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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, January 13, 1964, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Don G. Bryant.

MINUTES APPROVED AS CORRECTED.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the Minutes of the last meeting on January 6th as submitted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Bryant asked that the Minutes be corrected on Page 456 to record him as voting in favor of the motion awarding a contract to A.V. Blankenship and C. D. Spangler Construction Company for street and sewer improvements in Urban Redevelopment Section No. 1.

Councilman Smith expressed his regret at being absent from the meeting, and stated he approved in general the recommendations of Mayor Brookshire with regard to unbottling the downtown area, and he thought his recommendations were timely, but in reading the Minutes, if they reflect what was said, if he were in the Engineering Department he would not know exactly what was desired. That in the Report the Mayor mentioned Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Twenty-eighth, Brevard and Caldwell and perhaps other Streets; also that "we might as well bury the downtown wires". That Councilman Albea or someone moved "that the mayor's recommendation be approved", and Mayor Brookshire stated his recommendation was that the Engineering Department put price tags on improvements to certain named streets and his reference to the bond issue was discussed and it was decided that no one would commit himself on the bonds, and Councilman Whittington stated he would not consider the motion in any way obligating the Council to a bond issue, and the vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried. However, in the whole discussion no mention was made of the wires, and he was wondering if that was included in the motion that Council voted on? Mayor Brookshire stated the reference to the overhead wires was made more as a suggestion that Council might want to consider, along with the improvements of the streets. Councilman Smith stated the motion is not specific, and Mayor Brookshire stated there was nothing too specific about it, except to initiate an effort on the part of the Administration, Mr. Veeder and the Engineering Department to come up with either these streets or others, within the Charlotte general downtown area for Council's consideration.

Councilman Smith stated he is so much in favor of the report that he thought when Third, Fourth, Fifth and the other streets were mentioned it would be behooving on the Council and Mr. Veeder to assign some priority of streets, as the Engineering Department has to survey these, make an estimate of cost, etc; and he does not think we have given anything to the Engineering Department. That he thinks before we can get anything effective on it we are going to have to say to the engineers work on Third Street or Fourth Street or some definite street, and then you will have a workable plan the Council can

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approach and that is what is desired, he is sure. Mayor Brookshire stated the terminal point on the streets should be determined and outlined for Council before we attempt to get estimates on the cost, and Mr. Veeder, working with the Engineering Department, will come up soon with the information. Councilman Albea stated he thought the Mayor's idea was to explore it and bring it back and we would then decide which street would be done first. Mayor Brookshire stated the intention of the motion was that Mr. Veeder and the Engineering Department would make certain recommendations to Council and Council would ask specifically for price tags on whatever streets they might bring back. Councilman Dellinger stated all of these streets have been under discussion ever since he has been on the Council, and he would think it would be wise if Council and Engineering Department would get together and talk about these streets, which ones have priority and from what point to what point on each street the work would be done. That he believes the only way this can be done is to get together and Council tell the Engineering Department they want a cost estimate on a certain street, from a given point to a given point, and the same on each street the Council is interested in; then we will have a meeting of the minds. That he thinks the Mayor is right and he is for his program. Councilman Smith stated he thinks the Mayor is so right and he wants to expedite the program and if it is pinned down we will be better off. Mayor Brookshire stated he agrees and he believes that is what Mr. Veeder is attempting to do.

Mr. Veeder stated he thinks the intent of the Mayor and Council is clear and what he thought would be helpful toward realizing the objectives Council has outlined was at least two fold; the first step toward realization of the goals that are desired accomplished, they would bring to Council adequate mapping showing the streets mentioned last week, plus others that might be considered, listing terminal points for various projects, the basic criteria being projects which would be of value to the central business district, and then hoping from the discussion of them Council would set some tentative priorities on some, these you would like considered in a package and from that they would go and try to cost and define the projects. That they would not try to cost the projects but define the terminal points. Once they had Council's idea of all the projects you wish to have considered and some idea of the priorities followed, they would cost them and again bring them back to Council, resulting in an additional consideration on part of the Council, all of this pointing toward a package of the type of improvements Council wants accomplished in the central business district.

Councilman Dellinger stated most of these streets that he can think of, with the exception of one, has established setback lines on them, and some of the streets where there are 17-ft setback lines we have unfit housing, and these people are being instructed to repair these houses and he thinks it would be well to set the timing so these people would know whether they are going to spend a lot of money and take the change of getting the money back, under our Housing Code or whether they can have some time until the road is constructed.

Councilman Smith stated that covers the streets pretty thoroughly and we want to follow through on the streets and not just forget about them. The next thing is these downtown wires, which Council did not even discuss according to the Minutes. That he thinks that should be handled separately, perhaps with a separate Committee or however the Mayor wishes to handle it, but it should be studied. Councilman Throver stated this was brought up in the Mayor's office and it was suggested the proper people to make a survey or estimate would be Duke Power and Southern Bell, since it is highly technical, and he thinks Mr. Veeder said this could be done. Mr. Veeder advised that Southern Bell has no above-ground wires in the central business district. Mayor Brookshire stated they are suggesting then that an estimate be made of

cost of burying the overhead wires downtown. Councilman Albea stated the streets were more definite in his mind than the wires, and that is the reason he made a blanket motion about the streets. Councilman Smith stated the Minutes are alright but he did not want to approve them without some qualification at least that we are going to do something about the wires. Councilman Dellinger stated he would like to say one thing for Councilman Smith's benefit, all that was said about the projects are not in the Minutes, some of these things were discussed in the Mayor's office prior to the formal meeting. Mayor Brookshire stated he must make a correction there, that his Report was not discussed before the formal meeting, that the discussion in the Mayor's office about the overhead wiring and utilities being put underground was in the context of the improvements in the Brooklyn area under the Redevelopment program. Councilman Dellinger stated he discussed fixing Caldwell Street from Trade Street to the Boulevard and putting the utilities underground while in the Mayor's office.

Mayor Brookshire stated as long as we are discussing the opening up of the downtown area, and that was the subject in general and meant to be more general than specific, he thinks an impression created by one of our newspapers should be corrected - the headline and the story did not gibe. The headline said "the Mayor's proposal did not gibe with the Traffic Study Program", when after all the story mentioned four of the streets specifically that are scheduled by 1968 and the other two streets are in the 20 year plan.

The vote was taken on approving the Minutes as corrected, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 227-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-39 GRANTING CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF USE OF PROPERTY FRONTING ON NORTH SIDE OF HIDDENBROOK DRIVE AS PARKING AREA FOR THEATRE.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 227-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-39 of the City Code, granting Conditional Approval of use of property fronting on the north side of Hiddenbrook Drive for use as parking area for theatre, upon the petition of Tar Heel Theatres. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Attorney to state the position of the lot at the rear of this property, which is being zoned conditionally for parking, as he understands it, that does not mean the area can be used for anything other than parking? Mr. Morrisey, City Attorney, stated that is correct, that is the only use, in addition to those in the R9MF.

Councilman Dellinger asked if this does not come under the clause where the petitioner for the change must build a wall or screen between his property and the residential property? Mr. Morrisey advised that appropriate screening must be provided.

The vote was taken on the motion, and carried by the following recorded vote:

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 494.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED WITH L.D. BASS, SR. AND D. A. STOUT FOR APPRAISAL OF LAND FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and

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unanimously carried, contracts for the appraisal of 16 tracts of land for right of way for the Northwest Expressway were authorized as follows:

- (a) Contract with L. D. Bass, Sr., for appraisal of 8 tracts of land on Louise Avenue, Independence Boulevard and Oakland Avenue.
- (b) Contract with D. A. Stout for appraisal of 8 tracts of land on Louise Avenue, Independence Boulevard and Oakland Avenue.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, taking over the following streets for continuous maintenance by the City:

STREET	FROM	TO
Senior Drive	Twinfield Drive	Kendall Drive
Senior Drive	Kendall Drive	Keller Avenue
Kendall Drive	Twinfield Drive	Ablewood Road
Kendall Drive	Ablewood Road	Senior Drive
Ablewood Road	Kendall Drive	English Drive

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK AUTHORIZED IN ALMA COURT.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the construction of 374 feet of sanitary sewer trunk and 580 feet of sewer main in Alma Court, at request of Domar Corporation, at an estimated cost of \$2,670.00, with the entire cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of this amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED TO FRANK WESLEY CUPP, FOR USE ON PREMISES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANK.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Mr. Frank Wesley Cupp, 116 Oakdale Drive, Concord, N. C., for use on the premises of Federal Reserve Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

RENEGOTIATED LEASE WITH CANNON AIRCRAFT SALES & SERVICE, INC. FOR AIRPORT PROPERTY FOR THEIR AVIATION SALES AND SERVICE OPERATION.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of a renegotiated lease with Cannon Aircraft Sales & Service, Inc., covering 4 3/4 acres of property at Douglas Municipal Airport, adjusting the rental and term of the lease, whereby the rental is increased to \$11,500.00 per year, together with commissions on fuel and oil sales of approximately \$7,000.00 per annum, for a term of 15 years beginning November 1, 1963, and canceling the existing lease for said property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

The City Manager explained that we are spreading what we think would be Cannon Aircraft Sales & Service's rental over a period of 15 years into equal payments for the 15 year period, as contrasted with the continuation of their present lease to the time when their option at the present rental expires and has to be renegotiated. That as far as dollars are concerned as best we can

project what might be the minimum figure we would be in position to recommend or negotiate from eight years hence, then use that figure for another 10 year period and then project that and contrast this with a flat rental of \$11,500 for each of the next 15 years, and you come out pretty much on an equal basis to the extent that you can be accurate in doing this, and the advantage to the City is, of course, during the next seven years we will get \$80,500 in contrast with the present lease realizes \$13,260.00. The dollars involved are such it seems to be a fair proposition all the way round in return for paying us more now gives them a little more secure position in terms of the future rental. That he thinks this is advantageous to both the Lessee and Lessor, and makes it a good proposition. The vote was taken on the motion, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Dr. Edward R. Hipp, Sr. and wife, Kathryn, for Lot 379, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs Violet R. Brown, for Graves 3 and 4, in Lot 119, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (c) Deed with Mr and Mrs Robert H. Husband, for Southeast one quarter of Section T, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mrs Cecil J. Husband, at \$6.00 for transfer deed.
- (d) Deed with Mrs Eunice W. Husband for the southwest one quarter of Section T, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 for new deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED ARROW CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR TWO PATCH ROLLERS.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Arrow Construction Equipment Company, for Two 1,000 pound 30-inch Patch Rollers, as specified, in the amount of \$1,833.40. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Arrow Construction Equipment Company	\$ 1,833.40
A. E. Finley & Associates	1,900.35
Southland Equipment Company	1,976.76
Mitchell Distributing Company	2,062.06
E. F. Craven Company	2,121.80

CONTRACT AWARDED WILLIAM F. STRICKHOUSER FOR TWO INSECTICIDE FOG GENERATORS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the second low bidder, William F. Strickhouser for Two Insecticide Fog Generators, as specified, in the amount of \$2,220.50.

The following bids were received:

Curtis Auto Devices, Inc.	\$ 1,590.00
Wm. F. Strickhouser	2,220.50
Wm. F. Strickhouser - Alternate Bid	3,199.00

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HERBERT SPAUGH, JR. NOMINATED FOR APPOINTMENT TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF MR. ROBERT LASSITER, JR. TO REMAIN OPEN FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman Jordan stated he understands the Airport Advisory Committee has more or less accepted the resignation of Mr. Bob Lassiter, so he would like to nominate Mr. Herbert Spaug, Jr., for appointment to the Committee, and hold the nomination open for a week. Councilman Albea seconded the nomination, and asked if Mr. Lassiter has resigned, that he has not seen his resignation. Mayor Brookshire stated he does not have a resignation from Mr. Lassiter. Councilman Jordan stated that Mr. Veeder can answer that question.

SALE OF 15-ACRES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROPERTY AT AUCTION AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Jordan stated he would like to voice his opinion on the request of the School Board to purchase 15 acres of Evergreen Cemetery property as a site for an Elementary School. He stated he is very much in favor of approving the sale of this property to the School Board. He moved that the 15 acres be sold at auction at a starting figure to be agreed upon by the appraisers appointed by the City and the School Board, plus the sum equal to the cost of constructing a standard street to the remaining portion of the tract which would be cut off from the main cemetery area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith. The City Manager presented a map of the area and explained the School Board's needs in this neighborhood relating to this property as a site that would best serve the school's needs. He stated this portion of the property is isolated for cemetery purposes.

COUNCILMAN JORDAN ABSENT FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION.

Councilman Jordan left the meeting at this time and was absent for the remainder of the session.

CONTRACT AWARDED DURABLE WOOD PRESERVING COMPANY FOR LUMBER.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Durable Wood Preserving Company, for 22,326 f.b.m. of treated framing lumber, as specified, for reroofing two sludge digesters located at Irwin Creek Treatment Plant, in the amount of \$2,366.22.

The following bids were received:

Durable Wood Preserving Company	\$ 2,366.22
Doggett Lumber Company	2,433.02
McGee Lumber Company	2,519.33
Abernethy Lumber Company	2,567.96
McClure Lumber Company	2,805.62

CONTRACT AWARDED THE LUDLOW VALVE MFG. COMPANY, INC. FOR GATE VALVES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, the Ludlow Valve Mfg. Company, Inc. for 350 Gate Valves, as specified, in the amount of \$16,574.85.

The following bids were received:

The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co., Inc.	\$ 16,574.85
The Kennedy Valve Mfg. Co.	16,806.51
Grinnell Company, Inc.	17,095.77
McJunkin Corp.	17,456.06
M & H Valve & Fittings Co.	17,925.02
Darling Valve & Mfg. Co.	19,413.29
The A. P. Smith Mfg. Co.	19,791.81

CONTRACT AWARDED THE FORD METER BOX COMPANY, INC. FOR METER YOKES.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the only bidder, The Ford Meter Box Company, for 4,720 Meter Yokes, as specified, in the amount of \$20,554.68. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE ROOFING COMPANY FOR REROOFING VEST STATION.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Interstate Roofing Company, for reroofing Vest Station, as specified, in the amount of \$3,874.14.

The following bids were received:

Interstate Roofing Company	\$ 3,874.14
Avrett & Ledbetter Roofing & Heating	3,921.47
Associated Roofing & Sheet Metal Co.	4,217.85
Stewart & Ramseur, Inc.	4,969.00

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR UNIFORM OXFORD SHOES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder meeting the specifications, The Hub Uniform Company, for 387 pairs of Uniform Oxford Shoes, as specified, in the amount of \$3,384.20, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

The Hub Uniform Company	\$ 3,384.20
Sample Shoe Store, Inc. - did not meet specifications	3,109.16

REAPPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM P. WELLS TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ADVISORY AND APPEAL BOARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Mr. William P. Wells was reappointed to the Air Pollution Control Advisory & Appeal Board for a term of 5 years from the expiration of his present term on January 1, 1964.

SALE OF PINEVILLE ROAD LANDFILL PROPERTY TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORTH SOUTH EXPRESSWAY POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

In considering the recommendation of the City Manager that the City grant a right-of-way across 23.45 acres of the 47.81 acre Pineville Road Landfill

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site to the State Highway Commission at a purchase price of \$27,700, for right-of-way for the North-South Expressway, Councilman Smith questioned the sale at \$1,000 an acre and then having to pay \$3,000 an acre to replace it for landfill purposes. He stated the adjacent land in this area is worth much more than \$1,000 an acre; that generally real estate values are determined by their utility use and this utility's specific use is hard to replace, as the City has learned. He asked if the appraisal of the property was made by the Highway people, and the City Manager stated they made two appraisals and the City two. Councilman Smith stated further if there are other considerations involved of which he is not aware, or if the City would have to go to condemnation, he would not pursue his point. That his only point is that the City has a particularly hard job securing landfill property and we are selling landfill acreage that he was hoping we could sell after it is filled; that when the land was purchased as a landfill site we knew the highway was going through it but to the extent that it would involve only 7 or 8 acres and now the Highway Commission has changed its plans and about half of the property is needed for the clover leaf.

Following the discussion, the City Manager advised that based on the reactions expressed today, we can seek another appraisal. Councilman Smith stated he definitely does not want it to appear that he is trying to hold up the highway, but as custodians of the City's money we have done everything according to the law we should do regarding the appraisal, but it is still our prerogative to question whether or not those appraisals were made in view of the use we have for the property and if this was taken into consideration in the appraisals; therefore, he would like it reconsidered along these lines.

The City Manager asked if he means have another appraisal made? Councilman Smith stated either that or sit down with the Highway Department and re-negotiate it.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that Councilman Smith and Mr. Veeder get together and review all of the appraisals and then if Mr. Smith thinks necessary, have another appraisal made.

Councilman Thrower moved that the matter be postponed for one week, which was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

PROCEDURE FOR ACQUIRING REMAINING PROPERTY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY ADOPTED.

The recommendation of the City Manager was considered that negotiations for the remaining property within the right-of-way for the Northwest Expressway be on a larger scale, using local realtors under contract, on a specified fee basis, with a time limit fixed for the parcels involved. The City's two Right-of-way Agents to assist and supervise the activities of the fee negotiators so as to coordinate their efforts.

Councilman Albea moved that the remaining property be acquired in accordance with the procedure outlined by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

Councilman Smith suggested that in lieu of turning over all of the property to selected Realtors to be ^{negotiated} appraised on a fee basis, that each of the property owners from whom right of way must be acquired first be contacted by Mr. Owens, Right-of-way Agent or his Assistant and see if property owners will not accept the appraisal, which he believes will be done in 40% of the cases, and the City not pay a real estate agent for that service.

Mr. Veeder stated this will be done based on the extent we can make settlement

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ourselves, but based on the experience of the State Highway Commission we will need the services of a number of Realtors to negotiate for us or we will need more qualified people on our payroll. Councilman Smith stated that Mr. Owens could determine in a very few minutes those cases that would have to be negotiated at length, and he does not believe a policy should be made that all of these properties have to be delegated to a realtor. That there is no point in the City paying a commission to a person where the property owner will accept the appraisal without question.

Mr. Veeder stated he agrees with Councilman Smith in principle that we want to do this in the most economical way possible however he is aware of the problems that the State Highway Department has had in this regard. That Mr. Babcock stated they consider they have had a good year when they have been able to acquire up to 2,000 parcels, with their full organization working, and this is a good size organization; scale this down to 600 parcels in our particular situation is far more than is feasible for two people to handle along with other appraisals they must do. Anything that we can negotiate ourselves we want to do so, but he would not want to mislead the Council into thinking the time is available for two Agents to take a very big bite out of 600 parcels on the Northwest Expressway and at the same time take care of the continuing need for appraising water and sewer lines rights-of-way which is a week by week proposition, along with other street easements that we need from time to time.

Following the discussion Councilman Smith again stated he thinks the City's two Agents should make the first contact with the owners of all the property to be acquired.

Mr. Veeder asked that this be left an open question and let him come back with some additional thoughts, as he wants to do this in complete agreement with everyone.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER ADVISES HE WILL CONFER WITH W.R. TAYLOR THIS WEEK RELATIVE TO HIS COMPLAINT REGARDING CONDITION IN WHICH HIS PROPERTY LEFT BY CONTRACTOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO TRANQUIL AVENUE IN AUGUST 1963.

Councilman Whittington advised that Mr. W. R. Taylor, 336 Tranquil Avenue, called him today about the permanent street improvements on Tranquil Avenue. On August 19th last year he and Mr. Silvers, his neighbor, were before Council complaining about the condition of their property as was left by the contractor, Mr. Sherrill, and at that time he made a motion that the Improvements be approved with the understanding that the property would be fixed satisfactorily to the property owners. Mr. Taylor sent in his taxes, along with his assessment cost, and the Tax Office did not accept it because Mr. Taylor had deducted what he thought was a fair price for the work that the contractor did not do to restore his property as it was before the improvements were made to the street. Councilman Whittington stated further he has looked at the property, and he thinks the City Manager has, and again he thinks the Engineering Department has not given Mr. Taylor a fair deal, and he thinks that Mr. Silvers is going to be down here with the same thing, because a retaining wall was supposed to have been erected on his driveway and all the roots etc are exposed right now. Mr. Taylor deducted \$35.00 for the work the contractor did not do, and our Engineers approved of, and the Tax Department is holding up his check. Councilman Whittington stated he told Mr. Taylor that he would give him an answer; that he thinks it is the same thing we are in on Tennyson, there is a misunderstanding but we are dealing with people who do not understand, and he thinks it is our responsibility to meet them more than half way.

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Mr. Veeder stated he talked with Mr. Taylor this morning. He has photographs and further reports on the conditions that were complained of back in August, and he thinks in large measure it is his fault that this was not brought to a head, as he had the information on his desk. He thinks that Mr. Taylor deserved answers that he did not get. The facts of the situation, based on the information he has, are a little different from Mr. Taylor's version and he has some questions as to the City's obligation but he talked with him this morning and it is incumbent upon him now to sit down with Mr. Taylor and go over this completely with him.

Councilman Whittington stated he wished he would do so as he wants Mr. Taylor satisfied and he will tell him that Mr. Veeder will contact him about a conference.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Veeder to confer with Mr. Taylor this week, as he talked with him twice this morning, and also with Mr. Veeder about his conversations with Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Taylor said unless something is done he will be down here next week with his neighbors.

CITY MANAGER EXPLAINS WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON TENNYSON DRIVE IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS OF RESIDENTS WITH REGARD TO THE PERMANENT STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Whittington asked the City Manager what has been done about Tennyson Drive about which Mrs Chandler and Mr. Royster appeared before Council last week? Mr. Veeder advised dead-end street signs and reflectors have been installed, the drainage situation the lady was concerned with has been improved and this is about as far as we can reasonably go but we have done everything that can be reasonably done and hopefully have gone half way towards satisfying some of the points that were brought up. That to some extent, the only thing that would satisfy at least one of the property owners would be for us to forget the assessment. Actually when the house was built that Mrs Chandler is living in a better job of grading could have been done, but we have cut a large ditch and hope this will help her situation.

COMPLAINT OF PASSENGERS AND DRIVER SMOKING ON BUSES.

Councilman Whittington stated he gets complaints constantly about passengers on City Busses smoking; that a lady called yesterday to say that on the Biddleville, Mt. Holly and Beatties Ford Road Busses the passengers and the Bus Driver were smoking. He stated this is in violation of a City Ordinance and he thinks something should be done about enforcing it. Councilman Albea asked if the Bus Driver does not have control over the Bus and what takes place on the Bus? Councilman Dellinger stated the Bus Company has spotters who ride the Busses and they could do something about it if they wished.

CHAIRMAN OF AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ADVISES COUNCIL MAY CONSTRUE THAT IT HAS THE RESIGNATION OF ROBERT LASSITER FROM THE COMMITTEE.

The City Manager stated he mentioned to Councilman Jordan just before the meeting the conversation he had this morning with Mr. Jack Erwin, Chairman of the Airport Advisory Committee who requested him to advise the Council they could construe that it had the resignation from Mr. Robert Lassiter from the Committee. He also asked him to mention that the Committee has always had an attorney on it and this has proved advantageous to the Committee and they would be happy to have another one.

Councilman Bryant stated in view of this information he thinks it would be well to consider the possibility of an attorney. Mayor Brookshire stated

this is a very important Committee and he thinks Council would want to give this information serious consideration and perhaps make several nominations before taking action. Councilman Dellinger asked if the City Attorney does not sit in on their meetings? Mr. Morrisey stated he does not; that Mr. Raffety, the Airport Manager, does so every week. Councilman Dellinger stated the City Attorney would have to pass on matters any way. Councilman Bryant stated it would be convenient to have a person with legal knowledge on the Board. Councilman Whittington called attention that Mr. Spaugh was nominated some time ago even though we have not had Mr. Lassiter's resignation, and if they had in mind an attorney for a replacement they should have let us known sooner.

Councilman Bryant stated they did not have his resignation and had no reason to notify us until he was officially not a member of the Board. Councilman Albea stated the reason he seconded Mr. Spaugh's nomination was the fact he understood one time before, he was well qualified, knows a lot about aviation and is a young man that he thinks would fit in on the Committee.

Councilman Smith asked that Mr. Erwin or the Committee furnish a copy of Mr. Lassiter's resignation to the Council at the next meeting.

MAYOR ADVISES COUNCIL OF INVITATION OF AIR FRANCE ON BEHALF OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT & MUNICIPALITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION JUNE 8-16.

Mayor Brookshire advised he had a telegram last Friday from a Representative of Air France in New York, saying he was authorized on behalf of the French Government and Municipalities of the Riviera to invite Charlotte to participate in a Salute to Dixie, or to the Southern States, to be made June 8th to the 16th. The total cost per person being \$820.00. That those attending from Charlotte up to 30 would be guests of the French Government and Municipalities. The Mayor stated he would have some engraved invitations and more details a little later.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman

Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk