

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, January 16, 1961, at 2 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Myers, Smith and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Hitch.

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

ABSENT: Mr. Ervin, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Wilkinson.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Myers, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 9, 1961 were approved as corrected on Page 189 to record Councilman Myers ab-staining from voting on the motion relative to the Transfer of Cemetery Lots.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 713 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 713 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map by changing property bounded by E. Morehead Street, Edgehill Road and Brunswick Avenue, from R-2 to O-I, on petition of J. B. Rowe, Annie L. Shepherd, Mrs. Mabel Dawson, Mrs. W. S. McClelland, Dr. Walter R. Graham and E. C. Griffith, Jr.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, advised the property is located on the south side of East Morehead Street between Kings Drive and Edgehill Road and is adjoined by business developments in an O-I zone on the west, vacant land towards Kings Drive, Brunswick Avenue and Edgehill Road, residential area across Morehead Street and by a B-1 zone along Kings Drive.

Mr. Joe Grier, Attorney, for Dr. Walter R. Graham, a petitioner, stated that the other owners of property in the block whose property is not presently zoned O-I have joined in the petition, with Mrs. Rowe owning the first lot, Mrs. Shepherd the second, Mrs. Dawson the third, Mrs. McClelland the fourth, then Dr. Graham and Mr. Griffith; that all of these people are of the opinion that their property has its best use in an O-I zone; that when Dr. Graham acquired the J. B. Ivey property he had the deed restrictions removed so that it may be used for offices; that the area was developed by The Stephens Company in the 1920s who put the map on record as residential property; that the Company was dissolved about 8 years ago and he believes all restrictions were then dissolved. He

stated as a good portion of the block has been rezoned O-I the requested change can have no detrimental effect on adjoining property. Mr. David Craig, Attorney for Mrs. Shepherd, stated he endorses the remarks by Mr. Grier and joins in requesting the rezoning of the property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 714 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 714 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map by changing zoning on property at 1323 The Plaza from R-2 to B-1, on petition of Jo Ann Jaeger, 230 Providence Road.

The Planning Director advised the property covers the major portion of the lot on the west side of The Plaza, between Peachtree Street and Central Avenue, and is adjoined by offices, residences and business; that across the street is a church and the large business area on the corner.

Mr. Arthur Goodman, Jr., Attorney representing the petitioner, stated the character of the neighborhood has changed so that she cannot lease the property for residential use; that at the corner of Central and The Plaza there is a Service Station, Cleaning Establishment, etc and the southeast corner of her land is now zoned B-1 and she wishes the remainder so zoned. That if the Council feels they cannot zone the property B-1 then she requests an O-I zoning. Mr. McIntyre explained that the portion of the property zoned B-1 was so zoned when the B-1 zoning boundary along Central Avenue was established years ago to a depth of 300 feet; that Miss Jaeger has a 50 foot lot, with 10 feet zoned B-1 and 40 feet zoned R-2.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 715 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 715 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map by changing zoning on property located on the east side of Statesville Road, north of Kohler Avenue, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of Domar Corp, Inc. 417 S. Tryon Street.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property is located on the east side of Statesville Avenue and is vacant with the exception of an old residence; that the property fronts 475 feet on Statesville Avenue with a depth of 415 feet; is adjoined at the rear by vacant land with residences fronting on Arden Street, and a church and residences across the street; about 1/2 block away is a trucking establishment.

Mr. William Grist, Attorney for the petitioner, advised they are not asking for the change in zoning so that to sell off the lots, but rather to develop themselves with either a colored motel or business offices for doctors, both with off-street parking; that the Domar Corp. has constructed 200 units on Aileen Drive, 40 on Kohler Avenue, 15 units up the street and 32 on Badger Court; that within the past three years they have

built over a million dollars worth of property in the area. He advised they will forego the sale of beer and wine, because they do not desire to sell it and too, there is a church and school in the immediate vicinity. He advised further that the property is not suitable for residential purposes because of the adjoining business area and the traffic on Statesville Avenue, which in 1959 when a traffic count was made showed 8,469 cars in a 12 hour period. He stated in order to protect the residential property, they will give up a small lot on the edge of the property as a buffer and also give up 50-ft. as a buffer along the other side. He stated the present taxes realized from the property is \$243.00 and they believe when it is developed as they plan it will bring in \$1,500.00 to \$2,000.00 per year in taxes.

Mr. Mark Walters, an active member of the Company, stated they have been unable to purchase the adjoining property zoned for business on which to construct the businesses they desire; that there is a need for a Super Market within the area as the only one is a small grocery store in Double Oaks.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 716 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 716 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map by changing zoning on property at the southeast corner of Statesville Road and Niven Road, from Rural to B-1, on petition of John S. Dellinger et al.

The Planning Director stated the property consists of four lots on the easterly side of Statesville Road and is partially vacant, otherwise in residential use, with 200-ft. frontage and 200 ft. depth; that across Statesville Road the land is vacant and across Niven Road is residential developments, and is adjoined on all sides by Rural zoning.

Mr. Brock Barkley, Attorney for the petitioner, stated the two lots adjacent to the property in question are owned by John G. Howell, on which is located his residence and an automobile repair shop. That this entire area on Statesville Road has not had any residential property erected in five years with the exception of one 4-room built on the rear of Mr. Howell's lot for occupancy by his son. That as this is a heavily travelled highway, it seems destined to be developed industrially from the old city limits to beyond the petitioners property, there being 11 business establishments already erected between the old and new city limits with 10 businesses located between the new city limits and Niven Belt Road, and 10 more business houses from Niven Belt Road to Burmith Avenue.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change in zoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 717 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 717 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map by changing zoning on property on the north side of Interstate Highway #85, west of the Seaboard Airline Railway property, from R-2 to Industrial, on petition of Fannie L. Keistler.

The Planning Director advised the property covers 13 1/2 acres with vacant land on the north side of Interstate #85, and runs 830 feet along US 29 Bypass and is 530 ft. deep on one side and 850 ft. deep on the other side. He advised the property is adjoined on all sides by vacant land, and the property to the north is owned by the Seaboard Railway; to the west lots have been laid out for residential use; on the southerly boundary is residential property and on the north is adjoined by Industrial property and on the west by residential property.

Mr. Thomas Lockhart, Attorney for the petitioner and also speaking in behalf of the Seaboard Ry, stated the property consists of 13.6 acres; that the property is surrounded on the north, south and east by industrially zoned areas and any use of the property other than Industrial would be out of keeping with the area; that the tract ties in with the Seaboard Railway's property immediately to the north and east. Mr. Lockhart stated the Seaboard Railway Company has a client who wants to locate in Charlotte and likes this site if it is rezoned for industrial use.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed zoning change.

Council decision was deferred one week.

FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION DEPARTMENT URGES THOROUGH STUDY OF NEW HOUSING CODE AND OFFERS HIS ASSISTANCE.

Mr. James Bell, former Supt. of the Building Inspection Department, appeared before Council and stated he feels that he did the City a disfavor when he resigned and left in August when the Housing Code was in the completion stage; that he spent the last two weeks he was here working on it day and night, putting into it those provisions which he thought would answer the City's problems; that it was a Code that had not been done in the same manner before, that it was a rehabilitation type Code, not a conscience easing one to leave things as they are until they get so bad something has to be done. He stated that every day there are buildings in Charlotte drifting into slums and something has to be done or the slums will never be cleaned up in Charlotte. He stated his disfavor or neglect, was that he delivered the new Code by letter to the City Manager and then went off to his new job with the School Board. That what is needed to be done with a Housing Code is to explain and sell it; if it has no merit then throw it away. Mr. Bell stated he is here to offer to sell it to the Council and then to anyone who is interested, to find out what the answer is to our Code problem. If there is anything illegal about the new Code, the City Attorney can tell us; if it is unworkable we can throw it out, but if it is new and has merit, then we should try it out. He stated he offers his service in selling it to the Council and the people, and is sorry he has not come down sooner.

Mayor Smith expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bell and stated his help is needed to discuss and explain it and he will certainly be called on.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he will certainly call on Mr. Bell.

DRAFTS OF LEASE-AGREEMENT ON PORTION OF PARKING LOT AT COLISEUM TO BE OPERATED BY DWIGHT L. PHILLIPS, REFERRED TO COMMITTEE TO INCORPORATE DETAILS OF OPERATION.

Mr. Carlton Fleming, Attorney for Mr. Dwight L. Phillips, was present to answer any questions in connection with the drafts relative to the amend-

ment to the Lease-agreement for the portion of the parking lot at the Coliseum, which Mr. Phillips will take over and operate, and the 2.801 acre lot which the city will retain.

Councilman Smith stated that in his opinion the drafts submitted do not spell out enough details, for example there is no provision as to the maintenance, lighting and other details in connection with the lot to be operated by Mr. Phillips, and he thinks these details should be set out in the lease.

Councilman Myers moved that the drafts be referred to the Committee formerly appointed, to confer on the subject with Mr. Fleming, the City Attorney and City Manager and revise the lease-agreement and bring back to Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

It was decided to have their meeting at 9 o'clock a.m. tomorrow.

Mr. Veeder suggested that the Agreement should be approved by the Authority as to the contents before adoption by Council.

CHANGE ORDER APPROVED IN CONTRACT WITH T.A. SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO KILDARE AND LYTTLETON DRIVES.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the Change Order in the contract with T. A. Sherrill Construction Company for street improvements to Kildare and Lyttleton Drives, Item 1. Unclassified earth excavation bid at \$1.50 per cubic yard - change to \$1.00 per cubic yard. Item 2. Valley type combination curb and gutter, bid at \$1.60 per foot - change to \$1.30 per foot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains was authorized as follows:

- (a) Construction of 1,884 ft. of 8-inch main in Erie Street and Cummings Avenue, inside the city limits, at request of K. Martin Waters, Jr. Estimated cost of \$5,625.00 to be borne by the applicant whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 421-ft. of 8-inch main in Fieldwood Drive and Hearthstone Court, inside the city limits, at request of James S. Wilcox, Jr. Estimated cost of \$2,105.00 to be borne by the applicant whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 1,205-ft. of 8-inch main in Newland Road, inside the city limits, at request of K. Martin Waters, Jr. Estimated cost of \$4,885.00 to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract..

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Babcock,

and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewer mains at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 1,615 ft. of lines in Heathwood Road and Woodlark Lane in the 1960 city limits area, at an estimated cost of \$6,015.00, at the request of the City Engineer. All costs to be borne by the City and charged to the new Sewer Bond Fund in accordance with schedule of construction from said Fund.
- (b) Construction of 1,615-ft. of lines in Bertonley Road, Wilkinson Street, Judith Court and Water Oak Road, inside the 1960 city limits area, at an estimated cost of \$5,705.00, at the request of the City Engineer. All costs to be borne by the City and charged to the new Sewer Bond Fund in accordance with schedule of construction from said fund.
- (c) Construction of 30-ft. of sewer lines in Bradford Drive, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$320.00, at the request of the City Engineer. All costs to be borne by the City.

CONTRACTS FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the installation of water mains:

- (a) Supplementary contract to contract dated Nov. 9, 1959 with the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company for the installation of 337 ft. of additional 12" water mains in the Hoskins Area, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$2,700.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant who will dedicate same to the City without cost or any further agreements therewith, upon the acceptance of the work by the City for maintenance and operation; Railway Company to be permitted to install tracks across said mains in the future providing work is done at no cost to the city and in compliance with standard engineering practice for such installation.
- (b) Contract with Ervin Construction Company for installation of 6,290 ft. of main and three fire hydrants, in Sheffield Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$17,600.00, the city to finance all construction and applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR CRESTMERE AVENUE TRUNK SEWER RIGHT-OF-WAY ACROSS PROPERTY OF J. WILDING THOMPSON.

Councilman Babcock moved that condemnations proceedings be authorized for right-of-way across the property of Mr. J. Wilding Thompson for the Crestmere Avenue trunk sewer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED N. C. HUNDLEY TO OPERATE DETECTIVE AGENCY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington,

and unanimously carried, permit was authorized issued to Mr. N. C. Hundley, trading as Hargrave Secret Service, to operate a detective agency.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs Sarah Ross Houser for Lot #118, Graves 1,2,3 and 4, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with Alva H. and Paul Palmer, for Lot #118, Graves 5,6,7 and 8, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (c) Deed with Fresca Brown and Mrs. Fannie M. Brown, for Lot #331, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. C. F. Allen, for Lot 20-B, Graves 4 and 5, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$108.00.
- (e) Deed with Mrs Carrie Lanier, for Lot #21, Graves 4 and 5, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$108.00.
- (f) Deed with Mr or Mrs J. P. Lane, for Lot #23, Graves 4 and 5, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$108.00.
- (g) Deed with Mrs O. C. Harvey, for Lot #91, Graves 4 and 5, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (h) Deed with Mrs U. L. Scheidel, for Lot #103, Grave 5, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.00.
- (i) Deed with Miss Fannie McCombs, for Lot B in front of rows #19 and 20, Section A, North Pinewood Cemetery, at \$126.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED PRISMO SAFETY CORPORATION FOR 2,000 GALLONS TRAFFIC PAINT.

Councilman Babcock moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Prismo Safety Corporation, for 2,000 gallons beaded white Traffic Paint, in the amount of \$6,520.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following net delivered bids were received:

Prismo Safety Corp.	\$ 6,520.00
The Sherwin-Williams Co.	7,100.00
Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.	7,700.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MILL POWER SUPPLY COMPANY FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER AND DIRECTIONAL PRESSURE DETECTORS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Mill Power Supply Company for One actuated traffic signal Controller and four directional pressure Detectors, in the amount of \$1,835.00.

The following net delivered bids were received:

Mill-Power Supply Co.	\$ 1,835.00
Westinghouse Elec. Supply Co.	1,860.38
Automatic Signal Division, Eastern Industries, Inc.	1,872.25
General Electric Supply Co.	1,878.00
Wilmington Electric Supply Co.	1,913.50

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE ROOFING & ASPHALT COMPANY FOR REPAIRS TO ROOF AT EQUIPMENT DEPOT BUILDING.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Interstate Roofing & Asphalt Company, Inc., for repairs to the roof on the Equipment Depot building, in the amount of \$2,498.00.

The following net delivered bids were received:

Interstate Roofing & Asphalt Co., Inc.	\$ 2,498.00
Avrett & Ledbetter Roofing & Htg. Co.	2,774.00

TRAFFIC COUNT DIRECTED MADE FROM 6 P.M. TO 8 A.M. ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

In connection with the request of Mr. Fred Alexander for the PTAs of the Schools in the west Charlotte area that parking restrictions be lifted and the truck route discontinued, the City Manager submitted a letter from the Traffic Engineering Department giving the vehicle count and increase in volume for the past year. Also, stating that the parking regulations prohibiting all parking along the street are warranted regardless of whether trucks are permitted to operate along the road. They also pointed out in connection with the complaint that the area was being discriminated against, that in recent years the City has installed traffic signals at two locations, a flashing beacon at one location, school flashing lights at two locations and school guards at two locations and Beatties Ford Road was the first street in the City to be lighted with mercury vapor lights. It was also pointed out in the letter that traffic studies made just prior to the installation of parking restrictions and the establishment of the truck route indicate that traffic had increased along Beatties Ford Road from 32% to 160%. He called attention that the State Highway Department controls parking on streets it widens.

Mr. Alexander stated there is no reason taking their complaint to the State Highway Department unless they can say the City approves limited parking. He stated even though the State Highway Department required no parking on other streets similarly widened, their case is different as it is absolutely necessary for the existence of their business houses that persons be allowed to park for a limited time; however, there is no need going to the Highway Department without knowing the stand the City is going to take.

Councilman Smith suggested that removing parking restrictions from 6 pm to 8 am might help the situation, and asked for Mr. Hoose's feelings on the suggestion, to which Mr. Hoose replied he would object to it. Councilman Smith then requested Mr. Hoose to have a traffic count made from 6 pm to 8 am and the Council will make a decision after the report is received.

MEETING FIXED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 18TH, 7:30 P.M. TO DISCUSS WATER AND SEWER RATES.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried, the meeting with Mr. Sawyer of Hazen and Sawyer to discuss the Water and Sewer Rates, was set for Wednesday night, January 18th at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Alexander stated there is no reason taking their complaint to the State Highway Department unless they can say the City approves limited parking. He stated even though the State Highway Department required no parking on other streets similarly widened, their case is different as it is absolutely necessary for the existence of their business houses that persons be allowed to park for a limited time; however, there is no need going to the Highway Department without knowing the stand the City is going to take.

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RULE 10 OF FIRE DEPARTMENT RULES & REGULATIONS ADOPTED DECEMBER 19, 1960 DELETED.

Councilman Dellinger stated he thinks the following Rule should be removed from the Fire Department Rules & Regulations adopted December 19, 1960 as it prohibits a Fireman from contacting a member of the Council:

"Rule 10. For wilfully interfering in matters affecting administrative policies and practices of the Department, the City Manager's office, City Council, Civil Service Commission or any other department or division of the City government."

In the discussion it was pointed out that the language of the rule is "wilfully interfering in matters etc" and does not appear to refer to mere conversation. Councilman Dellinger stated the firemen feel that the true import is to prohibit any discussion with a Council member, therefore he feels the Rule can serve no useful purpose and is not a good one and other employees are not limited in their contacts with Council members. He then moved that Rule 10 be deleted from the Rules, which was seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried.

FUNDS AUTHORIZED TRANSFERRED FROM CONTINGENCY FUND FOR INSTALLATION OF SKY-LIGHT IN RECORDER'S COURT ROOM.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, \$240.00 was authorized transferred from the Contingency Fund to cover the cost of installing a sky-light in the Recorder's Court Room.

EXTENSION OF PROBATION FROM 6 TO 12 MONTHS FOR NEW EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF 6 MONTH PROBATION PERIOD FOR PROMOTIONS, IN POLICE DEPARTMENT, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Babcock moved approval of the extension of the probation period of new employees from 6 to 12 months and establishment of a 6 month probation period for promotions, in the Police Department, as requested by Chief James and recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF SITE AT THE SW CORNER OF GLENWOOD DRIVE AND ROWAN STREET FOR FIRE STATION AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the purchase of land at the southwest corner of Glenwood Drive and Rowan Street, for the erection of a fire station, at a cost of \$7,200.00 subject to the approval of the title by the City Attorney, was authorized. Councilman Dellinger called attention that the appraisal of the property was not authorized by the Council and he would prefer in the future the appraisers being selected by Council.

GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL DEFERRED TWO WEEKS.FOR ADDITIONAL DATA.

Mr. Earle, Personnel Director, explained in detail the Group Insurance Plan Program for city employees, the methods employed in renegotiating the insurance coverage, an analysis of the bid proposals, and recommendations for the expanded insurance program, which had been given Council in writing on January 13th. Mr. Earle presented a comparative Chart of the following eleven Insurance Companies bid proposals, as evaluated by him on the same basis:

Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Corp., Richmond, Va.
New York Life Insurance Company, New York, N. Y.
Mutual of New York, New York, N. Y.
Life Insurance Company of Virginia, Richmond, Va.
Home Security Life Insurance Company, Durham, N. C.
Pyramid Life Insurance Company, Charlotte, N. C.
Security Life & Trust Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.
Travelers Insurance Company, Hartford, Conn.
Pilot Life Insurance Company, Greensboro, N. C.
Gulf Life Insurance Company, Jacksonville, Fla.
Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. Earle recommended that the insurance program be approved as set out in the specifications with one modification: "Group Life insurance for those who remain as active employees beyond their 65th birthdate will be continued in the amount of \$1,000. Conversion privileges for this amount will apply upon separation from the city's service," and the insurance be placed with New York Life Insurance Company, as they offer the most economical group coverage from a long range point of view, the company being substantial with a record of more than 100 years of successful operation and they are represented locally with complete claim facilities.

The proposals and recommendations were discussed at length by Mr. Earle and the Council, following which Councilman Whittington moved that the insurance program be accepted and placed as recommended by Mr. Earle. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Representatives of the Insurance Companies were present, and Mr. Jay Alexander and Mr. F. M. Tiece discussed the proposal of Pyramid Life Insurance Company, asking for an explanation of certain figures and contending that their proposal offers a program at a much lower rate than that of New York Life Insurance Company with whom the insurance is recommended placed. Mr. W. H. Gaither, spoke for the bids of Pilot Life Insurance Company and Life Insurance Company of Virginia, stating the comparison of the various proposals is not made on proper basis. He urged that the matter be deferred one week as this insurance represents a quarter of a million dollars and should not be decided so quickly. Mr. Richard Moncure, Regional Manager, Life Insurance Company of Virginia and Mr. G. R. Sinclair, Pilot Life Insurance Company each spoke at length expressing dissatisfaction with the methods of comparison.

Councilman Babcock stated he could not support the motion for the adoption of the program as proposed and that he is now confused and therefore offers a substitute motion that the matter be tabled for two weeks and proposals be resubmitted on an equal basis, according to ground rules set up by Mr. Earle. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Babcock, Dellinger, Albea and Myers.
NAYS: Councilmen Whittington and Smith.

Mr. Earle asked for explicit directions as to just what is desired. Mr. Veeder suggested it would be possible to use the data as presented and add the new data submitted by the Companies and put it together on the same level.

Councilman Dellinger called attention to the schedule of coverage, ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 and stated he feels a maximum covering of \$5,000 is as much as the City should participate in. Councilman Babcock also expressed the opinion that \$10,000 is too high, and moved that it be fixed at \$7,500, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger. Mr. Veeder

advised that some departmental heads would be penalized by cutting back the maximum coverage and that he thinks a level of coverage of one year's salary is alright, and the departmental heads salary level should be treated equally with other employees.

Councilman Babcock moved that the maximum coverage be \$7,500, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and lost by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Babcock and Dellinger
NAYS: Councilmen Albea, Myers, Smith and Whittington.

COST ESTIMATE REQUESTED FOR STRAIGHTENING CLANTON ROAD AND WIDENING FROM YORK ROAD TO BLANDWOOD DRIVE.

The City Manager reported that the cost estimate for widening Clanton Road to a width of 26 feet from South Boulevard to South Tryon Street is \$46,000 and from South Boulevard to Blandwood Drive is \$59,000, including storm drains, curb and gutters etc. Councilman Babcock, who was interested in the widening, stated the cost is prohibitive and certainly not justified spent on this street.

Mr. Veeder stated that Clanton Road is a contemplated route around the city in the Thoroughfare Plan, and the widening would therefore probably not be justified at this time.

Councilman Whittington stated his thinking in requesting the cost estimate was that here is an area with 500 homes and it is not safe for two cars to pass on Clanton Road. He suggested that it might be possible to proceed with straightening the street and widening it from York Road to Blandwood Drive. Mr. Veeder stated he would have a cost estimate prepared on this proposal.


TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY FUND AND USE OF POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM REFUNDS AUTHORIZED TOWARD PURCHASE OF POLICE RADIO SYSTEM.

The City Manager advised that matching federal funds anticipated appropriated through Civil Defense for the purchase of a new Police Radio System will not be made available. He stated further that a new system is absolutely necessary, and recommended that the \$24,000 budgeted for this purpose be used, together with refunds from the Police Retirement System in the amount of \$12,000 and \$2,500.00 from the Contingency Fund be used for the purchase of the equipment. Councilman Whittington moved that funds be used as recommended and the radio system be purchased. The motion was seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Dellinger advised he believes he can secure the necessary funds for the purchase of the equipment from another source, and will advise definitely at next week's meeting. In the meanwhile, specifications will be prepared for receiving bids on the equipment.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk