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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, August 5, 1963, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Bryant.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Huntington Williams, Jr., Rector of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on July 29th and special meeting on July 31st were approved as submitted.

ACTION ON AMENDED PARKING REGULATIONS FOR DOWNTOWN AREA POSTPONED FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS.

The proposed changes in the Downtown Parking regulations were again discussed, with Mr. Johnson stating he agrees with The Charlotte Observer's editorial last Sunday that these regulations affect the further growth of Charlotte so much that the Council cannot afford to engage in either guess work nor wishful thinking, and he added that they feel competition is the life of Charlotte and they urge that more time be given to study the proposals and see if something better can be worked out.

Mayor Brookshire advised that Council has discussed the subject for almost an hour prior to this meeting and has shown due concern for the downtown merchants and also the traffic problem itself and for these reasons has decided to postpone any decision in the matter for at least another two weeks.

Mr. P. D. Kleckley, Manager of Farris Bros. Furniture Company, stated he talked at length with his boss last Saturday, who is Chairman of the Board of Kimbrells, Inc. and all of its affiliated companies; that he has never known him to make snap decisions, that he has been retailing for fifty years, and for thirty-six years Charlotte has been his headquarters, where he operates four retail stores, one wholesale unit and a general office and has twenty-eight other retail outlets in North and South Carolina, all of which takes him out of the small merchant category. He stated that his Boss thinks that all facets of the situation have not been thoroughly analyzed and no action should be taken until this is done. That his Boss brought out these points - that express streets or semi-express streets tend to separate areas into primary and secondary sections, with secondary sections gradually dwindling away; that the downtown area of Charlotte should not be minimized, but should expand and be better; express streets should be more than one block from The Square, for example Brevard Street which borders on the Urban Renewal property would make an ideal express-street for the downtown section and Renewal property, and might make the downtown area grow instead of shrink instead of hemming it in with expressways close in; that he hopes that all angles will be explored before anything is done that could hurt many individual operations and could limit the growth of the whole downtown area. Mr. Kleckley

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requested that the matter be put off not two weeks but indefinitely so that a complete study can be made of the situation from all sides.

Mr. Sidney Levy, owner of Lebo Shoe Store, expressed his personal appreciation and that of other merchants, for the reception they received from Council at the last meeting in their discussion of the Downtown Parking recommendations and stated they are very much concerned over the situation and trust Council will give it their very serious consideration before anything is passed.

Mr C.L.C. Thomas stated he and Mrs Thomas own property on North College Street and have two merchants occupying their property, one who sells Health Food and the other a Leather Company and the matter of parking and loading zones is most important to them and he hopes that Council will give the matter their full consideration before taking action.

Councilman Smith stated for the record that the people who object to this generally are friends of his, Mr. Kimbrell whom he has known for years, and Mr. Farris, Mr. Myers, Mr. Craddock and a number of other merchants along the street, and each of them at the present time has no more than one or two places to park along there, which are not relegated to their business, and it appears to him that Council had Mr. Hoose survey this after having a professional survey made and have had some 80,000 cars passing through the area every day and some 100 odd spaces are involved in our deliberations, that it would seem that for the benefit of the majority and for the healthy growth of the downtown area, Council's prime consideration would be un-bottling the traffic in this area. We have had the Downtown Association, which makes up the downtown merchants, the Chamber of Commerce, which represents the business fraternity in this city, all study this question at length and they are in favor of it. Now the Charlotte Merchants Assoc., which is made up of all merchants, big, medium and small are on record as opposing it by majority vote, and he recognizes their problem and he knows it will work a hardship on some of these people and it is a very hard decision for Council to make. However, he knows that other areas in Chicago DesMoines, Iowa, Atlanta and other places, who were faced with the same problem, decided in favor of moving traffic rather than providing a small amount of parking. For example, Mr. Myers who has a Key Shop has a couple of spaces in front of his store, but he dares say that 90% of the time they are occupied by people going to the bank or some such place rather than Mr. Myers' shop; that he also has a lot next to his place that he can run in and out of and can take care of the tickets. So, he thinks Council is being influenced a great deal by the squeaking wheel in this case. That he knows for a fact that he is identified with the larger merchants and his people are split on this, some of his people would prefer to see parking and some would prefer not to, so he really feels in a neutral position but in the long range he sees that Council would make the best decision if Mr. Hoose's suggestions are followed. That there is nothing to prevent Council from changing it if it can be shown later that it is working hardships - the ordinance can always be amended.

Councilman Dellinger stated he thought the grease was put on the wheel that squeaked. That he thinks Mr. Smith should qualify his statement that only a part of the downtown do this; that when there are 145 merchants out of the downtown area opposing a thing, he does not think one can say the downtown merchants approve it. And further, he does not think that 80,000 cars go down Trade and Tryon Streets every day, that is the number of cars that come into the city. That he thinks Council has got to give this a little more thought; that off-hand at the beginning he thought it was a good program, but after giving it further study he thinks there are some good points in the program, some of them can be implemented now, but some could wait awhile and that Council would be acting in good faith to postpone it

for a few weeks and see if Mr. Hoose cannot put part of it into effect, then try to do some of the things that should be a companion project, do Caldwell Street which would alleviate the traffic on College Street and some others.

Councilman Albea stated as he said before he is ready to vote today. That he has studied the recommendations and been familiar with Charlotte traffic for years and years, however out of courtesy to his colleagues he is willing to put it off but he is not running from it and is ready to vote today.

Councilman Jordan said that as he stated in the Mayor's office, he thinks it is a serious matter and should be given more consideration. That he has talked with many, many merchants downtown and dares say he has not had one merchant he has talked with favor the changes, and he would like to see it investigated more and come up with some other solution and he is not in favor of voting for it today.

Councilman Albea called attention that Mr. Hoose has already said his recommendations will be the same in two weeks as they are now.

Councilman Dellinger advised that he does not believe Mr. Hoose meant that literally; that he thinks Mr. Hoose would be amiable to working out some kind of program.

Mayor Brookshire suggested that Mr. Hoose might take his recommendations one at a time and consider them that way.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks if the majority votes "NO" to Mr. Hoose's plan, Council will have to review its capital outlay and widen some streets downtown if we expect the flow of traffic to get in and out of the downtown area with any degree for convenient shopping; that this matter is of very great importance to the future welfare of the city. That he has had people downtown talk with him time and again about widening the streets and it would be a terrific expense, and of course, the next thing to widening the streets is to take the parking off and we have a plan here that the City can economically afford, but if we are going to leave parking on the artery, it will get tighter and tighter and the pressure on the downtown becomes greater and from the thinking expressed here and the delay - - and he has the greatest respect for the members of the Council and he does not know how they are going to vote when the chips are down - but he knows one thing, that the decision is whether or not you are going to make the heart of Charlotte tighter or are you going to open it up. That it is a terrific decision, and he thinks he is possibly in the minority.

Councilman Jordan stated he thinks that Mr. Smith is right, that he has the downtown situation at heart as much as the other members of the Council, and certainly none of the Council wants to see the downtown jammed up with traffic, neither do they want to see more empty buildings down there.

Councilman Dellinger stated for eight years he has been proposing that we do something about Caldwell Street, and he knows of nothing that would be of more benefit to the people downtown than to open Caldwell Street from Independence Boulevard to 11th Street or the new By-pass, that would give a way through the city without going through College Street, and a parallel avenue should be opened; that he thinks if you want to look at the capital improvement program he would certainly be in favor of it.

Mayor Brookshire stated he is sure that Council does have a concern for the problems of congested traffic downtown and we are doing something about relieving the congestion by the West Side Grade Separation Program, which will be a tremendous help from the west side of town, and he thinks Council

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might very well look into the schedule of opening 5th and 6th Streets from Brevard Street to Graham Street and 3rd Street from the Boulevard to McDowell Street.

Councilman Smith stated in that connection in some instances you can take 25 cars off of on-street parking and create two blocks that would cost you \$250,000 to create by widening the street. That the economics of this thing is so obvious to him, that the 25 people who can't park on the street against the City spending \$250,000 is so obvious that he fails to recognize the arguments in favor of parking on the streets. That talking about widening the streets at some future date when we get the money, well we do not have the money. That you can gain the same thing by taking the parking off as you would by widening the street 10 feet, and he cannot see just because one merchant complains about two cars not being able to park in front of his building, that we discount this quarter of a million dollars just to let him get two cars in front of his business - that it is just not economical in his way of thinking. That economically, business is going to be located where they can make a living, that he does not want to hurt these people, they have been here for years and they should be able to stay here, but we have advocated off-street parking, we have not gone into it as a municipality as some cities have done and he is not opposed to if that becomes the issue, maybe we should provide some off-street parking, but he is talking about pure economics that you read about in every bulletin on municipalities, and you have an economic situation where they cannot widen because it cost too much downtown; so what do you do, you go out in the suburban area and widen the streets and the State will participate but you have no State participation downtown, so you neglect it and leave the parking on or at least you could take the parking off and give you that much more width to the street but you can't spend the money to widen.

Councilman Dellinger stated maybe we have listened to the State too much and gone on this cooperative basis rather than doing the streets inside; that Caldwell Street and some of the others inside the city would not benefit a few merchants but all of them, and he thinks it should be looked at from that angle.

Mayor Brookshire stated we have two concerns here - one for the people who drive automobiles and want to get from one place to another, and also have concern for the heart of our city and the downtown merchants who pays the taxes and, as Mr. Albea has often said, if we allow the downtown heart of the city to become blighted or fall into disuse we are going to hurt the entire city.

Councilman Smith stated we are not taking parking off entirely. Mr. Hoose's is a compromised proposition, he has compromised his time and loading in both the first block of South College and the first block of North College, and has allowed loading and unloading on these streets - this was a compromise worked out with the Chamber of Commerce. This is not a carte blanche thing saying No Parking, it is easing up on the parking. That Mr. Hoose would like to eliminate all parking all day but this is strictly a compromise thing and is not a radical procedure affecting metropolitan Charlotte, and we have to make up our minds whether we want a metropolitan Charlotte or whether we want a Winnsboro, S. C., parking slant-wise.

Mayor Brookshire stated that Council has already agreed to postpone the matter for two weeks unless Council wants to change it.

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Councilman Smith stated he thinks this is one of the most important things that has been before Council since he has been on the Council, economically for the city and for the downtown area and whole community. That he hopes he has not sounded bitter as he does not feel bitter but he is intense about the situation, and he thinks it is very important and does not object to the two weeks postponement but thinks Council should think about all the angles not just what Mr X says it is going to do to his business.

Councilman Albea stated he would be the last person in the world to doubt Mr. Smith's integrity or sincerety, or that of Mr. Hoose, he just does not agree with them.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM HARASSMENT BY FORMER HUSBAND REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT.

Mrs Minnie Kirby appeared before Council explaining in detail the harassment she is undergoing by her former husband who is an alcoholic, who refused to recognize the divorce she obtained from him. She complained at the lack of cooperation she is securing from the Police Department for her protection and in having her husband arrested, and stated an Officer asked her why she didn't kill her husband instead of continuing to come to the Police Station for help. Mrs Kirby complained that she had him arrested last week and on Monday in Recorder's Court after she was asked only one question - if her former husband was living with her - and without waiting for a complete answer or hearing her witnesses, Judge Beachum had her placed in Jail and let her former husband go free. Mrs Kirby stated the primary reason for her coming to Council is to urge that some law be passed that will protect innocent women from harassment by alcoholic husbands.

Councilman Smith suggested that Mrs Kirby go to see the Reverend Joe Kellerman, Director of the Alcoholism Information Center, and that he be asked to give Council a confidential report on the matter and maybe Council can help her in some way. She stated she has been to see Mr. Kellerman and will go again.

Councilman Dellinger stated Mrs Kirby made some accusations and he thinks Council should have her talk with the City Attorney and Mr. Bobo and they in turn take it up with Judge Beachum and see what can be done.

Mayor Brookshire advised that Council hasn't any prerogative in matters in the area in which Mrs Kirby is speaking, and that what she says, of course, illustrates the fact that liquor is the cause of many, many troubles and if everybody who has troubles resulting from liquor were to come up here we wouldn't get any business transacted at all.

DECISION ON PETITION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTERFIELD AVENUE, FROM BASCOM STREET TO WESTOVER STREET, POSTPONED TWO WEEKS AND THE PROPONENTS BE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the Resolution Ordering the Making of Street Improvements to Chesterfield Avenue, from Bascom Street to Westover Street, on which a public hearing was held on July 29th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Neither Mr or Mrs George W. Jarrett were present, who had expressed objections to the improvements by letter, stating they failed to see how it would help their property, and that they are financially unable to pay the assessment.

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Councilman Whittington stated he has been out and looked at the street and Chesterfield Avenue is not like Laburnum Avenue, because the property is about 18 inches higher than the level of the street, and this is true all the way down Chesterfield; that he does not think it would be helping one thing to put in a roll type gutter. That the Jarrett family is elderly, Mrs Jarrett is sick, they have a tremendous hospital and doctor expenses and to put this undue burden on them would be unfair. He stated he does not think the improvement would be helping the street program at all.

Councilman Dellinger stated he finds himself in a peculiar situation, he hates to oppose the improvements to the street but has failed to find any real necessity for the work, and it will work an undue hardship on the Jarretts and he does not know how many more people.

Councilman Smith called attention that 82% of the property owners on the street have petitioned for the improvement and will pay for it and he doesn't see how the Council can sit in judgment on that, and say it is not right.

Councilman Jordan stated he cannot see making the improvement to just the two blocks that have been petitioned for.

Councilman Thrower asked Lieut. J. R. Hall regarding Chesterfield Avenue, as he had objected to the making of the improvement on Chesterfield Avenue, between St. Julien Street and Westover Street, at the hearing on July 29th. Lieut Hall stated that the two blocks on Chesterfield adjoin, and he lives and owns another house between St. Julien and Westover Streets, and the thing he is afraid of is that it will raise the valuation of his house, which he does not want. He stated further that Mr. S. P. Mazza, who owns 100 feet in the same block, and the man who lives above him are here today and wish their names withdrawn from the petition, and he has permission from Mr. Beatty, Mr. Jordan and Mr. Scronce that their names be withdrawn from the petition. Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Mazza why he is withdrawing from the petition, and he replied that the drainage is perfect, no water runs off onto his property; that at the time the petition was passed around he was concerned about his wife's illness and didn't read what he was signing. He stated that others did not understand the petition and did not know what they were getting into.

Councilman Smith called attention that this is not germane to the item we are considering, as these gentlemen are speaking of another portion of the street and not the block between Bascom Street and Westover Street, and they are liable to influence some thinking.

Councilman Dellinger observed that the hearing has been held without anyone present to support the petition, and he made a substitute motion that decision be postponed for two weeks and the proponents be requested to be present at that time to express their views, and anyone wishing to withdraw his name from the petition must do so in writing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

DECISION ON PETITION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO CHESTERFIELD AVENUE, FROM ST. JULIEN STREET TO WESTOVER STREET, POSTPONED TWO WEEKS AND ALL RESIDENTS REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, action was postponed for two weeks on the petition for improvements to Chesterfield Avenue, from St. Julien Street to Westover Street, and the proponents requested to be present at that time to express their views, and anyone wishing to withdraw his name from the petition must do so in writing.

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Councilman Smith called attention that the public hearing on the proposed improvements was held on July 29th. Councilman Dellinger stated we have done this on numerous occasions, and the only way to make a fair decision is to hear both sides.

Mayor Brookshire asked the Clerk to notify the petitioners that action has been postponed until two weeks from today, and ask them to please be present at that time.

Mr. Morrissey, City Attorney, suggested if the Clerk is to write these people she might better write to all of the people on the portions of the street to be improved if you are going to have another hearing, rather than having a hearing just for the proponents.

The Council concurred in the suggestion.

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RENEWED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Smith, and un-animously carried, the Cooperative Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for surface water resources investigation in the Charlotte metropolitan area was renewed for the fiscal year 1963-64.

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZED TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT EAST MECKLENBURG AND MCCLINTOCK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the request of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education to connect private sanitary sewer lines to the City's Sanitary Sewerage System at East Mecklenburg High School and at McClintock Junior High School, outside the city limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Dellinger asked what kind of contract we have for this service and Mr Bobo replied the usual outside agreement. Councilman Dellinger asked why we cannot include this on the Docket, so Council will know about the contract, that he has asked for this several times but there is still no explanation, and he would like this included in the future.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER AND TRUNK IN TRINITY WOODS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, authorizing the construction of 1,490 feet of sanitary sewer main and trunk in Trinity Woods, at an estimated cost of \$5,260.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Albea moved that the following streets be taken over for continuous maintenance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Alleghany Street	Denver Avenue	175-ft. NE to Carrowmore Pl
Terrybrook Lane	Highway Place	Cul-de-sac

Councilman Smith requested that when streets are presented to be put under

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continuous maintenance that the Manager have a map showing the location of streets, as he often knows nothing about where the street is - for example Terrybrook Lane from Highway Place to Cul-de-sac means nothing to him and he would like to know.

Mr. Bobo secured a map, which was viewed and discussed.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Charles S. Pulliam and Della Payne Pulliam, for Lot 753, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr & Mrs Thomas B. Ratliff, for Lots 147 and 148, Section 6, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$600.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs Martha Pierce Moody, for Lot 73, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs Effie P. Berryhill, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

SUGAW CREEK ROAD EXTENSION FROM THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD TO THE PLAZA, THEN CONTINUING ON HIGHWAY PLACE TO EASTWAY DRIVE, APPROVED.

Councilman Thrower moved that Sugaw Creek Road be extended from the Southern Railroad to The Plaza, then continuing on Highway Place to Eastway Drive. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Smith commented there is a little misstatement in the explanation of the item on the Conference Agenda - that Sugaw Creek Road is the first access road for southbound traffic on Interstate 85 - as the first south turn-off from #85 is Eastway Drive, and although he is in favor of the recommendation he does not want any misunderstanding about it and he has noticed the Press carries it as such; he stated when he comes from Concord he gets on #29 and comes in on Eastway, so this is, in fact, the second turn-off, just to keep the record straight.

Mr. Dan Brooks, resident of Admiral Avenue, which runs from Meadow Lane into Highway Place, stated he wants to learn the exact plans for putting in the four-lane boulevard down Highway Place. Mr. Brooks was shown the map of the proposed extension and stated his residence is between McMillan and Anderson Streets and it is not shown on the map. He asked if once this is approved can any changes be made even though it may degrade some of the property and leave some of them in the position where they will have to sell for whatever they can get? Mr. Bobo stated as it is proposed now, Highway Place which Admiral Avenue comes into, will not have the right of way widened at all but use the present right of way; that it will be a 45 ft. roadway to the gutter on each side, and he hardly thinks that would hurt Mr. Brooks' property, but would improve it. Mayor Brookshire stated it would appear that his property should be appreciated with the wider street to carry the same volume of traffic. Mr. Brooks stated they are afraid of the same thing happening to them that happened on Independence Boulevard. Mr. Bobo called attention that this is a State Highway project and there will be a public hearing held on it by them to which Mr. Brooks and others interested would be welcomed.

Councilman Thrower asked Mr. Bobo to furnish Mr. Brooks with a map, so he and his neighbors might look it over.

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Councilman Smith asked if it would not be proper for Council to approve the extension tentatively until the hearing? Mayor Brookshire stated if Council approves it, the State Highway will conduct the hearing, and if it is not approved they will not do so, that the City's commitment is mainly with regard to the cost. Councilman Smith asked where the money is coming from, and Councilman Thrower stated the Highway people have agreed to use part of the \$100,000 we are paying each year and we will not have to appropriate any more.

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

ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN RAMA WOODS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, a parcel of land 10 ft. wide and 362.58 ft. long in Rama Woods (Woodhue Court) was authorized acquired from Kavanagh-Smith & Company, at \$181.29 for sanitary sewer construction.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR CLEAR ZONE AT SOUTH END OF THE EXTENDED NORTH-SOUTH RUNWAY AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the acquisition of an odd shaped lot 200' x 226.85' x 323.97' x 344.01' in Berryhill Township on the south side of New Dixie Road, from Alda Griffin Wilson and A. J. Wilson, Sr., at \$9,025.00, as right of way for the clear zone at the south end of the extended North-South Runway at Douglas Municipal Airport.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO LEARN IF JUNK DEALERS ARE FILING DAILY REPORTS WITH POLICE DEPARTMENT AS TO PURCHASE OF SALVAGE MATERIAL.

Councilman Smith called attention to the vandalism of empty houses, which is brought about by the fact that people can go into these houses and pull out the plumbing and sell it to Junk Dealers, or take a window-sash or a door, and he is wondering, and would like the City Attorney to look into this with the City Manager, what other cities of our size do in licensing Junk Dealers as to their verifying where the seller obtained the material. He stated further that he thinks a person taking any such material to a Junk Dealer for sale should sign a statement as to where he obtained it, whether he owns it or purchased it, so that the Police can follow through. That he understands several investors have come into town from South Carolina and other parts of the country who have withdrawn their investments because they have no protection from having their property dismantled when it becomes vacant, and he thinks it is the City's responsibility to check it and follow through.

Mr. Morrisey, City Attorney, advised that we have an ordinance on the books now that requires a report from the Junk Dealers to the Police Department with respect to certain types of junk; that he does not know if it covers the fixtures mentioned and he will check it.

The City Attorney read the ordinance and advised he finds it very restrictive, and very precise in its terms regarding daily reports from Junk Dealers to the Police Department and includes all types of articles, including metal objects, plumbing fixtures et cetera.

Councilman Smith requested Mr Bobo to check with the Police Department and see if these reports are being filed.

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PRACTICES ENGAGED IN IN TOWING AWAY OVER PARKED CARS DISCUSSED AND CALLED TO ATTENTION OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Smith commented if Council decides on the Downtown Parking Ordinance there are some things he wants to know, whether we go all the way or part of the way with regard to Tow-Away by the Wrecking Service. He stated we continue to have complaints that the Wreckers are downtown 15 minutes before the dead-line and move in and take a car one minute after the dead-line; he stated he brought this up some four years ago and still thinks the Police should call the Wreckers and they should be at their places of business and then proceed to the location indicated by the Police.

Councilman Dellinger stated he is opposed to the ordinance and has always been opposed to any car being moved. Councilman Smith stated further that he thinks it is wrong, that the Wreckers make a U-turn in the middle of the block getting the car away and he thinks it is bad public relations to have a Wrecker sitting on the side of the street, looking at his watch and the minute the dead-line is passed run over and throw a chain over the bumper and as the owner walks up he takes his \$3.00.

Councilman Whittington stated they do not come and tow the car off until the Police calls them; of course, it is true they are hiding around the corner and are ready to put the chain on when they are called.

Councilman Dellinger stated he thinks the time should be changed, and to damage a car or the lock to the car is too much.

Councilman Smith asked that Mr. Bobo call this to the attention of the City Manager, along with the Parking Ordinance and before we pass it, let's discuss it and see what can be done about it.

Mayor Brookshire stated he agrees that something should be done and thinks the suggestions are good, as he has had some experience with the Wreckers about towing away his car.

APPOINTMENTS MADE TO BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD, ELECTRICAL ADVISORY BOARD, PLUMBING ADVISORY BOARD AND MECHANICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

Mr. Bobo called attention to the list furnished the Council as information of the persons appointed by the City Manager to the Building Standards Board, Electrical Advisory Board, Plumbing Advisory Board and Mechanical Advisory Board.

N. C. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES FALL MEETING TO BE HELD IN ASHEVILLE.

Mr. Bobo called attention that the fall meeting of the North Carolina League of Municipalities will be held in Asheville on October 27, 28 and 29 and that the headquarters will be at the Battery Park and George Vanderbilt Hotels, and he asked if anyone wished to have him make a reservation at this time, or he would do so when they have decided about attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk