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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, February 12, 1962, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Whittington presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Jordan, Smith and Thrower present.

ABSENT: Mayor Brookshire and Councilman Dellinger.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on February 5, 1962 were approved as submitted.

CLAIM OF MRS WILLIE MAE PORTER FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND DAMAGES DENIED.

Councilman Thrower moved that the claim of Mrs Willie Mae Porter for personal injuries and damage to property, allegedly caused by the defective condition of the sidewalk and metal doors covering the basement entrance at 107 North Tryon Street, on December 11, 1961, be denied as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried.

CLAIM OF JAMES ARTHUR JETTER FOR FALSE ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the claim of James Arthur Jetter for false arrest and imprisonment by the Charlotte Police Department in the case of mistaken identity, was denied as recommended by the City Attorney due to the City not being liable for tortious acts of its employees occurring in the performance of a governmental function.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO GEORGE HOWARD WEBB, GUARDIAN FOR GEORGE HOWARD WEBB, JR. FOR PROPERTY AS RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE EAST FIFTH STREET CONNECTOR.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the payment of \$1,890.00 to George Howard Webb, Guardian for George Howard Webb, Jr., for the purchase of 4,436 sq. feet of property at 922-36 East 6th Street, as right of way for the East Fifth Street Connector. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH N. C. HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TAGGART CREEK SEWAGE FORCE MAIN.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, authorizing a contract with the N. C. Highway Commission for right of way for the construction of the Taggart Creek Sewage Force Main.

Councilman Albea stated he would like to hear the other side of the question before he votes, that he feels both sides of a question should be heard, especially one as contraversial as this, therefore, he is not ready to vote on it today.

Councilman Jordan offered a substitute motion that Mr. Barker be thanked for bringing the matter to Council today and it will be considered and possibly passed on next week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Bryant stated the reason he is interested in going ahead today is the fact that the hearings begin on Wednesday and he thinks it would make a difference if the largest city in the two Carolinas expressed itself prior to the start of the hearings.

Councilman Thrower stated he shares everyone's views and he does not think the Council should support the proposal, but has his reservations about the Council endorsing it. If it is made known to our Congressmen that we do not approve of it he thinks that should be sufficient, rather than going through the Senate Committee.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated his information is that Senate Hearings on the Reorganization Plan to establish the Department are scheduled for February 14 and 15, a vote on the Plan is set up for February 19th or 20th and in the House for February 21st.

Councilman Thrower offered a substitute motion that Council notify our Representatives in Washington of its opposition to the creation of an Urban Affairs Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and carried by the following recorded vote:

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

AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORAL REPORT AND MANNER IN WHICH THE COMMITTEE IS LOOKING AFTER CITY'S INTEREST AT AIRPORT, APPROVED.

Councilman Smith moved approval of the oral report received today by the City Council from the Airport Advisory Committee and Council concurrence in the manner this Committee is looking after the City's interest at Douglas Municipal Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENTS AUTHORIZED TO EAST 35TH STREET, FROM NORTH DAVIDSON TO THE PLAZA.

Councilman Jordan moved that East 35th Street, from North Davidson Street to The Plaza, be improved by putting on a new mat surface, improving the grade of the street and install storm drainage, at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION OF REQUEST OF CHANTILLY SCHOOL P.T.A. THAT DRIVE MEDIAN IN INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD NOT BE INSTALLED SO AS TO PREVENT LEFT TURNS INTO ROCKWAY DRIVE.

Councilman Thrower moved that Mr. Hoose be requested to make a traffic count on Rockway Drive on a day that should be the heaviest traveled,

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that is when it is raining or bad weather, and bring the report back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea. Councilman Thrower stated he understands the former traffic count was made on a sunshiny day and the people do not think it is representative of the number of cars that bring the children to and from school. Councilman Albea stated he thinks if a traffic light was installed at Briarcreek Road like the one at Charlottetown Mall and King's Drive, it would go a long way towards settling their problem.

Councilman Jordan stated he went out to the school this morning and drove the route outlined by Mr. Hoose for the school patrons, that the first time around was 2 minutes and the next time he had to wait on a light and the time was 2 1/2 minutes; that coming up the hill is quite a problem there for traffic, however he would like to do everything possible for the school children. If the matter is going to be postponed for a week to give time for another count, he would like for the Council to talk with Dr. Garinger in reference to possibly paving a little street from the front of the school where they have the turn-around to the parking area, and by doing this he thinks it would eliminate Rockway altogether.

Councilman Smith stated he spent about an hour out at Rockway Drive this morning, that it is on a curve coming up the hill and he thinks making a left turn is going to be very dangerous, and as much as he would like to work with the school people, he could not vote for a left turn through that traffic. Councilman Bryant stated he thinks this is another of those situations where we have two very distinct problems and the Council's problem is to decide which is the biggest and he thinks the biggest would be the problem of the accidents that could be had if a left turn is allowed, therefore, he could not vote for a left turn. Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he has been out there on many occasions and to allow the median to be broken and left turns into the street would create a hazard greater than at present.

The vote was taken on the motion and lost by the following recorded vote for lack of a majority vote of the entire Council:

YEAS: Councilmen Thrower and Albea.

NAYS: Councilmen Bryant, Smith and Jordan.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD IN AREA OF ROCKWAY DRIVE TO 35 M.P.H.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, was instructed to request the State Highway Department to reduce the speed limit in the area of Rockway Drive to 35 M.P.H.

MAYOR REQUESTED TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND ON THE CITY-COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAM.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Mayor appoint a Committee composed of citizens of the City, and representatives of the City-County School Board and possibly from the P.T.A. and from the Traffic Engineering Department to study the overall School safety situation, both of the City and County and let this be a permanent Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea. Councilman Jordan stated he has talked with Dr. Garinger about such Committee and he is very much in favor of having one to coordinate the school safety programs. He stated further he thinks the present

situation at Chantilly School would have resolved itself working through such Committee; that the Committee would make their recommendations regarding city schools to the City Council for consideration. The vote was taken on the motion, and unanimously carried.

RALFE MESROBIAN SELECTED AS ARCHITECT FOR TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT SHOP BUILDING.

The City Manager presented the proposals from fifteen Architects for the Traffic Engineering Department Shop, which were secured by Mr Hoose upon the request of Council. He advised that a situation has occurred as a result of the canvass of all architects and the reaction from the Architects Association is stated in a letter from Mr. Norman Pease, Jr., President of the local Chapter of Architects, who in effect questions this way of selecting an architect, in essence he says that we should select architects based on our appraisal of their professional standing and after they have been selected we should discuss fees. Mr. Veeder advised that apparently some architects took exceptions to this soliciting proposals from all architects, nevertheless, we did get several proposals and that as far as he and Mr Hoose are concerned any of those submitting proposals are competent to do the work, and he suggests that Council select one from those expressing interest and give him a contract to complete the work for the Shop Building. The City Manager stated the estimated cost of the building is \$50,000.00.

Following the discussion of the proposals, Councilman Jordan stated he thinks that Mr. Ralfe Mesrobian is a very fine architect and knows of a number of buildings he has designed. He then moved that Mr. Mesrobian be selected as Architect for the building at his lump sum proposal of \$1,450.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Bryant commented that he is very pleased in this instance but is inclined to go along with the standards the Architects set up and unless the Council is going to secure proposals from other professional people, like attorneys etc he thinks the Council should stay within the bounds of what they determine to be their professional standards and deal with them as they desire, and in fact it could be in the City's interest as at times we might get a very low bid from someone we would prefer not to do business with because he is not as qualified for the particular job as others.

Mr. Veeder stated that Mr Hoose has just handed him the letter from Mr. Mesrobian, in which he quotes the fee of \$1,450.00 based upon an estimated \$50,000.00 project. He does not say anything more in his letter and we can assume that if the project ran more than that he would perhaps want the \$1,450.00 supplemented. Mayor pro tem Whittington stated we are engaging his services for \$1,450.00. Councilman Smith stated he thinks that Mr. Whittington is right in letting Mr. Mesrobian understand that we are employing him for this fixed figure. Mr. Veeder stated that Mr. Mesrobian has not made himself abundantly clear but he will advise him the basis on which he has been engaged. Mayor pro tem Whittington stated even though Mr. Mesrobian's letter may not be clear, the motion awarding him the business is clear that the Council is accepting his proposal of \$1,450.00.

CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICE AUTHORIZED RELOCATED AT AIRPORT AS PAYING TENANT.

The City Manager stated the City has been notified that the Federal Government plans to ship in supplies to stock the fallout shelters designated

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by them here and we are to be required to have a place to warehouse these supplies when they arrive. It appears we can accomplish two desirable things at one time, one, we have suitable structures at the Airport that can be used for this purpose not now rented, both the warehouse and office for the Civil Defense and at the same time providing a revenue source for the Airport. There may be additional costs involved in this at a later date but we will have to first see the scope and amount of supplies the Government ships in to us so as to determine what, if any, additional cost will be involved in the warehousing distribution of the supplies, and he recommends that the Civil Defense office be so moved, and Civil Defense pay for the rented space.

Councilman Alba moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Bryant asked if it would be well to let the rent charged Civil Defense reflect the new rate that we would like to renegotiate with other tenants? Mr. Veeder stated the rate that will be charged Civil Defense will be the appraised rate that has been established for these buildings by the Realtors who did the appraisal about a year ago, and no reduction will be made for Civil Defense.

ESTABLISHMENT OF WEEKLY PAYROLL TO INCLUDE ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE LABOR, TRADES AND LABOR SUPERVISION GROUP, WHO WERE ON WEEKLY PAYROLL PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1962 BUT WITH NO FURTHER HIRES TO THE WEEKLY PAYROLL.

The City Manager advised that last week there was a discussion of the best approach to take as to the possibility of returning some employees now on a bi-weekly pay period to a weekly pay period and Mr. Earle has reviewed this and has made some alternatives in the letter from him which has been sent to each member of the Council. That basically it is suggested that if possible try to keep the weekly payroll as reasonably small in numbers as the Council sees fit, because of increasing the work in the Accounting Department.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of Plan #3 shown on Mr Earle's memorandum to establish the weekly payroll to include all employees in the labor, trades and labor supervision group who were on the weekly payroll prior to January 1, 1962, but with no further hires to the weekly payroll. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he thinks this should be adopted as moved by Councilman Smith and leave it there, then the personnel will understand when they are going to be paid and the Council will not be besieged with these requests for changes.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

MERITORIOUS SALARY INCREASE GRANTED POLICE OFFICER E. L. HINSON.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, presented a request from Chief John S. Hord, Charlotte Police Department, for an increase in salary for meritorious service, as provided in the City's Pay Plan, for Police Officer E. L. Hinson, who by his alertness and quick action, without regard to personal safety, on the night of January 30th, while patrolling South McDowell Street alone, observed a negro man running from a grocery store, chased him through a densely populated negro district and apprehended and arrested him without injury to either, thereby solving a case of assault on the

proprietor of the grocery store and attempted robbery.

Councilman Bryant moved that the salary increase for meritorious service be granted Officer Hinson. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SKETCH OF PROPOSED NEW SOUTHERN RAILWAY STATION PRESENTED COUNCIL.

The City Manager presented the Council copies of a sketch of the new proposed Southern Railway Station. He stated that the Southern Railway advises the Station will be located on the corner of the east side of North Tryon Street, between Keswick Avenue and 23rd Street, the facilities including passenger landing will use about 6 acres of land which is already owned by the Railway Company, and access to the Station will be from North Tryon Street with separated entrances and driveways, the station will cost about \$500,000.00 and track work will cost about \$210,000.00; that the grading is already under way, other contract work will be started about March 1st, and Southern plans to occupy the Station in September of this year. That the tracks and passenger landings will be at a slightly higher level than the Station, the Station will be a one-story building with brick and mosaic walls and a pre-stressed roof, and will be connected to the Station landing by a subway and ramp, the Station landing will be 1,500 feet long, covered by an umbrella type pre-stressed concrete roof, the interior of the Station will be about 5,000 sq. feet, in addition to a 40' x 60' waiting room, and there will be a baggage room, ticket office, concession area, rest rooms and a corridor separating the rest room from other parts of the Station. No restaurant is included. The new mail building will be located about 450-ft. north of the new Station building. The City Manager stated further that Southern Railway has proceeded rapidly with this recently, and the City now has a very good working relationship with all the Southern people concerned.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated if it would be helpful in bringing this program to July 1st, as it has been planned in the past, we should write the Southern Railway folks a letter on behalf of the Mayor and Council thanking them for their cooperation. Council concurred in the suggestion.

OFFER OF SETTLEMENT OF SUIT OF HARRIET Y. MITCHELL AGAINST CITY ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the suit of Mrs Harriet Y. Mitchell against the city for \$5,000.00, involving a fall from a temporary walkway over a sidewalk reconstruction project, was authorized settled as offered in the amount of \$495.50, as recommended by the City Attorney, who advised the settlement will serve the best interests of the City.

REQUEST THAT CUT BE PERMITTED IN MEDIAN FOR LEFT TURNS INTO JERRY'S DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT AT INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND EAST 4TH STREET.

Mr. Mike G. Plumides, Attorney representing the owner of Jerry's Drive-In Restaurant at Independence Boulevard and East 4th Street, urged that a cut be permitted in the median to permit left turns into the Restaurant. He stated it will cause a great hardship to his client if customers are denied this privilege. Mayor pro tem Whittington advised Mr. Plumides that his request will be taken under consideration.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE CONDITION OF ALLEGHANY STREET AND CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND RECOMMEND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE STREETS.

Councilman Thrower advised that the residents of Alleghany Street and Connecticut Avenue have a big problem with the bad condition of the streets, and he requested the City Manager to evaluate these streets and see if something cannot be done to get them out of the mud.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACQUISITION OF THAT PORTION OF GENERAL MILLS PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 5TH AND 6TH STREET EXTENSION PROJECT AND APPRAISERS APPOINTED TO APPRAISE GENERAL MILLS PROPERTY.

The City Manager advised that a problem has arisen on the acquisition of property necessary for the 5th and 6th Street Extension, involving the General Mills property. That the city needs a small portion of the General Mills property for the construction of the 5th Street Improvement, and in the City's condemnation proceedings the City asked for a larger portion of the property than is actually and immediately needed for the 5th Street project. That it was felt that the additional property would soon be needed for the proposed 7th Street Improvement and the Northwest Expressway. That in the condemnation proceedings we hit a snag in that the Clerk of Court was of the opinion that the City could not now condemn property for future use. That following the condemnation hearing, the Attorney for General Mills has proposed that the City purchase the entire tract owned by General Mills. That we recognize that we will ultimately have to acquire all of this property. However, we do not want to hold up the 5th Street project any longer than absolutely necessary; therefore, it is now for the Council to determine whether or not the City should proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of all of the General Mills parcels, which if authorized, requires appointment of appraisers, or whether we should forget until a later date the acquisition of all of the property and confine ourselves, for the present, to acquiring through condemnation only that portion now needed for the 5th Street improvement.

Councilman Smith stated it seems to him that we should keep these jobs separated in our thinking and purchases and leave off the acquisition of the remaining property until we get ready to widen 7th Street, therefore, he moved that the Council authorize the City Manager to instigate condemnation proceedings for the property necessary for the construction of the 5th Street project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

Councilman Albea expressed the opinion that all of the property should be acquired at this time since it is going to be needed in the long run, and the price might be increased.

The City Manager stated that General Mills has indicated a willingness to negotiate a price on the entire tract or tracts and also a willingness not to hold up the 5th Street Extension. That basically they want to get rid of all of their property. That what the City has to weigh is the need for all the property against the acquisition of the relatively small portion of it now, and the question is what is the appropriate time to acquire all of it.

Councilman Bryant asked if General Mills gave an indication as to what they wanted for all of the property and Mr. Veeder stated not specifically, but Mr. DeLaney, their Attorney, indicated he would have a proposed figure to negotiate from today.

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Councilman Smith stated the price would be some \$65,000 to \$75,000 for the whole tract and he thinks there is only \$50,000 budgeted. Mr. Veeder stated we have \$100,000.

Mr. Veeder stated in order to make sure that there is no delay on the 5th and 6th Street project, we can go ahead toward condemning the property necessary for this project and in the meanwhile see what they want for the remainder.

Councilman Smith stated he is not eliminating the idea of negotiating on the balance of the property, but is most anxious to go ahead with 5th and 6th Street, buying what is needed and Mr. Veeder to carry on the negotiations for the balance of the property.

The vote was taken on Councilman Smith's motion, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Veeder stated if we are to see what might be involved in the purchase of the whole property, we will need to appraise the property, so that we will have something to compare it with and he suggests that Council select a couple of appraisers from the approved list. He stated that the next persons on the list are Mr. Cromartie, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Davis and Mr. DeLaney.

Councilman Smith stated he does not see much point in proceeding with Appraisers until a price is secured from General Mills on the property. The City Manager stated there would be no way of knowing whether their price is good unless we have something to compare it with.

The City Attorney stated it occurs to him that knowing a figure is forthcoming from the property owner's attorney, if we were in a position to have our appraisers give us a figure as a basis for negotiations, we could wrap up the negotiations in a very shorttime and if they were successful, it would tend to save the cost of the necessary condemnation proceedings involved in the little portion needed for 5th Street.

Councilman Thrower moved that Mr. Cromartie, and Mr. Daniels be appointed to appraise the property of General Mills. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Smith asked the City Attorney if we say to the Judge we want only the small portion needed for the 5th Street project and want a ruling on this alone and are not interested in the remaining property at this time, would the Judge proceed to give a decision? Mr. Morrissey stated that he would in the due course of the condemnation proceeding. Councilman Smith asked if Mr. Morrissey thinks his method would save time by going into the whole thing? Mr. Morrissey replied that by proceeding with both if we can get an appraisal and negotiation over within the next week. Councilman Smith stated that is assuming that we buy. Mr. Morrissey said disposing of the question determining whether we can or not, could be approximately within a week, and you could add your Appraiser giving you the figure. Councilman Smith stated that would mean if the General Mills people wanted to hold out and we do not want to pay their price we would still have to go through the route we are on now, but if we are willing to buy at their figure, or compromised figure, that would take us out of Court.

At the question of Councilman Smith if the entire piece of property will be needed, Mr. Veeder stated we cannot say for sure but the Thoroughfare Plan and Northwest Expressway can hardly miss this property, that somewhere along the line there has to be some ramps coming off and he does not see

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how they could do so without involving this property, however, he cannot say positively at this time, of course.

Councilman Smith stated he does not mean to confuse the subject and he was hoping we could go ahead with the condemnation of the property we wanted and wind that up right away; that we will have to do that eventually if they do not agree to sell at a price we can approve, so if he may reverse himself, he will move that we go ahead and appoint the appraisers and proceed with the estimate of cost on the entire property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

Mr. Morrissey added and also proceed with the condemnation of the parcel .. !.... . Councilman Smith said just leave it in as it is, that it was continued and Mr. Morrissey stated we have to start a new one.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked if Councilman Smith is throwing out his original motion and putting in a new one? Councilman Smith stated he does not think he should be presumptuous enough to go against the thinking of Council on it, so he withdraws his original motion. Mr. Morrissey stated the original motion stands, it was to proceed with the condemnation of that part necessary for the 5th Street project. Now what we need is a motion to select appraisers. Mayor pro tem Whittington stated that motion has been made. The vote was taken on Councilman Thrower's motion appointing the appraisers, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO VIEW PATCH WORK ON BRANDYWINE AVENUE.

Councilman Thrower requested the City Manager to go out and examine the patching that was done on Brandywine Avenue between Selwyn Avenue and Park Road, and give him his opinion of the workmanship at the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ADVISE GOVERNOR SANFORD AND THE MECKLENBURG REPRESENTATIVES COUNCIL OPPOSES CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND WILL LOOK TO RALEIGH.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked since the Council has gone on record opposing the creation of a Department of Urban Affairs would it now be desirable to let Governor Sanford and our delegation from Mecklenburg know our feeling about it and let them know we are now looking to Raleigh even more than in the past, and we believe in all the home-rule possible.

Councilman Jordan suggested that the City Manager so advise the Governor and the Mecklenburg Representatives. Councilman Albea stated he would like someone to tell him what Washington has to do with us in Raleigh or in the County, then he might support the suggestion.

Mayor pro tem Whittington asked Mr. Veeder to reply to Councilman Albea's question. Mr. Veeder stated that the establishment of the Department of Urban Affairs would perhaps have a tendency to direct the affairs of city governments to closer relationship with Washington rather than encourage a closer relationship with Raleigh and it might also be said that the establishment of the Department of Urban Affairs could conceivably have the effect of encouraging State Legislatures to pay less attention to the problems of cities, doing so on the basis that cities should now look to Washington for their directive; and as the City of Charlotte has not seen fit to approve the creation of the Department of Urban Affairs, it logically follows that we want to strengthen and further good working relationships with our State government, the State Legislature included.

Councilman Albea stated that all FHA loans come from Washington, still you tell them you do not want to have anything to do with them.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he does not disagree with Councilman Albea but among the things Raleigh has done for Charlotte recently is the \$600,000.00 for West Trade Street, and this is just another way to say thank you and develop a better line of communication and stronger ties.

Councilman Albea stated he is not trying to cut down on our strength with Raleigh, at the same time he does not think that by cutting off with Washington is going to get one nickle from Raleigh.

CONDITION OF TRESEVANT AVENUE REQUESTED INVESTIGATED.

Councilman Smith stated that Mrs L. R. McDonald, 3932 Tresevant Avenue, has called him about the condition of the street. He asked the City Manager to look at the street and see what should be done.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO LOOK AT CURB PLACED AT ASHLEY ROAD AND JOY STREET.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he believes the work on the curb that has been done at Ashley Road and Joy Street has done more harm than good, and he asked the City Manager to look at it and make a report.

TRAFFIC COUNT REQUESTED MADE AT ASHLEY ROAD AND ENTRANCE TO HARDING HIGH SCHOOL.

Mayor pro tem Whittington requested the City Manager to have a traffic count made at Ashley Road and the entrance to Harding High School, with the view of erecting a traffic signal.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO CONDITIONS AT AIRPORT.


Mayor pro tem Whittington asked the City Manager to give the Council his recommendation as soon as possible as to what can be done to correct present conditions at the Airport.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM SCHWARTZ & SON, INC. FOR WEST 4TH STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY, BETWEEN SOUTHERN RAILWAY AND SOUTH CEDAR STREET, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of the acquisition of a strip of land between the Southern Railway and South Cedar Street, from Schwartz & Son, Inc., at a unit price of \$1.00 per square foot, totaling \$2,509.00, for right of way for West 4th Street, in the West Side Grade Crossing Elimination Project. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk