

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, December 23, 1963, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend E. T. Mickey, Pastor of Park Road Moravian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 16th were approved as submitted.

PLAQUE PRESENTED W. R. JONES, SR., SANITARIAN AIDE, HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES TO CITY.

Mayor Brookshire presented the City Employee Plaque in Acknowledgment and Appreciation for twenty-three years service to the City, to Mr. W. R. Jones, Sr., Sanitarian Aide in the Health Department, who will retire on January 1, 1964. The Mayor said he was pleased to recognize Mr. Jones on the eve of his retirement, to express his personal appreciation for his service to the City and wish him many years of enjoyment in his retirement.

ORDINANCE NO. 226-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING ZONING OF PROPERTY ON SOUTH SIDE OF JOYCE DRIVE, WEST OF MILTON ROAD, FROM R-9 TO R-9MF, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 226-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning of parcel of land on the south side of Joyce Drive, west of Milton Road, from R-9 to R-9MF, upon petition of Mr. Howard C. Kelly, was adopted as recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 493.

PETITION NO. 63-72 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO B-1 OF PROPERTY ON SOUTHEAST SIDE OF CASWELL ROAD, FROM PROVIDENCE ROAD TO RANDOLPH ROAD, EXTENDING ALONG PROVIDENCE ROAD, DEFERRED FOR RECOMMENDATION FROM PLANNING COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Petition No. 63-72 by Mr. F. J. Blythe, Jr., for change in zoning from O-6 to B-1 of property on the southeast side of Caswell Road, from Providence Road to Randolph Road, extending along Providence Road, was deferred until the recommendation of the Planning Commission is received.

PETITION NO. 63-73 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND MORNINGSIDE DRIVE, DENIED.

Councilman Albea moved that Petition No. 63-73 by Dr. E. Reed Gaskin for change in zoning from O-6 to B-1 of property at the northeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Morningside Drive, be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

At the request of Dr. Gaskin's Attorney to be heard, Mayor Brookshire stated the public hearing has been held and cannot be reopened but if there are questions the Council wishes to ask him, he will be glad to have him answer them.

Councilman Dellinger asked if he has any new information pertaining to the petition? The gentleman replied that his information is with regard to the protest. Mayor Brookshire asked the City Attorney if the gentleman is in order to bring new information not disclosed in the presence of the opposition at the hearing? Mr. Morrissey replied he may do so only if requested to do so by the Council.

Councilman Albea stated he would be glad to hear him, as he is glad to hear anyone who appears before Council; however, he will also want to hear from the other side, the opposition, and not make this a one-sided affair.

Councilman Whittington moved that Dr. Gaskin's Attorney be heard. The motion did not receive a second and was lost.

Councilman Smith stated there was opposition to the petition at the hearing, and he asked the Attorney if he has information that the opposition has been withdrawn? The Attorney stated that he does not have such information.

The vote was taken on the main motion to deny the petition, and unanimously carried, and the Petition was denied.

PETITION NO. 63-74 BY TAR HEEL THEATRES FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF USE AS PARKING AREA FOR THEATRE OF PROPERTY FRONTING ON NORTH SIDE OF HIDDENBROOK DRIVE, DEFERRED FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Jordan moved that Petition No. 63-74 by Tar Heel Theatres for Conditional Approval of Use as Parking Area for Theatre of property fronting on the north side of Hiddenbrook Drive, be deferred until two weeks from today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AUTHORIZED FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, settlement of the following claims was authorized, as recommended by the City Attorney:

- (a) Claim of Mrs Jane C. Miller for damages to her car on July 2, 1962 caused by a tree limb dropped by a member of a Street crew, settlement in the amount of \$8.05.
- (b) Claim of Major A. W. Ward for damages to his car on June 6, 1963 from his running into an open manhole on Westfield Road, settlement in the amount of \$51.58.
- (c) Claim of Mrs S. W. Booth for damages to her car caused by a tree limb dropped by a member of a Street crew, settlement in the amount of \$23.00.

- (d) Claim of Mrs Rebecca Rowe, for damages to her property by reason of a sewer line under East Boundary Street becoming clogged and backing up into her house, on November 23, 1962, settlement in the amount of \$125.00.
- (e) Claim of John M. Dwelle Company, Agent for Mrs John M. Ferrell, for damages to her property at 612 East Boundary Street, by reason of a sewer line under the street becoming clogged and backing up into her house on November 23, 1962, settlement in the amount of \$144.53.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Smith, and un-animously carried, denying settlement of the following claims, as recommended by the City Attorney as the investigation shows no evidence of negligence on the part of the City:

- (a) Claim of Mrs J. F. Stafford for personal injuries resulting from a fall while a street crew was working on June Drive, on May 16, 1963.
- (b) Claim of Mr. Joe B. Good for personal injuries and property damages when his car ran off the end of Eaton Road on January 28, 1962, the investigation showing no neglect on the part of the City.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE APPRAISAL OF 35 TRACTS OF LAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, contracts were authorized with the following persons for the appraisal of 35 tracts of land in connection with the Northwest Expressway:

Stuart Elliott	1 tract on N. Tryon Street
Wallace Gibbs	9 tracts on Jackson Avenue, Central Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue
Leo H. Phelan, Jr.	1 tract on N. Tryon Street
Robert Percival	4 tracts on Central Avenue, Beaumont Avenue, and Louise Avenue
Gerald Hutchinson	6 tracts on Park Terrace, Independence Blvd, and N. Tryon Street.
B. Brevard Brookshire	8 tracts on Independence Boulevard
Alfred E. Smith	6 tracts on N. Tryon Street, Park Terrace and Independence Boulevard.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mr and Mrs N. C. Henderson, for the transfer of Graves 1 and 2, Lot 119, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED DELPH HARDWARE & SPECIALTY COMPANY FOR ALUMINUM WINDOWS FOR REPLACING WOOD WINDOWS IN FIRE STATION #4.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Delph Hardware &

Specialty Company for 34 Aluminum Windows for replacing wood windows in the renovation of Fire Station #4, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,493.18.

The following bids were received:

Delph Hardware & Specialty Co.	\$ 1,493.18
General Specialties Co., Inc.	1,738.64
McGee Lumber Company	1,875.36

CONTRACT AWARDED CONTRACTORS SERVICE & RENTALS, INC. FOR ONE WATER PUMP.

Councilman Jordan moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Contractors Service & Rentals, Inc., for one Water Pump, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,055.75. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Contractors Service & Rentals, Inc.	\$ 1,055.75
H. B. Owsley & Sons, Inc.	1,057.81
A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	1,322.52
Southland Equipment Company	1,323.55

BIDS FOR TWO ASPHALT PATCH ROLLERS REJECTED AND SPECIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED REVISED AND READVERTISED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, all bids for Two Asphalt Patch Rollers were rejected and the specifications were authorized revised and readvertised, as recommended by the City Engineer and Purchasing Agent:

The following bids were received:

Mitchell Distributing Company, Inc.	\$ 2,062.06
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Bids not meeting specifications:

Arrow Construction Equipment Co.	\$ 1,833.40
A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	1,910.65
Southland Equipment Company	1,996.14
Sparten Equipment Company	2,060.00
E. F. Craven Company	2,121.80
Interstate Equipment Company	2,781.00
H. B. Owsley & Sons, Inc.	2,884.00

CONTRACT AWARDED A. E. FINLEY & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ONE MECHANICAL TYPE STREET SWEEPER.

Councilman Smith moved the award of contract to the low bidder, A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc., for one Mechanical Type Street Sweeper, as specified, at their bid price of \$10,475.10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

A. E. Finley & Associates, Inc.	\$10,475.10
Sanco Corporation	10,987.00

CONTRACT AWARDED FARM & INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR ONE TRENCHING UNIT COMPLETE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Farm & Industrial Equipment Company, for One Ladder Type Trenching Unit complete, as specified, at their bid price of \$5,341.19.

The following bids were received:

Farm & Industrial Equipment Co. -Earth equipment with Ford Unit	\$ 5,341.19
International Harvester Co. - International with Alburn	5,400.00
Farm & Industrial Equipment Co. -Ford Industrial with Alburn	5,458.51
Arrow Construction Equipment -Hercules Engine with Parsen	9,150.00

Bids not meeting specifications:

Farm & Industrial Equipment Co. - Ford with Alburn	\$ 5,145.39
Farm & Industrial Equipment Co. - Ford with Earth Equipment	4,965.45

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE MATERIALS, INC. FOR TWO PRECAST CONCRETE BEAMS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the only bidder, Concrete Materials, Inc., for Two Precast Concrete Beams, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,225.20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE FYR-FYTER SALES COMPANY FOR BUNKER SUITS AND ONE COAT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Fyr-Fyter Sales Company for 27 Bunker Suits and One Coat, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,296.51.

The following bids were received:

The Fyr-Fyter Sales Company	\$ 1,296.51
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Bids not meeting Specifications:

The Fyr-Fyter Sales Company	\$ 1,206.90
The Fyr-Fyter Sales Company	1,236.77
John W. Barnes Enterprises	1,291.18
The Bodyguard Mfg. Company	1,340.27
C. W. Williams Company	1,351.23
Mason Dixon, Inc.	1,472.90
The Globe Mfg. Company	1,602.06

CONTRACT AWARDED COOPER D. CASS & COMPANY FOR SOUNDSCRIBER MONITOR AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Brookshire stated because there has been controversial aspects of the bids on the Monitor and Recording Equipment for the Fire Department, he would like to ask the Purchasing Agent if he has any remarks he would like to make on the recommendation of the Fire Chief and himself.

Mr. Beatty stated he would like to make one correction. That on the original

price shown for the Edison Equipment on the original recommendation included a trade-in allowance, which was not asked for, therefore the specifications had to be called out in the comparison of bids and they gave it \$1,670.85 originally that should have been \$1,970.85.

Mr. Arnold McBrayer with Thomas A. Edison Industries called attention to the Comparison of Bids made by the Purchasing Agent as part of today's meeting agenda, and Item 2 thereof states that the Edison equipment bid needs adjustments by the operator every 30 minutes of recording time and this is correct, however, it amounts to a change once in every 6 hours. On Item 3 of the Report, it is stated their discs are not tamper proof and tape is. That he submits that the tape is tamper proof as much as the disc, and their Catalog states "transverse recording pattern prohibits alterations of recorded tape without detection"; under Item 4 the statement is made this equipment with normal operation should last ten years or longer, and he accepts this. That their present equipment has been in the Charlotte Fire Department for some seven years and the new equipment they are proposing runs on half the time and if their present equipment has lasted 7 years, it might well be said it will last fourteen years.

Mr. McBrayer stated further that obviously Edison Equipment meets the recording requirements of the Fire Department since it has served them well during the past 7 years. Edison's continuous Message Recorder is designed for continuous recording operation, especially for use where voice operated controls from radio or telephone signals is required. The specifications call for Two S-125 Soundscriber Monitors for recording telephone messages as per specifications, or approved equal. That they submit, in view of Edison's past performance in this department, that their continuous message recorder should be considered an approved equal. With regard to the trade-in of equipment, which the Purchasing Agent mentioned, they did offer such allowance, and feel it should be considered by Council. That they have been advised by the Purchasing Department that it is their custom to trade in equipment where there is no further use for it, provided the trade-in allowance is realistic, and if Edison is awarded this contract, the existing equipment will no longer be needed by the Fire Department, and they offer \$300.00 for this used equipment, which was included in their original bid. He stated it was indicated the Edison equipment was intended to be used as standby. That if Edison equipment is purchased, no standby equipment will be required now or next year or the next. In the event Soundscriber S-124 is purchased and the current Edison equipment is retained for standby service, you should consider three things: (1) Recording will be made on a mixed system, defeating the purpose of the tape, which would result in a confused filing system, (2) the cost of maintaining Edison equipment will continue, and (3) equipment investment will be the cost of new equipment, plus the \$300.00 trade-in allowance we have offered, and the City's investment would then be \$2,383.18. On the question of service, Edison's reputation for giving good service was acknowledged at the Council Meeting on December 9th. We base our maintenance charges on our service experience. Consider then, the Cooper D. Cass Company's rate of \$119.00 per year for one recording device. Edison's rate on the Continuous Message Recorder, consisting of two recording devices, is only \$74.00 per year. Since their rate is only 63% of that of Cooper D. Cass Company, it is reasonable to assume that they expect to have 10 calls to each 6 by Edison. He distributed a Sheet, giving a comparison of the Edison and the Soundscriber Equipments, and a Cost Comparison Sheet, showing the difference between the Soundscriber Equipment Cost and the Edison equipment cost is a difference in favor of Edison of \$113.00, the value of the Standby Equipment is \$300.00, and the investment would be \$2,383.18, against \$1,970.85, a difference of \$412.33. He called attention that the Cost sheet shows the comparison of Maintenance, Recording and Service for periods of 7 to 10 years and they think the 7 year figure that has been used by the Purchasing Department is realistic and on that basis Edison can save Charlotte \$877.19, a savings of 44.5%.

Mr. J. E. Cunningham, representing Cooper D. Cass Company, asked to be permitted to speak after Chief Black has been heard. Councilman Bryant stated he thinks that puts Chief Black in an unfair situation and sounds like he would be endorsing a particular product of a particular man against another man. Mr. Veeder stated he thinks the recommendation of Chief Black and the Purchasing Agent speaks for itself.

Mr. Cunningham stated he is not going to attempt to combat his competitors statements, they do not want to compare their equipment with his. He submitted a brochure on the Soundscriber Recording Equipment, and stated they are bidding on two different pieces of equipment. That they are the low bidders and they met specific specifications on request for bids by the City Purchasing Agent - Mr Cunningham submitted both a disc and a tape. He stated this controversy was caused by a competitor who does not have a tape machine, so could not bid on the requested tape equipment, and in his opinion that competitor has done an excellent job of confusing some of the Council by trying to convince them that his out-dated equipment will equal a magnetic tape machine. That he has, in his opinion, challenged the integrity of the Fire Department, the City Manager and the Purchasing Agent. Seven years ago when his competitor's equipment was purchased by the City, he feels sure it was the best available to do the job at that time; during these seven years there has been considerable progress made in the communications recording field and magnetic tape is the progress that has been made. It is recommended by Communication Engineers the world over as the most up-to-date recording media available. The tape machine was developed for the United States Government, therefore anyone can manufacture the tape. That he understands the disc equipment has caused Fire Departments in their use of it needless trouble.

Councilman Bryant asked if it is not possible that we have heard much of this information before, since a great deal of time has been spent on this subject and if we could not vote on the motion before us, unless Mr. Cunningham has something new to add on the subject.

Mayor Brookshire stated to Mr. Cunningham he believes he has had equal time with Mr. McBrayer and if Council has any questions they will, of course, address them to either of the gentlemen.

Councilman Bryant moved the award of contract to Cooper D. Cass, the low bidder, for a Soundscriber Monitor and Recording Equipment at their bid price of \$2,083.18, as recommended by the Purchasing Agent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Dellinger stated that often he finds himself in the position on the Council that he cannot vote his own convictions, and in this particular case if he were buying equipment for his own business he would buy something else, but having a recommendation from the operating Department Head, the City Manager and the Purchasing Agent, he will vote for the recommended equipment and hope that it will work out for the best.

Councilman Smith stated he would like to make a similar statement, that he has not been swayed by the presentation of either side, the salesmanship has been terrific, and the only consideration he is giving is the confidence in the City Manager in selecting this equipment and he thinks both of these firms are of the highest quality and he is sorry the discussion regarding it has gotten degenerated into a pinch between the two systems. That he thinks this should be handled on a different level.

Mayor Brookshire said that in private life he quite frequently finds himself with a half-dozen or more competitors and he, personally, dislikes to have one

representative run down the product of another representative of another company; that he much prefers a representative to talk about his own product, altho he does appreciate the fact that some comparisons must be made.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith stated to Mr. Veeder that he hopes in the future these things can be specified in such way that the Council will not be subject to these discussions on the merits of the equipment; our specifications should be made clear and if you want a Soundscriber type it should so state and the other bids thrown out. Mayor Brookshire stated it is difficult in a competitive situation not to give everyone an opportunity to be heard and make comparison. Councilman Smith stated if they wanted this particular item on tape type equipment only, then only those bids on tape should be recognized. Councilman Whittington stated it is the "or equal" in the specifications where the confusion came in as far as the Council is concerned. Mr. Veeder stated we would not want to prohibit anyone from submitting a bid on anything, and this is a matter of judgment.

WILLIAM P. WELLS NOMINATED TO SUCCEED HIMSELF ON AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY & APPEAL BOARD, TO REMAIN OPEN FOR TWO WEEKS.

Councilman Albea moved the nomination of Mr. William P. Wells to succeed himself as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory and Appeal Board, the nomination to remain open for two weeks.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM ADVISED CITY WILL PROVIDE \$21,000 IN 1964-65 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THEIR USE IN DEFRAYING COST OF A NEW BRANCH LIBRARY SITE.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Trustees of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library System be advised that the City Council intends to provide \$21,000.00, representing the value of the Brevard Street Branch Library property, in its 1964-65 Annual Budget, for their use in defraying the cost of a new branch library site. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

OFFER OF BEN D. HEATH III AND WIFE TO GIVE CITY A LOT LYING BETWEEN BRIAR CREEK AND MANCURE AVENUE, CONTAINING 63,900 SQUARE FEET, ACCEPTED BY COUNCIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Council accepted the offer of Mr. Ben D. Heath, III and wife, of a lot, containing 63,900 square feet, lying between Briar Creek and Mancure Avenue in the Barclay Downs section.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Councilman Albea moved the acquisition of 18,526 sq. ft. of property (two lots and two houses) at 809 and 815 North Church Street, from Emily J. Hambright, at a price of \$20,000.00, as right of way for the Northwest Expressway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF BRUCE H. SMITH AS CITY TREASURER, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1964.

Councilman Bryant moved that the City employ Mr. Bruce H. Smith, as City Treasurer, as of April 1, 1964, at a salary of \$8,280.00 per year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilman Dellinger stated the Committee composed of Mr. Gibson Smith and himself from the Council, Mr. Herbert Wayne, Mr. Carl McCraw, the late Mr. J. Murray Atkins, Mr. Joe Robinson, Mr. W. J. Veeder and Mr. Bob Earle, met on numerous occasions and interviewed a goodly number of people relative to this position, and Mr. Bruce Smith was one of the outstanding men they interviewed, and they had him come back the second time; that he is a man about thirty years old, graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College, served in the Army in an advisory capacity in the Financial Field and is now in College and will have his Master's Degree at the end of March and will be available April 1st. The Committee agreed unanimously that he is the best prospect we had and is outstanding in every respect and we heartily recommend him for the position after a thorough investigation.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

Mayor Brookshire stated on behalf of the Mayor and Council he would like to disband the Committee with thanks for the job they did in selecting both a Treasurer and a Director of Finance.

SEASONS GREETINGS EXCHANGED.

Mr. John D. Shaw, Attorney, offered his sincere wishes to the Mayor and City Council for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Mayor Brookshire reciprocated with the same wishes to Mr. Shaw and his family.

Councilman Smith stated he wishes to thank the Council for their friendship and to say he has been proud to have a part in working with them in trying to serve our city. He extended his best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Councilmen Albea, Whittington, Jordan, Dellinger and Bryant each conveyed his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year to the Mayor, City Personnel, Newspaper Reporters and Citizens of Charlotte.

The City Manager and City Attorney extended Seasons Greetings to the Mayor and Council.

HERBERT WAYNE NOMINATED FOR ANNUAL CITIZENSHIP AWARD GIVEN BY N.C. PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND N.C. SECTION OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PLANNERS.

Councilman Dellinger stated that an annual Citizenship Certificate is given by the North Carolina Planning Association and the North Carolina Section of the American Institute of Planners in recognition of the outstanding contribution made by private citizens in bringing about community understanding and support of the value of a comprehensive and long-range program of community planning; that citizens and towns may nominate candidates for this award. He placed in nomination Mr. Herbert Wayne of our city, who has been outstanding in this type work for the City of Charlotte during the last few years, and requested the City Manager and Planning Commission Staff to prepare a record of his services in this connection to present to the City Council for proper action at its next meeting, which will then be submitted to the Association Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

Both Mayor Brookshire and Councilman Smith stated they have had the pleasure of serving with Mr. Wayne on Chamber of Commerce Committees and they have never seen a more dedicated citizen in his efforts to do what is best for all of Charlotte, and he richly deserves the award.

REPORT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING 1963 MADE BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire extended his Greetings and Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the Council, City Personnel, News Media and through the News Media to the Public in General.

He presented the following Progress Report of the Accomplishments of the City Government during 1963:

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Council and Staff for the opportunity of working with you individually and collectively on so pleasant a basis this year.

If you will permit me a backward glance, which I think is appropriate at this Season, I shall not take advantage of you by attempting to enumerate all that has been accomplished during the year. That would take too long.

Summarizing, however, I think this has been a year of significant accomplishments and progress.

First to indicate our continuing growth trend, let me mention that our total building permits for the year, through December 20, run to an all time high of \$72,629,726. This is a 25% increase over last year's total of \$54,685,159.

Progress on our Thoroughfare program for the year included the start and finish of the Kenilworth project, about 50% completion of the West Side Grade Separation project, and the beginning of right of way acquisition on the North West Expressway. We took over approximately 20 miles of new streets for permanent maintenance and resurfaced 60 miles of existing streets.

We let the contract on the second major runway for the airport and made a good start on the construction, which will be completed about the middle of next year.

Late this year we let a contract for the first phase of our third sewer treatment plant and outfall at Pineville, to cost approximately 5 1/2 million, on which construction has been started. This plant, to be constructed in stages, is anticipated to take care of our sewer needs for perhaps the next 40 years. Council in almost every meeting has continued to extend both water and sewer lines to new developing areas, many of which are located in our suburbs.

New construction at Good Samaritan Hospital was completed during the year and most of the equipment has been installed. The hospital has been re-named Charlotte Community Hospital and the old part is now being renovated and refurbished. When the renovations are completed, 150 first class hospital beds will have been added to the health facilities of the community at a considerable bargain.

Six hundred new public housing units were authorized by Council during the year, construction of which will begin next year.

The Urban Renewal Program has progressed satisfactorily with the acquisition and clearance of virtually all of Phase I, the beginning of acquisition in Phase 2, the start of a study on Phase 3, and the authorization of an application for study funds for Phase 4.

Our minimum Housing Code enforcement has resulted in bringing more than 3,000 housing units up to minimum standards and the demolition of over 700 others.

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Our Citizens Advisory Committee on Urban Renewal, entirely through voluntary efforts, has organized eight neighborhood improvement associations which have made much progress in reversing blight trends, a rehabilitation program that costs the taxpayers nothing.

In contrast to the approach taken by many other communities, we have moved voluntarily, without duress or pressure, through peaceful and constructive efforts to preserve racial harmony and progress. Much has been done and much remains to be done. Acknowledgement should be made of the support of the community in the need for and acceptance of change.

Offering real promise as a device for attacking poverty and related problems is the Charlotte Area Fund set up to administer experimental programs sponsored by Governor Sanford's N. C. Fund.

Three other unrelated items in '63 of significance are, (1) the assignment of AA rating on Charlotte and Mecklenburg bonds by Moody's Investors Service, (2) the sponsorship of an economic study of Charlotte by the Downtown Association and City Government, and (3) the establishment of a Charter Review Commission to review the City Charter and recommend whatever changes may be necessary to insure a basic document that looks towards the future."

Added to his report was the suggestion of Councilman Smith that one of the important things this Administration has done is strengthening in depth the city personnel from the administrative level all the way down to the department level.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 3 o'clock p.m., on Monday, January 6, 1964.



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk