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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 22, 1962, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend H. M. Robinson, Pastor of Dilworth Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on October 15th were approved as submitted.

CLAIMANT FOR DAMAGES TO CAR BY PAVEMENT GIVING AWAY UNDER CAR ON WEST TRADE STREET ADVISED TO FILE CLAIM IN WRITING FOR INVESTIGATION AND RECOMMENDATION BY CITY ATTORNEY.

Mr. Sylvester J. Vaughn, representing his brother Robert Vaughn, advised that on October 2nd his brother was driving his car in downtown Charlotte in the 300 block of West Trade Street and the pavement gave way under his car and there was no immediate indication of any damage to the car, and that is the reason for the lapse of time in presenting the case to the City; however, there is now a difficulty in the transmission and the gear mechanism of the car and he is of the opinion that the accident was responsible for the condition. He stated they do not say the occurrence was caused by the negligence of the City, but rather a matter of responsibility of the City.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Mr. Vaughn handle the matter with the City Attorney, who will make his recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The City Attorney advised that the law requires that claims be submitted to the Council in writing, and if Mr. Vaughn will do so, he will then conduct an investigation and report back to the Council with his recommendation.

DECISION ON PETITION NO. 62-46 BY MRS ESSIE RHYNE FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY FRONTING ON ALLEGHANY STREET AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 85, DEFERRED FOR FURTHER STUDY BY PLANNING BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, decision on Petition No. 62-46 by Mrs Essie Rhyne for change in zoning from R-9MF to I-2 of property fronting on Alleghany Street and Interstate Highway 85 was deferred at the request of the Planning Board and referred to them for their further study.

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ORDINANCE NO. 131-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY AT 601 SHARON-AMITY ROAD, ADOPTED.

Councilman Thrower moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 131-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning from O-6 to B-1 of lot in Providence Park Subdivision, known as 601 Sharon-Amity Road, on petition of Welco, Inc., as recommended by the Planning Board. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 366.

ORDINANCE NO. 132-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NORTHEAST OF SADLER ROAD, ADJOINING PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY TANK FARM, AND ORDINANCE NO. 133-Z PERMITTING USE OF PROPERTY FOR PETROLEUM STORAGE TANKS, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 132-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning from R-15 to I-2 of property located northeast of Sadler Road, adjoining Phillips Petroleum Company Tank Farm, and Ordinance No. 133-Z Authorizing the use of the property for petroleum storage tanks, on Petition of Phillips Petroleum Company Tank Farm, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The Ordinances are recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 367 and 368.

PETITION NO. 62-49 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON BOTH SIDES OF EATON ROAD, AND LANIER AVENUE, REFERRED BACK TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR RECONSIDERATION IN VIEW OF 24 OF THE 27 ORIGINAL PETITIONERS FOR THE CHANGE HAVING RETRACTED THEIR REQUEST FOR REZONING.

Consideration was given Petition No. 62-49 by Mrs Howard Graham and others for change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of property located on both sides of Eaton Road, from Monroe Road to Erickson Road, and Lanier Avenue, from Monroe Road to Lynnville Avenue.

The City Clerk advised that Mr. Hamlin Wade, Attorney representing 24 of the 27 petitioners for the zoning change, has filed a petition signed by his clients retracting their assent to the original petition due to Mrs Howard Graham, who originated the petition, having made representations to them upon which they relied that R-9MF would allow the construction of duplex housing but would not allow apartment housing, and would increase the value of their property. That subsequent to the public hearing, they discovered it would, in fact, allow multiple-family apartment houses, which they definitely do not wish in the neighborhood, therefore, they withdraw their request and protest the change in zoning. She advised that Mr. Wade also filed a second petition, signed by 8 additional residents in the neighborhood protesting the change in zoning, who had not signed the original petition.

Mr. Wade was present and stated he is aware that the public hearing has been held but will be glad to answer any questions.

Councilman Bryant moved that the petition be disapproved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Jordan advised he has had a number of calls from these residents who feel they were misled in the matter, and stating they definitely do not want the zoning changed, as they do not want apartments and saying that Mr. Wade would appear with their retraction today.

SUBJECT

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Councilman Whittington asked the Planning Director if R-9MF zoning permits high-rise apartments, and Mr. McIntyre advised that it does, there is no height limit, provided there is sufficient ground space, and the area is generally characterized by lots that would not permit apartment buildings, but the land-use map used at the public hearing shows there are a half dozen or more vacant lots.

Councilman Smith offered a substitute motion that the matter be referred to the Planning Commission for reconsideration, since they passed on it after the hearing, he feels they should have this additional information and make another recommendation to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Bryant stated the only reason the petition was brought in to begin with was that it was the unanimous consent of those who had the property involved to request the change, and a good many of them did not realize all the ramifications of the R-9MF classification. That he understands without any persuasion other than to go around and ask if they wanted to sign a petition against it, the petition represents the unanimous wishes of the residents with the exception of four people, one of whom is out of town who had indicated his willingness to go along with it, the others being Mrs Graham herself and two others who go along with her. The new petition is of equal validity and it would seem to him to be perfectly justifiable at this point to disapprove the change entirely.

Councilman Smith advised that his point is that the Planning Commissioners took action on a certain set of facts and now there has been a change in the facts, they should be given the Commissioners so they can reconsider the matter.

Councilman Dellinger offered a substitute motion that the matter be postponed for one week. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Thrower asked who misrepresented the facts to the people, and Mr. Wade advised that Mrs Howard Graham was the primary person who instituted the petition, and went from door to door in the neighborhood and told the people the new zoning would allow duplex housing but not apartment housing, and that the value of the land would be increased, and the new petition to retract their request by practically unanimous consent shows that they were misled and they are up in arms about it.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to refer the matter to the Planning Commission, and carried by the following recorded vote:

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

PETITION NO. 62-50 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-12 TO I-2 OF PROPERTY ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF BELHAVEN BOULEVARD NEAR GUM BRANCH, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, Petition No. 62-50 for change in zoning from R-12 to I-2 of 30 acre tract of land on the northeast side of Belhaven Boulevard near Gum Branch, by Mr. U. G. Hager, was denied, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 134-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING OF LOT ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF RILEY AVENUE, ADOPTED.

Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 134-Z Amending

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Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code changing the zoning from R-9 to O-6 of lot on the south side of Riley Avenue, 402.20 feet from Statesville Road, on petition of Improved Order of Redmen, Catawba Tribe 13, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 369.

ORDINANCE NO. 135-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY IN THE 900 BLOCK OF SUGAW CREEK ROAD, EAST, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 135-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing zoning of property in the 900 block of Sugaw Creek Road East from B-1 to B-2, on petition of Mr. John A. Payne, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 370.

PETITION NO. 62-53 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY IN BLOCK BOUNDED BY SOUTH TRYON STREET, EAST MOREHEAD STREET, SOUTH COLLEGE STREET AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing zoning from I-2 to B-3 of block bounded by South Tryon Street, East Morehead Street, South College Street and Independence Boulevard, on petition of and recommended by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

Councilman Dellinger stated that although it will have no bearing on the zoning, he would like to know if this property is at the corner of Morehead and South Tryon Street where the setback lines were discussed? Mr. McIntyre stated that it is and he understands specific setback lines of from 2½ to 4 feet were established in this block. Councilman Dellinger wished to go on record stating that this setback is insufficient and once structures are built along here the City will be in the same fix we are now on College, 7th, 6th and other streets.

Mr. McIntyre advised that the Traffic Engineering Department made the recommendation as to the setback that would be required to accommodate five traffic lanes and adequate sidewalk space, and it would seem to him if Council wants a deeper setback, the way to achieve it would be to change the setback requirements to the desired depth. That the Industrial Zoning on the property required a 20-foot setback, however, that has been reduced by the fact that already the zoning has been changed on two properties in the block.

Councilman Albea offered a substitute motion that the change in zoning be deferred two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Dellinger again stated that the zoning has nothing to do with the setback and if Council wants to look into the setback it can do so.

Councilman Smith stated in connection with long range planning, he thinks Council should start thinking about widening Church and College Streets and not be too concerned about Tryon, for the bottlenecks are on the parallel streets and all traffic cannot be put on Tryon. That there is one point that should be brought out here, that in zoning in general there is a concept to use zoning for setback so that it would not cost the city money to take

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the property away from people; that this might work in the suburban areas where land is \$10 per front foot but when you get into a highly congested area of some \$3 to \$5,000.00 per front foot you take a man's property without compensation, and then the whole zoning concept may be questioned.

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks Council should go along with the motion to postpone the matter for two weeks and ask the Traffic Engineer to come in and discuss it, so all questions can be voted on together.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to defer action two weeks, and carried by the following recorded vote:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 136-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 1, SECTION 23-31 AND DIVISION 2, ADOPTED.

Councilman Thrower moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 136-Z Amending Chapter 23, Article III, Section 23-31, Table of Permitted Uses to permit "commercial uses in conjunction with certain multi-family and office buildings subject to regulations in Sec. 23-32.1" in all multi-family and office districts, and Article III, Division 1, Section 23-31, Table of Permitted Uses to require "cafeterias and snack bars" for employees in office buildings to observe regulations established in Article III, Division 2, and Article III, Division 2, Special Requirements for certain Permitted Uses in new Section 23-32.1 entitled "Commercial Uses in Multi-family and Office-Districts", as requested and recommended by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 371.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NOVEMBER 19TH ON PETITIONS FOR ZONING CHANGES AND THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on November 19th on Petitions No. 62-55 through 62-59, and the Publication of Notice thereof, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 225.

CONTRACT AWARDED REID ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN THE REMODELING OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF OLD HEALTH BUILDING.

Councilman Thrower moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Reid Electric Company, for the electrical installation in the remodeling of the second floor of the Old Health Building, at their bid price of \$1,550.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Reid Electric Company	\$ 1,550.00
W. H. Yandle	1,630.00
Broadhurst-Allen Electric Co.	1,627.00

RESOLUTION ORDERING THE MAKING OF CERTAIN LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS ON WOODLARK LANE, FROM RANDOLPH ROAD NORTH APPROXIMATELY 1,200 FEET, AND THE PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and un-animously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Ordering the Making of Certain Local Improvements on Woodlark Lane, from Randolph Road north approximately 1,200 Feet, and the publication of notice thereof, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 226.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH IDLEWILD UTILITIES, INC FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS ALONG NORTH INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Thrower moved that contract be authorized with Idlewild Utilities, Inc., for the installation of 1,183-feet of water mains along North Independence Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$8,450.00. The City to finance all costs, and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 247-feet of 8-inch main in Alleghany Street, at request of Mr. Ivey B. Drum, 4398 Wilkinson Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$710.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 900-feet of 8-inch main in Crestview Drive, at request of T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$3,050.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs Sarah L. Stone, for Grave #3, Lot 20-A, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs Leola B. Small, for Section 6, Lot 497, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs Lida Duncan, for Graves 1 and 2, Lot 16, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs Kathryn R. Smith, for Graves 1 and 2, Lot 15-B, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED MOTOROLA COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONICS, INC., FOR FIVE MOTORCYCLE RADIOS.

Councilman Smith moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Motorola

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Communications & Electronics, Inc., for five 2-way transistorized receivers and transmitters, as specified, at their bid price of \$3,918.89. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

RIGHT OF WAY SETTLEMENTS FOR KENILWORTH AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT AUTHORIZED WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS DEFERRED TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Bryant moved approval of the settlement on the following twelve parcels of land as right -of-way for the Kenilworth Avenue Extension Project, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan:

- (1) Payment of \$400.00 to Evelyn Campbell McIntyre, 815 Kenilworth Avenue, for 304-sq. feet of property. Tract 16.
- (2) Payment of \$11,500 to Mamie R. Thomas, 1320 Ordermore Avenue, for 9,900 square feet of property. Tract 17.
- (3) Payment of \$4,282.00 to K. O. Hobbs and wife, Mary W. Hobbs, 2601 Park Road, for 13,328 square feet of property. Tract 18.
- (4) Payment of \$440.00 to John William Todd, Jr. and wife, Helene Hobbs Todd, for 880 square feet of property. Tract 19.
- (5) Payment of \$220.00 to David W. Broadhurst and wife, Eunice W. Broadhurst, for 300 square feet of property. Tract 20.
- (6) Payment of \$150.00 to Cora C. Parks and Emma W. Parks, for 171 sq. feet of property. Tract 21.
- (7) Payment of \$270.00 to Varna Stanton, 2009 Charlotte Drive, for 300 square feet of property. Tract 22.
- (8) Payment of \$275.00 to Helen S. Conner, 2005 Charlotte Drive, for 300 square feet of property. Tract 23.
- (9) Payment of \$650.00 to Fred R. Clark and wife, Joyce Wellborn Clark, for 264 square feet of property. Tract 24.
- (10) Payment of \$13,450.00 to Susie Love Norman, 1017 Kenilworth Avenue, for 1,904 square feet of property. Tract 25.
- (11) Payment of \$1,500.00 to Mary J. Kerhulas (widow) 123 Harding Place, for 724 square feet of property. Tract 26.
- (12) Payment of \$170.00 to Willard L. Myers and wife, Martha B. Myers, 2201 Charlotte Drive, for 300 square feet of property. Tract 27.

Councilman Smith referred to Tract 17 and asked how much of the property was retained at 1320 Ordermore Avenue after the sale of the 9,900 sq. ft for the right-of-way? The City Manager advised that approximately one-half of the property was retained and no value was placed on it; that the portion purchased was appraised at \$11,318.00. Councilman Smith stated it would be well to check on this as to the value of the entire lot, just to see if we are paying too much for the right-of-way. Mr. Veeder concurred in the suggestion.

Councilman Whittington questioned the City paying more than the appraised price for Tract 26, being 724 square feet at 123 Harding Place. The City Manager advised there are two large trees on the property which the appraisers forgot to appraise, and \$200.00 was the value placed on the trees, and the appraised value of the property purchased was \$1,329.00, and settlement for all is recommended at \$1,500.00.

Councilman Dellinger asked regarding Tract 25 as to the price of \$13,450.00 paid for the 1,904 sq. feet of property at 1017 Kenilworth Avenue, and the City Manager advised this is within the appraised value.

Councilman Albea offered a substitute motion that the settlement for the rights-of-way be approved, with the exceptions of Tracts 17 and 26 to be deferred for two weeks. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

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PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO TORRENCE E. HEMBY FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY AT 600 AND 610 WEST TRADE STREET BY VERTICAL REALIGNMENT FOR WEST SIDE GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, payment of \$2,300.00 was authorized to Mr. Torrence E. Hemby for damages to property at 600 and 610 West Trade Street by vertical realignment for the West Side Grade Crossing Elimination Project.

Mr. Veeder advised that last week Council approved the final acquisition of land for the project and this settlement is the final one involving the vertical realignment of the property. That except for the review by the Bureau of Public Roads, having taken longer than anticipated, bids would have been received for the project earlier, and the tentative date is now fixed for November 29th, and we can go from there.

Councilman Smith stated he believes Council has gone on record commending Mr. Lee Kinney and Mr. Barrentine for the splendid job they have done acquiring the right of way, etc and now that we are faced with the Northwest Expressway he would like to see them help us with that, as they are experts, and he would urge that they be given due consideration, as they seem to be past-masters at working for the City.

Mr. Veeder stated he would like to endorse every word that Mr. Smith has said. That Mr. Kinney and Mr. Barrentine are very fair and very good and they get things done. Mayor Brookshire asked, since they worked under Mr. Veeder's direction, if he would write them a letter and give them the first-hand compliments that have been expressed.

Councilman Dellinger asked who is going to appoint the appraisers, the Council or the City Manager, and both the Council members and City Manager advised the Council will do so.

Councilman Whittington asked if the engineers have established the corridor for the Northwest Expressway so Council will know what to buy? Mr. Veeder advised the corridor was established before the engineers started their detail work, and what they are establishing now is the actual right-of-way limits for every piece of property down to 1/10th of an inch, and they expect to deliver the first right-of-way sheets to us by the first of the year, which is good. Then we can start the appraisal process and the acquisition.

CITY MANAGER ADVISES STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT JOINTLY WITH CITY WILL CONSTRUCT THE TURNING LANE AT REMOUNT AND WILKINSON BOULEVARD.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Manager if he has a report from Mr. Hoose on the turning-lane at Remount and Wilkinson Boulevard? Mr. Veeder presented a map of the location, indicating the additional lane that was discussed being constructed jointly with the State Highway, and advised he has discussed it with Mr. Burgin, and this morning with General Younts, who stated it would be perfectly alright from his point of view to advise Council this afternoon that the State Highway Department will do the work jointly with the City, which basically means they will put in the curb and gutter and the City the paving. Councilman Whittington asked if the construction will be done immediately, and Mr. Veeder advised that he cannot answer that because the first thing will have to be done by the State and he only has the assurance of General Younts this morning that it will be done. That as soon as they install the curbing the City will put in the paving, and he will talk again with Mr. Burgin towards getting the work done quickly.

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Councilman Jordan moved that the expenditure of funds for the paving in the construction of the turning-lane at Remount and Wilkinson Boulevard be authorized. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CHAIRMAN OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THAT MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION BY LEGISLATURE BE GIVEN COMMITTEE.

Councilman Whittington reminded Council to give the Legislative Committee their recommendations for action by the Legislature, that Councilman Dellinger has mentioned one matter pertaining to Civil Service, and the Committee would like to get all of these recommendations in form so that they can be discussed with our State Legislators as early as possible.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that the list of recommendations be compiled and given Council for consideration and Councilman Whittington stated the Committee plans to do so.

COMMITTEE REQUESTED TO PURSUE STUDY OF JOINT CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

Councilman Smith called attention that Council has requested Mr. Veeder, Mr. Busby and Mr. McIntyre to work together on the government complex, including the joint police building, and he hopes the little dispute over urban redevelopment will not slow it down, because even if we do not have urban redevelopment we want this project. Mr. Veeder advised they have made a fair amount of work towards that end within the last few days, and they hope to come up with something fruitful for both the Council and County Commissioners.

CITY MANAGER TO REQUEST ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT ENTRANCES TO AMITY GARDEN SHOPPING CENTER TO CONFORM WITH PLAN PROPOSED BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO ELIMINATE TRAFFIC HAZARDS AT WOODLAND AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Dellinger asked for a report on the traffic signal at Woodland Avenue and Independence Boulevard, and the City Manager advised that the Traffic Engineer feels very strongly that traffic signals should not be used to provide entrance into a private drive into a shopping center and he thinks he has real merit, at the same time he is aware that persons interested in the shopping center feel very strongly that there should be a Signal there to further movements in and out of the center. That he thinks if this were a public street it would be signalized if it had the same volume of traffic.

Councilmen Dellinger and Smith called attention to the accidents at this location and the hazards, and Mr. Veeder stated if the Shopping Center would discontinue this driveway as an exit the problem would be removed. Councilman Thrower stated he is of the opinion that the people who own the property would be willing to dedicate part of it, as he understands there have been around 60 accidents at this one location since the shopping center was built.

In the discussion, it was pointed out that there are a number of such Signals serving private industry both in Charlotte and nearby cities, and something must be done at this location to protect the public before someone is killed, and it is felt it is the city's responsibility.

Mayor Brookshire asked Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, if he has an opinion satisfactory to himself on the matter, and Mr. Hoose replied he turned

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down the installation of a signal at this location, as it is not needed. He stated the owners actually never completed the plan he proposed to them for handling their traffic; that he sent them the proposed plan and went out later with a man from Ervin Construction Company and told him how to construct the curb, in a way that would have eliminated all traffic problems, which was never done. If it were constructed as recommended you would not have this problem, because it would be channalized so you would not get out into the highway, which is the problem, not the getting in. Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Hoose to bring Council a report showing his proposed plan.

Councilman Bryant stated this firm has generally been so cooperative with the City it seems to him if they were requested to carry out the proposed plan, they might see fit to do so and Council could see how it worked before taking other action.

Mr. Veeder advised that he will handle the problem with Ervin Construction Company and give Council a report.

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN DON G. BRYANT OPPOSING FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING TO TAKE CARE OF LOW-COST HOUSING NEEDS IN CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Bryant asked the privilege of having the following statement relative to the subject of Public Housing in Charlotte included in the Minutes of this meeting:

There are many facts and figures that the City Council and the people of Charlotte need to have before a competent decision can be made as to the need for Public Housing. This, we all concede.

However, it is time that we stood back and took a look at the situation as a whole. The predominance of the publicity that has been in the news media has intimated that probably we will end up having to use some form of Public Housing. The Mayor has already committed himself to a quick approval of it. One local paper is pushing hard for it.

Certainly the one thing that everyone is concerned with is the placement of these dislocated people into standard housing. Neither side of the controversy has the lead when it comes to this concern. It is a matter of concern, deep concern. I, personally, know of no one that does not have a genuine desire to be of help to these citizens of our town. This being the case, it is inconceivable to me that the people of Charlotte cannot take care of their own in such as housing.

A City that can contribute what it does to the United Appeal, that can build beautiful churches at considerable expense, that can support the numerous community projects that it does, certainly does not need to look to the Federal Government to do this. Certainly the builders and the real estate people, the money lenders, the architects, and just the plain people of Charlotte can adequately take care of this situation in the same manner that other problems in our city are handled. It won't be easy. A lot of hard work is involved.

Surely there are functions in which we need the national government to help, but certainly we don't need to call on them for such a thing as adequate housing for our ^{own} people. Let us stiffen our backs and go our own way on this problem. Let's don't run to Washington. Unless we want to abdicate our responsibilities to our neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk