



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, September 18, 1961 at 2 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Albea

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Board members Mr Sibley, Chairman, Mr Craig, Mr Delaney, Mr Ervin, Mr Toy and Mr Turner were present during the hearings on petitions for zoning changes.

ABSENT: Messrs. Jones, Lakey, Hanks and Ward.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Phillip L. Shore, Jr., Pastor of First Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on September 11th were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 42-Z AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON PROPERTY ON NORTH SIDE OF SHAMROCK DRIVE, BETWEEN EASTWAY DRIVE AND FINCHLEY DRIVE, ON PETITION OF JOHN CHONIS AND RALPH V. OWENS.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 42-Z Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the Perimeter Area to change zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property on the north side of Shamrock Drive, between Eastway Drive and Finchley Drive, on petition of John Chonis and Ralph V. Owens.

Mr McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property in question consists of six lots fronting 300 feet on Shamrock Drive and has a depth of 150 feet; that it lies to the east of the intersection of Shamrock and Eastway Drives and is vacant with the exception of one lot; that the property adjoins several small businesses at the intersection and diagonally across Shamrock Drive there is a Service Station and residential development; to the east it adjoins vacant property and one house at Finchley Drive; on the west it adjoins a B-1 zone and across the street the zoning is B-1, otherwise the zoning in the area is R-2.

Mr Elmer Hilker, attorney for the petitioners, advised that because of the business developments, these lots cannot be used for residential purposes and if they are not rezoned, his clients will be deprived of the maximum benefits from their property. That they have no definite plans for the development of the lots, but their usage will be legal and orderly so as to bring only credit to the neighborhood.

Mrs Arnold Wilson, 3047 Shamrock Drive, stated this is the third trip to City Hall relative to the change in zoning within the area of her home in

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an effort to protect it from being engulfed by business; that hers is the remaining house, as others have given up and moved thereby realizing a loss; that if this property is rezoned, Council might as well rezone all of the property to the corner and she asks that Council remember this in making their decision.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 43-Z AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON PROPERTY ON SOUTH SIDE OF THE PLAZA, BETWEEN WELDON AVENUE AND BLACKWOOD AVENUE, ON PETITION OF JACK D. FARR, ET AL.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 43-Z Amending the Zoning Ordinance and Map of the Perimeter Area to change zoning from R-2 to B-1, on property on the south side of the Plaza, between Weldon Avenue and Blackwood Avenue, on petition of Jack D. Farr, Et al.

The Planning Director presented maps of the property and surrounding area and stated the property consists of eight lots fronting 600 feet on the southeasterly side of The Plaza; that the property is now developed by single family houses and across The Plaza the development is the same; that the property lies one half block from business developments, and is adjoined on all sides by R-2 zoning.

Mr Fred Hasty, Attorney representing Mr Farr, one of the petitioners, stated the six owners of the property in this block are all requesting the change in zoning, as conditions have changed to the point where business has encroached to within one half block on each end of the block in question; that Commercial Avenue at one end of the block is entirely business, included among which is a dog kennel that is noisy, and at the other end of the block all four corners are developed by business; that traffic on The Plaza is very heavy and noisy and the block is entirely unsuited for residential usage.

Mr Bentley and Mr Latham, both petitioners, spoke to their petition for a change in zoning.

Mr C. T. Byrd presented a petition bearing the names of 79 property owners in the area, representing 90% of the adjoining property owners, opposing the change in zoning. He advised the area is the old Black Dairy Farm property and it was developed into a nice residential area, and their homes were purchased or built with the knowledge that they were protected by deed restriction to single family use, which restrictions could be broken only by equal consent of all property owners; that in the interest of their home investments they earnestly request Council to honor their restrictions and not rezone the property.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE FIXED FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1961.

Mayor Brookshire suggested now that the Proposed Zoning Ordinance for the City and Perimeter Area has been filed by the Planning Board, a date of hearing before the City Council should be fixed.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that petitions that have been filed for hearing in October and subsequent ones be heard on October 6th, as it would save the petitioners both money and time. Mr. Veeder stated he thinks it would be well to call a moratorium for filing petitions. However, some persons are interested in moving ahead of the date of adoption of the new ordinance.

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Councilman Whittington moved that the date of hearing on the Proposed Ordinance be fixed for Friday, October 6, 1961, at 7:30 p.m., in the Mecklenburg County Court House. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to have the Planning Board notify the people who have filed petitions, and subsequent ones, that their requests will be heard on October 6th.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER DIRECTED TO CONFER WITH RESIDENTS OF EAST PARK AVENUE, BETWEEN SPRINGDALE AVENUE AND DILWORTH ROAD WEST, RELATIVE TO HIS BANNING PARKING ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE STREET, AND REPORT TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO ERECTION OF SIGNS.

Mr Eugene S. Edwards, 824 East Park Avenue, filed a petition signed by all property owners residing on East Park Avenue between Springdale Avenue and Dilworth Road West, requesting that parking be continued on the south side of the street and that adequate signs be installed to assist in reducing speeding and accidents, and that the order of the Traffic Engineer, dated August 24th, to eliminate such parking be reversed. He advised his section of the street is 24 feet wide with no parking allowed on the north side, with a 20-mile per hour speed limit and is very lightly traveled. That they cannot see the need for the full use of the street for emergency vehicles, as presently there are 18-foot open, and there are many more 24-foot streets more heavily traveled in town, on which parking has no restrictions. He stated the wrecks occur on the street, which no doubt brought about the order for the additional parking ban, are caused by speeding cars, and insufficient signs, and if the street is opened wide, speeding will increase and more accidents occur.

Mrs Paul Halberstadt, 712 East Park Avenue, stated their driveways are not of sufficient length to take care of parking the cars of the property owners and the side streets do not have space available; that such additional elimination of parking will prohibit religious and other type group meetings in the homes, and will create a handicap to the residents.

Mr Hoose advised the investigation of the condition on the street was made upon requests of people using the street. That the street is only 24-feet wide and the City Code provides that parking shall be removed from both sides of a street that is less than 27 feet wide; that a traffic lane's minimum width is 10 feet, and in setting up two lanes on Park Avenue only 4 feet would be left to park a car, which is not sufficient room. That the lowering of speed limits is not the answer to the accident experience on the street, when there is not sufficient lane width to accommodate traffic without hazards to the moving vehicle and those parked. He stated further their investigation disclosed that every residence has a private driveway. He stated the restriction will bring about an improvement to the street and provide protection to the property owners cars.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that Mr Hoose confer with the residents, and with those persons requesting the elimination of parking, and see if something cannot be worked out to the satisfaction of everyone; Mr Hoose stated he will be glad to do so and report back to Council before the parking is restricted.

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MAYOR BROOKSHIRE REQUESTS TRAFFIC ENGINEER TO MAKE STUDY OF ALLOWING RIGHT HAND TURNS ON RED LIGHTS.

Mayor Brookshire requested Mr Hoose, Traffic Engineer, to make a study to allow right hand turns for traffic on red lights. He advised he noted on a recent trip to Seattle and California that this is done along the west coast most successfully. Mr Hoose stated this is now in effect in Charlotte on nearly every street where it is practical, but he will be glad to make the requested study.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO DRAW AMENDMENT TO SECTION 13, CHAPTER 9, OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE SALE OF ICE CREAM PRODUCTS, TO PERMIT THE SALE OF SOFT ICE CREAM FROM SELF-CONTAINED UNITS PRODUCING AND DISPENSING THE PRODUCT.

Mr Charles F. Coira, Jr., Attorney representing Mr Al McGuire, who is interested in operating trucks in Charlotte for the sale of a ice cream product, commonly known as soft ice cream, from a self-contained unit in which the ice cream is produced and dispensed to the individual consumer. That he has consulted with the City-County Health Department, and the N.C. Health Department and Food & Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and provided them with plans and specifications for the mobile units it plans to use, and in each instance it has been established that the units meet all applicable health standards. That last fall Chapter 9, FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, of the City Code was amended to provide for the sale of wrapped or packaged ice cream products from motor vehicles, and they are requesting that this section of the code, being Section 13, SALE OF ICE CREAM PRODUCTS FROM VEHICLES, be amended to include the sale of their product, being soft ice cream rather than wrapped or packaged. He advised his client plans to operate seven trucks, each of which will be manned by one person of a permanent nature, rather than college boys during summer months, and it will not be necessary for the operator to leave the truck at any time, he will simply move from the driver's seat to the side entrance of the truck from which the ice cream is dispensed directly into the hands of the consumer.

At the question of Councilman Whittington, the City Manager advised there are four companies presently operating ice-cream trucks in Charlotte, one of which has seven trucks and the other three one truck each.

In reply to Councilman Bryant's concern for the safety of children running into the streets to the truck, Mr Coira stated the children remain on the sidewalk and the ice cream is dispensed to them without any necessity for their coming into the street; also, they will be glad to have a tape recorder on the truck carrying a safety message to children.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the requested amendment to the ordinance be prepared by the City Attorney for Council action next week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

PAY PLAN FOR CITY PERSONNEL ADOPTED.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the proposed Pay Plan for city personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Various provisions of the Plan as proposed were discussed, with Mr Earle, Personnel Director, explaining them in detail, following which Councilman Dellinger stated he still thinks the Pay Plan should be uniform with the same number of steps for every employee.

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

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF MISS HAZEL ADAMS.

The following resolution was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the tragic loss of Mary Hazel Adams by accidental death on September 10, 1961, has shocked and saddened the community, and

WHEREAS, Mary Hazel Adams served her community with spirited patriotism evidenced by high office in the American Legion as State Historian and Commander of Rose-Lynn Post No. 376, and

WHEREAS, Mary Hazel Adams rendered valuable public service as a member of the Veterans' Recreation Authority,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the deepest sympathy of the members of the Council is hereby extended to the family and that Mary Hazel Adams is hereby honored and memorialized, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the family and to the newspapers of Charlotte, and that this resolution be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO FIRM OF RAY RANKIN, ATTORNEY, FOR LEGAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH EAST 5TH AND EAST 6TH STREET CONNECTORS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, payment of \$737.40 was authorized to the firm of Mr Ray Rankin, Attorney, for legal services in connection with the East 5th and East 6th Street Connectors.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO DAVIS & DAVIS REALTY COMPANY, INC. FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH TAGGART CREEK OUTFALL, THOMASBORO OUTFALL AND SENECA PLACE BRIDGE.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the payment of \$215.00 was authorized to Davis & Davis Realty Company, Inc., for services in connection with the following projects:

Taggart Creek Outfall	\$145.00
Thomasboro Outfall	\$ 20.00
Seneca Place Bridge	\$ 50.00

PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED FOR RIGHTS OF WAY IN CONNECTION WITH TAGGART CREEK OUTFALL AND THOMASBORO SANITARY SEWER MAINS.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing payments as follows for right of way in connection with Taggart Creek Outfall and Thomasboro sanitary sewer mains:

Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc.	\$ 352.27
Tom Mattox and wife, Azelea	10.00
Preston R. Taylor and wife, Mildred, and Harvey H. Elmore and wife Bula	36.18
L.A. Lineberger & wife, Georgia	1,574.00
Robert E. Strawn & wife, Iris	708.05
John V. Starnes & wife, Nannie	272.61
Joe D. Withrow and wife, Florence	365.00
Carmer V. Burke & husband, Thomas	844.50
Total	\$4,162.61

CINDERELLA ROAD, FROM HIDDEN VALLEY ROAD TO THORNWOOD ROAD, TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Jordan moved that Cinderella Road, from Hidden Valley Road to Thornwood Road, a distance of 680-feet, be taken over for continuous city maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

EXTRA WORK ORDER #1 AUTHORIZED IN CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN SOUTH BOULEVARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing Extra Work Order No. 1 in contract with Blythe Bros Company for construction of a 20-inch water main in South Boulevard, for boring an estimated 36-foot long section at a unit cost of \$21.00 per lineal foot but not to exceed \$758.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK AUTHORIZED IN ADMIRAL AVENUE.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the construction of 550-feet of sanitary sewer main and trunk in Admiral Avenue, inside the city, at the request of the City Engineer, at an estimated cost of \$2,310.00 to the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED MINNESOTA MINING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR SCOTCHLITE MATERIAL.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company for Scotchlite Material, at a total price of \$7,091.55.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION OF CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION AND G.R. BRADSHAW, ET AL, FOR THE ABANDONMENT OF STREET RIGHT OF WAY ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that a public hearing on the question of closing the streets or portions thereof set forth in the Bradshaw petition attached hereto shall be held at 2 o'clock p.m., on Monday, the 16th day of October, 1961, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall. The City Clerk is hereby directed to publish such a notice in The Charlotte News once a week for four successive weeks next preceding the date fixed here for such hearing, as required by G.S. 153-9(17).

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, 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 Mrs Margaret H. Dulin, for Graves #5 and #6, in Lot 19, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs Mary S. Currie and Sara L. Currie, for Lot 369, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs J. H. Woodruff, for Lot 159, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$126.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs Anna Thevaos, for northwest 1/4 of Lot 23, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 transferred from Miss Josephine Kerr.

CONTRACT AWARDED KNOXVILLE FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR MANHOLE RINGS AND COVERS.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the award of contract to the low bidder, Knoxville Foundry Company for 420 Manhole Rings and Covers with 60 extra Covers, at a total price of \$12,838.95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Knoxville Foundry Company	\$ 12,838.95
Sumter Machinery Company	\$ 12,912.46
Dewey Bros., Inc.	\$ 13,533.46

CONTRACT AWARDED KNOXVILLE FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CATCH BASIN GRATES AND FRAMES.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Knoxville Foundry Company, for 180 Catch Basin Grates and Frames and 60 extra Grates, at a total price of \$6,192.36.

The following bids were received:

Knoxville Foundry Company	\$ 6,192.36
Sumter Machinery Company	\$ 6,383.12
Dewey Bros., Inc.	\$ 6,843.21

PEDESTRIAN ORDINANCE ORDERED ENFORCED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1962 AND INTENSIVE SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM CARRIED ON DURING INTERIM.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Council allow until January 1st for the pedestrian educational program and start enforcement of the ordinance at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Smith urged that the enforcement date of the ordinance be left open beyond January 1st. Councilman Dellinger called attention that the ordinance is two years old and sufficient time for the educational program will have been had by January 1st.

Councilman Smith offered a substitute motion that we proceed with the educational program until January 1st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Dellinger stated this is threatening persons if they do not abide by the ordinance. Councilman Smith countered with the opinion that by fixing a date for enforcement merely calls attention that it is not being enforced, and he still thinks leaving the enforcement time out and officially calling attention to the safety program is the better plan.

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Mr Morrissey, City Attorney, stated it is the duty of the Police Department to enforce the Jaywalking law, and the Council means that a more rigorous program will be undertaken than at present.

Councilman Dellinger withdrew his motion.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and was lost by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Smith and Thrower.

NAYS: Councilmen Dellinger, Bryant, Jordan and Whittington.

Councilman Dellinger then moved that effective January 1st the Police Department be instructed to more vigorously enforce the Pedestrian Ordinance and proceed at once with the safety educational program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Dellinger, Bryant, Jordan and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilmen Smith and Thrower.

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED TO INSTALL NEW GATE AT ELMWOOD CEMETERY SIXTH STREET ENTRANCE.

Councilman Bryant moved that the Cemetery Department be authorized to install a new gate at Elmwood Cemetery Sixth Street entrance; the gate to be of iron of a design in keeping with the cemetery, and to replace the destroyed rock column and repair the walls and sidewalk at the said entrance, and that \$1,600.00 be transferred from the Contingency Fund for this purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

PORTION OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROPERTY AUTHORIZED CONVEYED TO PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR PARK PURPOSES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, a portion of Evergreen Cemetery property was authorized conveyed to the Park & Recreation Commission to be used for park purposes.

QUARRY ON CITY PROPERTY ON REID ROAD AUTHORIZED FILLED.

Councilman Thrower moved that the Quarry located on city property on Reid Road near the entrance to Montclair Subdivision be filled and that \$2,500.00 be transferred from the Contingency Fund for this purposed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR COMMENDED FOR FINE JOB DONE ON PAY PLAN.

Councilman Bryant commended Mr. Robert Earle, Personnel Director, on the very fine job he did on the Pay Plan for city personnel.

REPORT ON WEST SIDE GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROJECT.

Councilman Dellinger asked for a report on the West Side Grade Crossing Elimination project and the City Manager advised he has had a letter from a Southern Railway official in which it was indicated they would proceed with the design and it would go out to contract at an early date.

WIDTH OF NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY RIGHT OF WAY REQUESTED.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to advise him the width of the North-West Expressway right of way from Graham to College Street, whether 100 or 200 feet.

TRAFFIC COUNT REQUESTED MADE AT THREE STREET LOCATIONS, AND REPORT ON WHEN VAPOR STREET LIGHTS WILL BE INSTALLED ON 36TH STREET.

Councilman Dellinger requested a traffic count and report on requests for traffic signals at Cumberland Avenue and East Boulevard, Garden Terrace and East Boulevard and Sugar Creek Road and The Plaza. He also requested a report on when the vapor street lights will be installed on 36th Street, previously requested.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO USE SAFETY MEASURES EMPLOYED BY SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AT STREET WORK LOCATIONS, AFTER WHICH DUKE POWER COMPANY AND PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY BE DIRECTED TO DO LIKEWISE.

Councilman Dellinger commended Southern Bell Telephone Company on the safety devices used at their work locations on city streets, he stated the Company has yellow stop signs on either side and blinker lights at each end, and it is most effective and he would like the City to employ the same safety measures in street work, and after being put into effect, that Duke Power Company and Piedmont Natural Gas Company be requested to do likewise.

CITY COACH LINE REQUESTED TO ATTACH SIGNS ON SCHOOL BUSES.

Councilman Smith commended the City Coach Lines on the fine job they are doing in transporting school children. He requested the Traffic Engineer to confer with company officials relative to marking the buses to indicate they were picking up and discharging school children. He suggested that "School Bus" signs be attached to the buses and stated he is sure the public would be more careful near the buses.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND SEABOARD RAILWAY AUTHORIZED REQUIRED TO INSTALL CONTROL SIGNALS AT RAILROAD CROSSING.

Councilman Whittington asked if the City cannot demand that the railroad companies install control signals at a crossing where three deaths have occurred. The City Manager stated he has written both the Southern and Seaboard Railway Companies requesting them to take immediate action on installing these signals. That if no action is taken by them by the end of the week, he will again contact the companies.

He advised further he hopes that legal action will not be necessary; however, the City has authority under the charter to require the railroad companies to make the installation upon request.

VAPOR STREET LIGHTS REQUESTED INSTALLED ON CALDWELL STREET FROM NORTH BREVARD STREET TO 36TH STREET.

Councilman Whittington requested that vapor street lights be installed on Caldwell Street from North Brevard Street to 36th Street.

OPINION OF CITY'S AUTHORITY FOR REMOVAL OF WEEDS ETC. FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY.

In response to Council's request for authority relative to the removal of weeds, etc from private property, Mr Morrissey, City Attorney, advised that the only authority the City has to go on private property for this purpose is if conditions in fact constitute a nuisance; that only the courts can ultimately determine this. That great care must be taken in the execution of the job that no damage is done to trees and shrubbery.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would therefor assume that when a complaint about a certain condition is received, the Health Department would ask the property owner to clear it up.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY ENGINEER DIRECTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION WITH REGARD TO MAINTENANCE OF DIRT STREETS WITHIN CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Dellinger requested that some type of program be worked out whereby the 15 to 20 miles of dirt streets may be improved and kept in good condition which are not presently under municipal or state maintenance. He stated further he is very serious about this matter and feels that the people should have relief; that the State has some type of program where a certain number of houses are located on dirt streets.

Mayor Brookshire stated he is under the impression that the State requires a 60-foot right of way. He asked that the City Manager and City Engineer make a study of the situation and report their recommendations to Council.

REQUEST FOR MID-BLOCK CROSSWALK ON COLLEGE STREET BETWEEN TRADE STREET AND 5TH STREET DISAPPROVED BY TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND PETITIONER AND PERSONS SIMILARLY INTERESTED TO BE INVITED TO COME DOWN AND DISCUSS REQUESTS WITH COUNCIL.

The City Manager called attention to a letter received from Mr George W. Dowdy, Vice-President and General Manager of Belk Bros. Company, requesting the establishment of a mid-block crosswalk on South College Street, between Trade Street and 5th Street, and that the Traffic Engineer has made a study of the situation and will discuss it at this time. Mr Veeder stated further that the Council should consider that their decision may be construed as setting a precedent.

Mr Hoose advised the Traffic Engineering Department has checked this location several times in the past year and found that it was not feasible to establish this crosswalk.

Within the past week the Traffic Engineering Department has conducted a pedestrian interview survey at this location and found that the pedestrians crossing College Street from east to west were 58.2% living within the City Limits; 26.4% living in the County; and 15.4% living outside the County. The pedestrians crossing from west to east were 74.8% living within the City Limits; 11.7% living in the County; and 13.5% living outside the County. This proves that the greatest percent live within the City limits and the County. The actual percent varies from 74.6% to 86.5%. During the date of the survey a total of 485 pedestrians crossed mid-block. From September 1, 1959 to September 1, 1961 four pedestrian accidents resulting in injuries were reported mid-block between Trade Street and 5th Street.

He stated that College Street is one-way 34 ft. wide. There is a traffic signal at College Street and Trade Street with pedestrian "Walk-Don't Walk" signals. There is a traffic signal located at the intersection of 5th

Street and College Street with signal indications for the pedestrian. Fifth Street is also a one-way street. That the entrance to Belks on College Street to the intersection of 5th Street and College Street is only 130 feet. That data collected from the "Accident Facts for 1961" shows in all age groups 44% of the pedestrian fatalities were caused by crossing between intersections or mid-block, and coming from behind parked vehicles, and also resulted in 47% of the pedestrian injuries.

He advised the recommendation of the Traffic Engineering Department is that a crosswalk not be established at this point and that pedestrians be encouraged and educated to cross at the marked signalized crosswalks.

Councilman Smith asked if the County Commissioners did not request the establishment of a crosswalk on 4th Street, between the Courthouse and County Office Building, and if it was not approved by the Traffic Engineer. Mr Hoose replied that it was requested, and approved by him. Councilman Smith then stated that it puts Council in a bad light to approve one request and not another.

Councilman Smith moved before a decision is made on the request, that Mr Dowdy and other persons similarly interested be invited to come down and discuss the matter with Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk