition he has not heard too many complaints concerning the facility so far as adequacy is concerned. That he would like to make it clear that it is not a matter of black and white; it is a matter of providing hospital facilities for a needed growing community and in this advanced age that it is a misnomer to consider discussing these matters as to whether it is black or white.

That they feel with geographics as the No. 1 premise it certainly should be considered in the light of service to a growing and expanding community and should not disassociate the fact that in the urban redevelopment program of the city, that the relocation of the minority citizenry to the west of the city and that there is a densely concentration of the minority west of the city, and if all the facilities of necessity are going to be denied a growing population then it certainly would not contribute to the welfare and health of this community. That if we are to talk about the maintenance of this hospital as strictly a profit and loss situation, it would appear to him that Memorial Hospital which is a city hospital is also maintained as an adequate institution and the individuals who administer that hospital administers it in an effective and efficient way, and as a part of the hospital authority of this city and as a part of the hospital community of this city, it appears to him that a small institution like Charlotte Community Hospital certainly could be maintained from a business point of view by the same brains that maintains Memorial Hospital. That it is misleading to say to a hospital that this hospital can't be maintained because of statements concerning patients, etc, because we have some of the best brains in the City of Charlotte in the area of Hospital Administration, this is a growing community. Charlotte Community Hospital has a place here and beds should not be decreased, they should be increased. That they know that Memorial Negro patients are not desegregated and if it is to be considered in this light then they are going into another area - beds should be provided for all citizens. That the surrounding area of Charlotte Community Hospital falls into the category of a ghetto. That most of the property is owned by an outstanding business - Wade Manufacturing Company. That it would appear to him in cooperation with the owners of that land that the area could be made a beautiful area. That in other communities that have been contacted in this connection - in Winston Salem, Durham and even in Harlem, N. Y., hospitals have been moved into an area where they are building and these institutions are an asset to the community and the health and welfare of a particular area. That Charlotte Community Hospital can be made an institution that will be a credit to the City. That the main criticism of the average patient in the Community Hospital has been mainly the attitude of the administration as to the treatment of patients. Attitude is an important factor in a successful relationship to the administration. The image of the hospital is being changed

in the eyes of the Negroes who patronize the hospital. That the other factors in relation to the administration of the hospital, can be settled and there should be no barrier if the motive and intent of the City is to maintain an additional hospital facility that serves a growing community, and if the desire and interest is there and all the other factors can be put together, then it can be made a very wonderful institution here in Charlotte. That he believes Council should think seriously before the hospital is converted for any other type of service. That based on the way the Hospital is located in relation to the way the Redevelopment Program is progressing and the way the relocation is developing it is needed because there has been a great consensus of opinion for an additional hospital to be located on the west side of town because of the growing population. And this should be considered in all of the lights of the programs in which the City of Charlotte is engaged. That from a legal point of view, under the Hill Burton Act, the hospitals can't discriminate and so it is not a matter of discussing whether this will be a Negro or White Hospital because all facilities of a public nature fall under the category of being utilized on a democratic basis. The matter of color should not be involved but, that it is needed for a growing community. That all of the houses that will be available for the minority people will be across 85 as there is no other space in the city. That it would be a disservice to the community to abandon the hospital for any other reason than its objective. They don't want to think that the motive and intent of transferring this hospital from a general hospital is to avoid sending white patients to the hospital, and this is what is going around in the community. Some of the Negroes are saying that the only reason the hospital can't work is because they don't want it to work, because they don't want white patients to be integrated with Negroes at this facility. That he says this - if Memorial Hospital can be maintained with adequate funds to be given to Memorial Hospital from the City for indigent patients etc, that he thinks the same brains who make that a successful hospital can make the Charlotte Community Hospital a successful hospital. That another thing which has to be considered in this new area of social change is they, the minority of the community, have always been the victims of being the last hired and the first fired and the minority are the ones who are the losers; in a transition it means that a considerable number of Negroes will be placed out of jobs, and they are suffering from economic advances because they don't have the job opportunities they should have and certainly this facility has provided jobs opportunities to competent and qualified people. That he thinks Council should seriously reconsider all factors involved before making a decision to convert this hospital from a general hospital because the majority citizens of the town would like to have the facility maintained as a general hospital.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Alexander and stated it would have been good if these comments had been made in the community four years ago because we are now faced with the fact that patronage at this particular hospital has declined from 30 to 50% decrease in the patronage of four years ago which makes it financially a tremendous burden which Council has to consider. That the in patients discharge has decreased since 1960 from 7580 to 5316; days of care have been reduced from 47,182 to 37,620 and the number of births at that hospital have decreased from 1725 to 984 - about 1/2 and the number of operations have decreased from 1598 per year in 1960 to 935 for the current year, based on an estimate of 8 months operation, so there is a very definite decline in the population and use of the hospital.

Mr. Alexander stated he understands the statistics but he does not understand the reason for them. What are the reasons for this being like it is after investing the kind of money the City of Charlotte has invested in Charlotte Community Hospital, the point he raises is why?

Councilman Smith stated Memorial built a 200 bed wing and they tell the Council they have trouble getting the staff to handle the 200 bed wing. That he had made a suggestion that Community Hospital be tied in with Memorial - using the same interns back and forth and shuttle a bus back and forth and they say they can't spare a single intern - they are looking for more.

Councilman Dellinger asked if there is any way Mr. Alexander's group could encourage the people on the west side to use the Community Hospital facilities and if he has any way of inducing doctors and nurses and other personnel from the Negro settlements of this community and others to staff the hospital. Mr. Alexander stated he thought the answer to this would be to get the Negro Medical Society and the Negro citizenry of this town to sell the Hospital to its citizenry. And he asked Council to give it another year to find the adequate personnel and to develop the right type of public relations program to sell Charlotte Community Hospital to the majority of the citizens of this community.

Councilman Dellinger stated he talked to some nurses over the week end who are willing to serve over there - white nurses, but there hasn't been the right cooperation between the Nurses and the Doctors and the Hospital Authority. That it seems to him they are not pulling together to work out a solution.

Mr. Alexander stated he could not see why a strong citizens committee of both races who are deeply interested in the welfare of the Community in this matter, can't work this particular program out in relation to what Mr. Dellinger suggested, because it has never been done. That they have never liked the administration of the hospital. So far as personnel is concerned that can be worked out and that the right kind of people can get into the hospital to change the image of the hospital and supply the hospital; that the medical men of this community - there are a large number of white doctors who have Negro patients and they have an interest in the welfare of the community - have stated they don't want to send a patient to Charlotte Community Hospital because it is an inadequate facility. That he believes within a years time with the right type of people the hospital can be a thing of distinction.

Councilman Smith stated there is another thing needed at the hospital. That there is about \$340,000 on the books and we need some government agency to come in and pay for the charity work. Mr. Alexander replied that he thinks with the right type of business mind in hospital administration that the hospital can be put on a first class basis. Councilman Smith stated with the Negro community behind it he believed that the federal agencies would put charity money into the hospital.

Councilman Dellinger stated he has stated several times that there should be a committee made up of interested citizens of the community to study the hospital situation. That he does not know whether it would be up to the Mayor or the Mayor and Hospital Authority to jointly appoint the group and let them study the situation for a few months. Mr. Alexander stated he would like to serve on such a committee as he is interested in the welfare of the community.

Mayor Brookshire stated that a lot of studies have been made in the past 5 years.

Mr. George J. Leak, Minister of Little Rock Church, stated on part of many there is a disturbance in their minds. That after a few months ago having completed a facility of this nature with the taxpayers money that the Council would immediately consider doing away with that facility that was erected for the specific purpose of serving the people of the community. That this is a matter of concern of the Negro populous of this City, and the retaining of Charlotte Community Hospital is a necessity for the City of Charlotte. That time and time again it has been in the newspapers that the hospital had no way of succeeding and it was simply a drain on the taxpayers money. That the doctors who staffed it were inferior, that they had no business practicing medicine; that they were quacks; giving no consideration to the fact that the doctors are graduates of schools approved by Medical Schools of the United States of America; giving no consideration to the fact that the doctors were passed by State Licensing Board and given authority to practice in the City and the State of North Carolina; giving no thought to the fact that they have been practicing and if they were malpractitioners should be brought to justice; and time and time again they read that these Doctors are not worthy to staff and operate a hospital; that the hospital is inadequately staffed; that it does not have the necessary equipment and in discussing it with the doctors there are only two major pieces of equipment which keeps it from being first rate in the sense that it can have any type of operation - some type of heart machine and one that has to do with neurosurgery. That this Council has heard time and time again reports coming to them lambasting the hospital, yet we have poured taxpayers money into it and we all know that the facility is needed in that community; that the City cannot afford to loose any beds; that those people in this particular geographical community are very concerned because when Memorial was first opened up to the Negro, they found themselves in a very luxurious part of the hospital on the 6th floor; and then in a few months they find they were moved from that part of the hospital and put into the old part of the hospital. That things of this nature give them cause for great concern. So today they ask Council to consider, or reconsider, continuing this very needed and worthwhile Community Hospital in this geographic area, to think about the money that has been invested and to ask themselves if the money that is necessary has been put there. Even if the patients are going to be transferred to Memorial and the charity patients are to be taken over there the same amount of money is needed, if not more, so why spend the same amount of money one place and not be willing to spend it another. They are here today to ask Council to consider the matter logically and give it serious consideration because the hospital is needed in the community. He asked that the Committee referred to be appointed and that Council help keep the hospital open.

Dr. J. S. Nathaniel Tross stated this is a very disturbing matter and many issues have been repeatedly raised. He asked that the Committee referred to be appointed and let the members study all the ramifications, then Council make their decision.

Mr. Coleman Cary, Jr., Minister of Friendship Church, stated he has been a minister in this community for a number of years and he does not know of anything that has given him more concern than this issue. He urged Council to give serious consideration of the appointment of this committee that will give real interest and study of the issues involved. That there are people available in Charlotte who will give untiringly and unselfishly of their time. That to come to a point now and make a hasty decision without feeling the pulse of the Community - to find out what

that Community will do to help itself to evict itself - might be a step in the wrong direction. And he urged Council to give serious consideration to the matter and give consideration to the appointment of the committee, and to the resources and facilities and people concerning the interest that it will give those people, and they will sit down and talk and let them know how they feel. That he is sure they can help Council to help them in the right decision.

Dr. Richard Hill asked about the decline in the occupancy of the Hospital. That they feel they have received a poor press. That every time the Negro begins to relax to accept the hospital and its physicians because of lack of fund the Board of Managers comes to Council - and this is a trigger mechanism again from the press - and the confidence of the Negro community is again shattered and it falls off, so that Point No. (1) The lack of occupancy is based primarily upon what they read; they are told that this hospital lacks facilities; told the doctors are no good; told that the nurses are incompetent; told that penicillin written by a Negro physician is different than written by a white physician. That he feels someone should have the courage of his convictions and say to the people - this is false, this is untrue, it is deceptive and is the result of the news media trying to ruin the hospital. Point (2) That in 1957 there were at least 400 outpatients visits to the hospital. There was a time when there were at least 12 patients delivered in the hallways as there was no place to put them; a time when Negro babies born were placed in cardboard boxes and dresser drawers; but they had these patients. Point (3) Medical care should not continue to be made a political football. Charlotte Community Hospital should be given a budget to operate and not have to come to Council every few days with hands out and down on the ground as though someone had been remiss. Dr. Hill stated further he wonders what qualifications are necessary to be appointed to a Committee, because in this whole hospital situation, the Negro physician who has been intimately associated with the institution and knows the institution more than anybody else have not been, as far as he knows, asked to serve on a Committee.

Mayor Brookshire thanked all those who appeared before Council and stated this is perhaps the first time the Negro community has come to City Council to speak with any clarity on this particular subject and he hopes they all appreciate the fact that the real problem before Council at this time and the acuteness of it is due to the fact we have had a very definite decline in not only the population of occupancy of this Hospital but as a result of that decline patronage, the financial burden has been creeping up by the months at a staggering figure. That Council has listened to what they have had to say and will take it into consideration.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks the silence of the leaders of the Negro Community has in his case mislead him somewhat. He was under the distinct impression that the Negroes were not getting adequate service at this Hospital and would just as soon see it closed, and he premised a lot of his decisions on this fact and he is glad they came down when they did as it is never too late to correct a situation.

Councilman Bryant stated he does not doubt those present leadership but it has been his very distinct impression from the beginning that the Negroes did not want anything to do with Good Samaritan in general and that they wanted the use of Memorial. That is the impression a large portion of people who are not the least concerned with integration or the race issue at all feel and it is an honest feeling, not a political feeling, that the quicker Community Hospital could be done away with and make use of facilities at Memorial, the better off the Negroes were.

Reverend Cary stated the Negro of the Southland takes the position that integration does not make annihilation; they are seeking rights. That they are concerned about everything in the community; not just the Negro community but they are concerned about equal rights, equal opportunities, and if equal opportunities, and services are rendered at Charlotte Community Hospital they will go back but they do not want anyone to tell them if they have the public facility here they do not have the right to go there. That what they are saying is bring the facility up to par, make it comparable to anything else in the community. This is all they ask and all they have every asked.

Councilman Smith stated in reference to the Rankin Report he understood that it was based on integrated hospitals and then when the Supreme Court ruled that they could not under Hill Burton Act be segregated, this threw the whole report off. That they did not know what to do; they thought the Negro would resent being in a predominately Negro Hospital. That is the impression he has gotten as an individual - that there was something wrong about operating a hospital primarily for the Negroes.

Councilman Jordan asked if Dr. Hill has been using Charlotte Community Hospital since 1957 and if he represents the feelings of the other Negro doctors. That it seems the Council has been misled on some of their points as to the use of the hospital and he stated he enjoyed Dr. Hill's comments. Dr. Hill stated he believes he represents most of the doctors, and further that they are here to ask that all the beds be kept open at Community Hospital for all the citizens of the Community; they are not here to advocate the use of the hospital as a Negro hospital. Councilman Bryant stated further that the Rankin Report on which the Bond issue was sold originally was a crash program to bring Community Hospital up to standard until such time as better facilities could be built and at that time it would be at the descretion of the Governing authority to be phased out as a General Hospital and he believes that is what the citizenry in general voted to do. Then that was changed by the Hospital Authority about a year later when they came back and asked for additional funds to make it a first class general accredited hospital, and there was a change in plans between the time the Bond issue was voted and the time they came back for the additional amount of money for that, so his impression was that this was a crash program to make facilities available - better and more adequate - for the whole citizenry and without regard to race, and it was his idea that it was the general feeling of the Negro people they would rather take advantage of Memorial than Charlotte Community, and that is the impression he has gotten and the way he has acted as a result.

Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Bryant has pointed out an important recommendation contained in the Rankin Report which suggested that Community Hospital be brought up to acceptable standards and operated as a general acute hospital until such time as the needs for it deminished and at that point upon recommendation of the Hospital Authority could be converted into some other hospital use.

Councilman Bryant stated there has been some impression given today that Council has been playing politics and some impression they have not tried to look at it from the point of view of compassion for all the citizenry, and speaking for himself and he believes for the rest of the Council in this administration they have made every effort to take care of the citizens of Charlotte regardless of race, creed, or color and that has not been a consideration in any comments he has made or any motion he has made; it is purely and simply a considered, not an arbitrary feeling, that he has had.

Councilman Smith read from Mr. Rankin's most recent report which says that the United States Public Health Service regulation that required Memorial Hospital to admit Negro patients without restrictions, immediately increased the Negro patient load from 10 to 80. That services were opened at Memorial which were not available anywhere in the Community and Memorial's patronage increased at the expense of Community Hospital, thus making it economically unfeasible. That this is what Council has been told and the only thing they know is what they have been told.

Dr. Walter Washington stated he was here about 3 years ago at which time it was pointed out that certain things should be investigated in the administration and they were told at that time if they found this to be true they should pin point these things and come back. At the same time the Board of Managers of Charlotte Community Hospital was told to clean up their own house, and frankly they felt this to be an affront to their suggestion and didn't feel it was their responsibility to look into it as an investigating team. That if there was anything which needed to be done as citizens the best thing they could do would be to call it to the attention of the appropriate parties. Dr. Washington stated further he cannot see if you close up 150 beds at Charlotte Community and open up 150 beds at Memorial how the cost to the taxpayers would be less.

Mr. Kelly Alexander stated he did not want to leave the impression they are talking about maintaining a Negro facility; they are talking about maintaining a facility for the total community and actually it is not a matter of a Negro or white hospital.

Mayor Brookshire thanked all for coming down and expressing themselves and stated he is sure Council will consider all that has been said regarding this problem and that he hopes they will be able soon to come up with answers best suited to the needs of the Community.

PETITION NO. 64-55 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ON BOTH SIDES OF CUSTER STREET, DENIED.

Petition No. 64-55 by Furr Realty Company for change in zoning from R-6 to R-6MF of property on both sides of Custer Street, beginning south of LaSalle Street and extending to the rear of property on Garnette Place, and three lots on the northwest side of Garnette Place beginning north of St. Luke Street was presented for Council's consideration. The Deputy Clerk advised Council that the petitioner has withdrawn that portion of the Petition pertaining to the rezoning of lots facing Garnette Place and the Planning Commission recommends approval of the change in zoning on Custer Street. Council was also advised a Protest Petition has been filed and is sufficient to invoke the 20% rule requiring the 3/4 majority vote of Council for approval of the change in zoning.

Councilman Bryant moved that the petition be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Albea made a substitute motion to defer action on the petition until six members of Council are present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, who stated if there are proponents to it they should be given a chance to speak in its favor.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion with the following vote recorded:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Dellinger and Smith
NAYS: Councilmen Bryant and Jordan.

Mayor Brookshire declared the substitute motion to postpone the decision carried.

Later in the meeting Councilman Dellinger called attention that it takes four votes to pass a motion and he moved that Petition No. 64-55 for change in zoning on both sides of Custer Street be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith moved that Petition No. 64-55 by Furr Realty Company for change in zoning from R-6 to R-6MF on both sides of Custer Street, be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Smith, Bryant, Dellinger and Jordan.
NAYS: Councilman Albea.

PETITION NO. 64-61 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF LOTS ON THE NW SIDE OF NAOMI STREET DEFERRED.

Councilman Bryant moved that Petition No. 64-61 by Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc. for change in zoning from R-6 to R-6MF of six lots on the northwesterly side of Naomi Street be deferred until six members of Council are present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF PLANS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE AREA BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANNEXATION UNDER RESOLUTION RECORDED IN RESOLUTIONS BOOK 4, AT PAGE 420, ADOPTED BY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 21ST ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, Resolution Approving the Report of Plans to Provide Services to the Area being considered for Annexation under Resolution adopted by Council on September 21st was adopted.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 429.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN KENTWOOD SUBDIVISION AT REQUEST OF NANCE-TROTTER REALTY, INC. AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 1,280 feet of sanitary sewer main in Kentwood Subdivision, inside the city, at the request of Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc. at an estimated cost of \$5,400.00, with all cost to be borne by the applicant whose deposit will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN MEADOWOOD SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the installation of 3,890 feet of water mains and two fire hydrants in the Meadowood Subdivision, inside the city limits, at the request of Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$10,600.00, with the City to finance all costs and applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and carried unanimously.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Herman B. Wolf and Juanita M. Wolf, for Lot No. 167, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$360.00.
- (b) Deed with Doctor Bobbie Joe Butler, for Lot No. 678, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (c) Deed with Lawrence J. Bennett for Grave 8, in Lot No. 121, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$140.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Nancy S. Medlin, for Lot No. 354, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED RODGERS BUILDERS, INC. FOR EXTENSION TO RAILROAD PLATFORM AT HOSKINS FILTER PLANT.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to the low bidder, Rodgers Builders, Inc., in the amount of \$1,214.48, for extension to the railroad platform at Hoskins Filter Plant, as specified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Rodgers Builders, Inc.	\$ 1,214.48
Crowder Construction Co., Inc.	1,300.00
Reitzel Construction Company	1,987.50

CONTRACT AWARDED FEDERAL LABORATORIES, INC. FOR AMMUNITION & SUPPLIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Federal Laboratories, Inc., in the amount of \$1,350.88, for ammunition and supplies, as specified.

The following bids were received:

Federal Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 1,350.88
American Hardware & Eqpt. Co.	1,363.45
Monroe Hardware Company	1,526.51

CONTRACT AWARDED ALLISON FENCE COMPANY FOR CHAIN LINK FENCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Allison Fence Company, in the amount of \$2,182.26, for chain link fence as specified.

The following bids were received:

Allison Fence Company	\$ 2,182.26
Bagwell Fence Company	2,248.92
Anchor Post Products, Inc.	2,592.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MERSON UNIFORM COMPANY, INC. FOR WINTER AND SUMMER UNIFORM SHIRTS.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to Merson Uniform Co., Inc. the low bidder, for winter and summer uniform shirts, as specified, in the amount of \$6,526.20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Merson Uniform Co., Inc.	\$ 6,526.20
Fligel's Uniform Company	6,571.15
Sears Roebuck & Company	6,624.58
Creighton Shirt Co., Inc.	6,843.78

CONTRACT AWARDED CONTRACTORS SERVICE & RENTALS, INC. FOR EARTH BACKFILL TAMPERS AND EARTH DIGGERS WITH SPADES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Contractors Service and Rentals, Inc., for 6 earth backfill tampers and 3 earth diggers with spades, as specified, in the amount of \$2,030.13.

The following bids were received:

Contractors Service & Rentals, Inc.	\$ 2,030.13
Spartan Equipment Co.	2,116.65
A. E. Finley & Assoc., Inc.	2,462.73
Arrow Construction Equip. Co.	2,750.10
Mitchell Distributing Co., Inc.	2,757.83
J. W. Burress, Inc.	2,804.60

AWARDS FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY PROGRAM PRESENTED CITY OF CHARLOTTE BY NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL AND ANNUAL TRAFFIC INVENTORY FOR CHARLOTTE REVIEWED.

Mayor Brookshire welcomed Mr. James Civils, District Director for the National Safety Council, and stated it is always nice to have him in Charlotte. Mr. Civils stated it has been his pleasure to see Charlotte gain considerably year by year. That in the traffic inventory program they evaluate accident records, traffic engineering, police traffic supervision, traffic courts, schools, public safety education, and organizations for traffic safety improvements. That the total program remains the same at 88%, meaning that Charlotte is applying 88% of the principles contained in the actual program of the President's study. That last year they left 8 recommendations for consideration during the next 12 months and he is happy that one was completely carried out - that was regarding the Court Room facilities. In regard to 24 cities, Charlotte stands at 88% and the average score is 72%, and there was actually only one other city which came up with the 88% rating and that was Oklahoma City. He compared Charlotte's standing with the national average and stated Charlotte is above the national average.

Mr. Civils stated he has the wonderful opportunity to give special recognition to Charlotte in several categories and he presented to Mayor Brookshire the Certificate of Achievement for the Program of Traffic Engineering for 1963, and stated this is about the 9th year in a row that Charlotte has received this national recognition.

Mr. Civils then presented to the Mayor the Certificate of Achievement for the School Traffic Safety Education Program, A Special Recognition from the American Bar Association for the Traffic Court Program, the Certificate of Achievement for the Public Traffic Education Program, and the Certificate of Achievement for the Organization for Traffic Safety Improvement Program.

Mr. Civils stated in reviewing the various items and looking for things still to do to improve the program, they find there is a need for additional maintenance of signs, signals and pavement markings; there might be a need for some additional studies of high accident intersections; possibly some additional special pedestrian signals; there appears to be a need for additional manpower in the Police Department, and additional attention to traffic by the non-traffic assigned men as funeral escorts and a need for better physical facilities for the Police operation; in the school traffic safety program there seems to be a need for more supervisory assistants.

Mr. Civils stated in Public Safety Education, Charlotte obtained the rating of 96%, the highest rating he has seen so far in the Southeast United States. He commended Charlotte for obtaining the rating it has.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Civils for the report and recommendations to Council and stated Council appreciates his coming.

Mayor Brookshire stated for the record he would like to read the following telegram from Mr. W. S. Terrell:

"The awards for progress you are receiving today are indications of the good work that has been done towards the solution of some of our traffic problems. Our record plainly shows the great need of a very comprehensive and objective program to reduce traffic accidents. Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Safety Association Public Officials Relations Committee has received the fine cooperation from your department heads and we expect to have recommendations for the Council to consider in the near future. The Safety Association is encouraged by the continued cooperation and willingness to give prompt attention to our traffic problems study and suggestions."

RECOMMENDATIONS ON NEXT CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROUTE EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT 90 DAYS.

Councilman Bryant asked the City Manager for the latest report from Mr. Babcock concerning the next circumferential route. Mr. Veeder stated a meeting among some of the staff of the city was held this morning to consider some of the city's own thinking. That both Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Cheek have been doing some basic work toward this end for some time and they will try to bring it into focus and set up a more direct session with Mr. Babcock and his planning staff a day this week or next week. Mayor Brookshire stated in conversation with General Younts that he has said in cooperation with the City's Engineering Department, the State Highway Department expects to have recommendations within the next 90 days.

TRAFFIC COUNTS REQUESTED AT CLEMSON AND THE PLAZA AND DAVIDSON AND 28TH STREET.

Councilman Jordan requested the City Manager to have a traffic count made at Clemson and The Plaza for a Traffic light, and Davidson and 28th Street at Chadbourn Hosiery Mill, at 4:30 in the afternoon there is a terrific traffic jam and there have been a number of accidents.

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SURVEY REQUESTED AT CORNER OF 9TH AND CHURCH STREET FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT.

Councilman Alba requested the City Manager to have a survey made at 9th and Church Streets, where the Golden Eagle Motel has recently constructed a building and it is built right up to the sidewalk, for a traffic light.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until October 26th.

Ruth Armstrong

Ruth Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk

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