

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, October 5, 1964 at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Thrower.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Jerry W. Townsend, Minister Dilworth Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on September 28th were approved as submitted.

CITY MANAGER TO CONTACT STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO ALLOWING PARKING ON SHARON ROAD, AT FERNCLIFF FOR THREE DAY PERIOD DURING TOUR OF HOMES SPONSORED BY MINT MUSEUM OF ART.

Mr. J. B. Craighill stated he is present in behalf of the Mint Museum of Art and the Women's Auxiliary, some of whom are present with Mr. Robert Schlageter, Director of the Museum. It is in connection with the Tour of Homes which is coming up in about 10 days. The dates are October 15th, 16th and 17th. Their problem is a parking problem. That the Tour of Homes attracts 2500 to 3000 people and a great many of these are from out of town - about 1300 came from out of town last year. The important point is they are not coming to Council as private individuals, the Mint Museum is owned by the City and is supported in a large measure by the City and the ladies are giving the Tour of Homes to raise some money to help support the Museum to relieve the City of what might be its obligation, so this is a public enterprise. The parking problem is at one location - the corner of Sharon Road and Ferncliff Road at one of the principle homes on the tour and the present regulations say there is no parking on Sharon Road. That Sharon Road is at least 45 feet in width and a good four lanes wide, and Ferncliff is only about 18 to 20 feet wide and is a very narrow street, and it is expected that 1,000 to 1,500 cars will visit this home. Mr. Craighill stated this would not be during the rush hours but from 10 to 5 and 2 to 5 and the Tour will be over before people start going home that way. That the ladies need to be able to park on Sharon Road. They have gone through the administrative procedures, and have gone through procedures with the Police and the Traffic Engineering, and have been told there is no authority to do anything for them and their only appeal is the City Council. That there are regulations which say the City Police can extend parking when justified by special temporary emergency conditions, and his interpretation of an emergency is when there are 1500 cars and 2200 people coming to park on a street which is only 18 feet wide. That the City Traffic Engineer with the approval of the City Manager has the authority to make and enforce temporary regulations in emergencies. That they hope there is some way in which the City Council can give them temporary relief on these days, and if there is no way under the existing ordinances in which it can be done, then it seems there should be an amendment to the Ordinance.

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Mr. Robert W. Schlageter, Director of the Museum, stated their maintenance budget runs \$17,000 to \$18,000, and the Tour of Homes provides about \$9,000 income to the Museum for use on the Walls. That the City Council helps with the heating, lighting and power maintenance of the Museum but the Museum is judged by what hangs on the Wall, and the \$9,000 given each year by the Tour of Homes is used for this purpose.

Councilman Albea asked for how long the Museum would want the parking, and Mr. Craighill replied for three days - from 10 to 5 on Thursday and Friday, the 15th and 16th, and from 2 to 5 on Saturday the 17th.

Councilman Bryant asked if the City does not have a problem with the State on this and the City Manager replied that it does. Councilman Bryant stated the only way Council could give any relief would be first to get relief from the State, and asked if there is a channel through which Council can go and the City Manager advised the channel through which the City can go is the State.

Councilman Bryant moved that the City Manager contact the State Highway Department as soon as possible relative to temporary relief of parking on Sharon Road at Ferncliff for the benefit of the Tour of Homes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Smith stated it seems rather than go up a dead end alley on this there might be some emergency measures which the City itself has that could prevail. When street repairs are being made on a street it is roped off, and he does not want to leave the problem just hanging on what the State says.

Mayor Brookshire asked the City Attorney if the Council can take any emergency steps on its own to provide this relief and the City Attorney replied not in his opinion.

The Mayor advised Mr. Craighill and those present with him, the City Manager would contact the proper parties in Raleigh to see if the City can get permission to grant the request that has been made.

Mr. Craighill stated he appreciates the kind consideration which has been given, but there are no sidewalks there and there is a safety problem involved and he believes it should be possible to make exceptions under the present ordinance or under some amendment to the ordinance which would perhaps not require permission from the state - just temporary emergencies or special circumstances.

Mayor Brookshire pointed out that Council is sympathetic with the problem and would like to cooperate and will if there is a way out. Councilman Bryant stated the City has signed an agreement with the State and there is no parking allowed and they can hold the City to it, and there is no relief except through them.

PUBLIC HEARING ON QUESTION OF GRANTING A FRANCHISE FOR CABLE T. V. SET FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 2 O'CLOCK.

Mr. John D. Shaw, Attorney, stated he would like to refresh Council's memory. That on April 27th Mr. Yaeger and Mr. Richard Shafto, representing Broadcasting Company of the South of Columbia, made a graphic presentation to Council of Cable Television, and now this is October and they would like to get this off the ground. That they are not pressuring anybody but they have given Mr. Veeder and Mr. Morrissey all the information they need. That it has been delayed

so long that another company wants it and that is fine because it is something the City needs. That his company has a commitment from a bank for a certain amount of credit to be used in the installation of this and they would like for that not to expire on them.

The City Attorney advised Council there is no legal requirement for a public hearing on the question of granting a franchise nor no legal requirement for the notice but Council has stated in the past it would grant a public hearing on this question and it is recommended that at least 30 days notice be given of the date of public hearing and that it be advertised; it is also suggested that a date separate from the regular Council meeting day be considered assuming the hearing might take several hours.

Councilman Albea moved that Tuesday, November 10th at 2 o'clock be set as the date of public hearing on the question of granting a franchise for cable television. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and carried un-animously.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO THE EXTENSION OF CLANTON ROAD FROM CREEK TO WEST BOULEVARD AND POLICE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ON POLICE GUARD FROM SARGEANT DRIVE DOWN INTO SCHOOL PROPERTY TO HELP WITH CHILDREN GOING TO BARRINGER SCHOOL.

Mrs. Foster, resident of the Clanton Park-Rollingwood Area, called Council's attention to the recent article in one of the newspapers concerning their children going to Barringer School. That in order for them to get to the school they have to go over the creek, down through the woods which are infested with fleas and everything else. That what they would like to have is a circle - to go down through what is already a designated street on Sargeant Drive, a place where they could drive down in and drop their children off and come back up into Sargeant Drive and down into their section. She stated they have talked with Mr. Veeder, Mr. Whittington and Mr. Diehl; also, they have gotten up a petition on which they have over 600 names. That last week they made a survey of the number of preschool children in the area and on nine streets there were over 200 children. There are 433 families in Barringer School and 308 of them come from the Rollingwood, Clanton Park and Edgewood Area. That from her home to Barringer School is 3 miles and they have to go in a round about way to get to the school. The children either have to go by bus or they are driven by their parents, or they can walk using the path which is much easier. If they drive their children they have to go down Barringer Drive, to Beechnut Road, on to West Boulevard, up West Boulevard and drop the children and then back and around, and if every mother took her children there would be a great traffic congestion.

The City Manager stated the property is owned by the School Board and the Park and Recreation. He has talked with the School Board about improving the pedestrian access which presently exists and there is no question but it needs improving. Mayor Brookshire asked if Mrs. Foster is asking that the street be opened up across the park and ending in a circle, and Mrs. Foster stated they do not want a through street as it would open in front of the school and cause traffic congestion.

Councilman Jordan asked if \$68,000 is the total estimated cost of the road, and Mr. Veeder replied it is a preliminary estimate as to what it would cost to put a road in. Mr. Veeder stated further the problem is not an easy one to solve; that the pedestrian facility which now exists for the use of the children going to and from the school can be improved. That it is his intent to get the costs on some of the improvements and he believes it can be improved as a pedestrian facility. Further there are reservations about the desirability of putting in a vehicular access in general and even stronger

reservations about a vehicular access which would end in a cul-de-sac at the school property as Mrs. Foster has suggested as this would preclude the use of the facility for anything other than traffic taking students to and from the school. But by improving the existing unopened pedestrian right-of-way from Sargeant Drive to the Creek; by improving the facility over the creek by relocating it; by improving the path itself; improving the secondary pedestrian bridge over a tributary of the creek straightening the whole thing out - and the school board has been requested to improve the part which is on their property by putting in some steps for the use of the students - that the situation can be improved and be improved short of putting in a street as has been suggested. That they are in the process of getting together costs on the various things they think will improve the situation; the visibility can be improved so the mothers can see straight through from the top of the hill all the way over to the steps coming down. Actually, from a safety point of view, the City Traffic Engineers have expressed an opinion that the pedestrian facility as improved would be safer for the children than if a vehicular facility were open. This is a matter of opinion but is what some of the Engineers say from a professional point of view.

Mrs. Garland Sullivan and Mr. Marvin Blackwell spoke against just improving the path. Mr. Blackwell stated he would like to think the Council would do its utmost to help this situation but before the money is expended for the path that the road should be studied. That the path would remedy part of the problem but not all.

Mr. Walter Tomlinson, Vice-President of the Barringer P.T.A. stated there is no opening from the Clanton Park Area except by way of Barringer Road and the residents have to drive about 3 miles out of the way to get west of town. On occasions the creek gets a little high and the children cannot pass over the bridge. For instance, this morning, there were cars lined up - about 25, trying to make the left hand turn onto West Boulevard. That the path would be good for the children who live close enough to walk but some vehicular traffic is needed.

Councilman Whittington asked that the Engineering Department be requested to look into the extension of Clanton Road, from the Creek to West Boulevard; that Chief Hord be requested to make a recommendation for a police guard to help with the children from Sargeant Drive down into the school property.

Mayor Brookshire stated the residents have the sympathetic understanding of Council and they will certainly see what they can do.

Mrs Joe Mullis stated she is not interested in the path being improved. She has two girls and she is not going to send them down through the wooded path.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION NO. 64-49 BY CHARLOTTE MECKLENBURG PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSING CHANGES IN THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE VICINITY OF DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT POSTPONED AND REFERRED BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THEIR FURTHER STUDY.

Councilman Jordan moved that Petition No. 64-49 for changes in zoning in the vicinity of Douglas Municipal Airport be postponed and referred back to the Planning Commission for their further study. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 26TH ON PETITION FILED BY NANCE-TROTTER REALTY, INC. FOR THE ANNEXATION OF LAND IN MALLARD CREEK TOWNSHIP.

Councilman Bryant moved the adoption of a Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing on Monday, October 26th on Petition by Nance Trotter Realty, Inc. for the Annexation of 42.74 Acres of land in Mallard Creek Township. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 427.

CONTRACT WITH INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN IN MARIBEL AVENUE, REMINGTON STREET AND McDONALD STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington approving a contract with the Investment Properties, Inc. for the installation of 2,970 feet of water main and three fire hydrants, in Maribel Avenue, Remington St. and McDonald Street, inside the city limits at an estimated cost of \$9,300.00 with the city to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Construction of 508 feet of sanitary sewer trunk to serve St. Gabriel Catholic Church at the request of Charlotte Development Company, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$2,725.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant.
- (b) Construction of 160 feet of sanitary sewer main in Festbrook Court, at the request of S & T Development Company, at an estimated cost of \$540.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant whose deposit will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
- (c) Construction of 1,335 feet of sanitary sewer mains, in Brookridge Lane, at an estimated cost of \$4,425.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant whose deposit will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.
- (d) Construction of 494 feet of sanitary sewer trunk from Crater Street to Commonwealth Apartments, at the request of Lone Star Buildings, at an estimated cost of \$2,450.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant whose deposit will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 IN CONTRACT WITH REA CONSTRUCTION FOR PROJECT C-313 AT AIRPORT AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of Change Order No. 1 in contract with Rea Construction Company for Project C-313 at Airport increasing the contract cost by \$8,147.95. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PROJECT NO. 14 AT AIRPORT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to contract with Rea Construction Company for Project No. 14 at Airport for a change in construction of subdrains decreasing the cost by \$6,318.70 was authorized.

CONTRACTS FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY FOR THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, authorizing contracts for appraisal of property for the Northwest Expressway, as follows:

- (a) Contract with James Varnadore for 1 tract on Independence Boulevard.
- (b) Contract with Robert Rhyne for 1 tract on Central Avenue.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with William M. Reece for East Half and SW portion of Lot No. 166, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$3.00 for new deed.
- (b) Deed with Mrs Berylyn S. Waters for Grave 3, Lot No. 166, Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mr. William M. Reece, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR ASPHALT RESURFACING.

Councilman Jordan moved award of contract to the low bidder, Blythe Brothers Company, for asphalt resurfacing as specified, in the amount of \$101,912.50, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Brothers Company	\$101,912.50
Rea Construction Company	103,980.00

CONTRACT AWARDED GOODALL RUBBER COMPANY FOR BUNKER SUITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Goodall Rubber Company for 35 Bunker Suits, as specified, in the amount of \$1,670.28.

The following bids were received:

Goodall Rubber Company	\$ 1,670.28
O. J. Richardson	1,681.73
The Leslie Company	1,692.18
John W. Barnes Enterprises	1,802.85
C. W. Williams Company	1,868.24
The Globe Mfg. Company	1.878.54

CONTRACT AWARDED KAISER ALUMINUM & CHEMICAL SALES, INC.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of contract to the low bidder, Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Sales, Inc. for 500 sheets of aluminum as specified, in the amount of \$6,140.86. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Kaiser Aluminum & Chem. Sales, Inc.	\$ 6,140.86
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp.	6,200.60
Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc.	6,796.82
Aluminum Company of America	6,837.43
Southeastern Safety Supplies, Inc.	8,796.20

CONTRACT AWARDED SINCLAIR REFINING COMPANY FOR GASOLINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan awarding contract to Sinclair Refining Company, the low bidder, for regular and premium gasoline as specified, in the amount of \$156,327.00 on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Sinclair Refining Co.	\$ 156,327.00
American Oil Company	156,746.48
Gulf Oil Corporation	157,072.10
Texaco, Inc.	164,559.39
Humble Oil & Refining Co	164,931.00
The Pure Oil Company	167,455.03

CONTRACT AWARDED THE PURE OIL COMPANY FOR MOTOR OIL.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the Pure Oil Company, the low bidder, for 10,480 gallons of Motor Oil as specified, in the amount of \$5,340.93, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

The Pure Oil Company	\$ 5,340.93
Liquids, Inc.	5,429.94
American Oil Company	5,824.40
Texaco, Inc.	5,888.98
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	7,397.45
Sinclair Refining Co.	8,206.51

CONTRACT AWARDED LIQUIDS, INC. FOR GEAR LUBRICANT.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to the low bidder, Liquids, Inc. for gear lubricant as specified, in the amount of \$866.18, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Liquids, Inc.	\$	866.18
American Oil Company		866.89
Texaco, Inc.		900.25
The Pure Oil Company		920.41
Sinclair Refining Co		993.60
Humble Oil Refining Co		1,440.19

CONTRACT AWARDED LIQUIDS, INC. FOR CHASSIS LUBRICANT.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to Liquids, Inc. the low bidder, for Chassis Lubricant as specified, in the amount of \$711.91, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Liquids, Inc.	\$	711.91
Texaco, Inc.		740.52
Sinclair Refining Co		937.99
Humble Oil Refining Co		975.01
The Pure Oil Co		1,123.12
American Oil Co.		1,184.82

CONTRACT AWARDED TODD OIL COMPANY FOR KEROSENE.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Todd Oil Company, in the amount of \$2,018.84 on a unit price basis, for kerosene as specified.

The following bids were received:

Todd Oil Company	\$	2,018.84
American Oil Co		2,201.32
Humble Oil & Refining Co		2,255.55
Sinclair Refining Co		2,380.07
The Pure Oil Company		2,456.42

CONTRACT AWARDED TODD OIL COMPANY FOR FUEL OIL NO. 2.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Todd Oil Company, the low bidder, for Fuel Oil No. 2 as specified, in the amount of \$12,512.34 on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Todd Oil Company	\$	12,512.34
Gulf Oil Corporation		13,266.76
Sinclair Refining Company		13,307.09
The Pure Oil Company		13,364.25
Humble Oil & Refining Co		13,414.62
American Oil Company		14,597.47

CONTRACT AWARDED H. V. JOHNSON & SON FOR FUEL OIL NO. 5 AND NO. 6.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to H. V. Johnson & Son, the low bidder, in the amount of \$12,386.78, on a unit price basis for Fuel Oil No. 5 and No. 6, as specified. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

H. V. Johnson & Son	\$ 12,386.78
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	12,639.05
American Oil Company	12,990.36

CONTRACT AWARDED TODD OIL COMPANY FOR DIESEL FUEL.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Todd Oil Company, for Diesel Fuel as specified, in the amount of \$5,311.75, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Todd Oil Company	\$ 5,311.75
Sinclair Refining Co.	5,649.14
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	5,694.79
The Pure Oil Company	5,814.68
American Oil Company	6,196.93
Texaco, Inc.	6,323.25

CONTRACT AWARDED TEXACO, INC. FOR HYDRAULIC LIFT OIL.

Councilman Bryant moved award of contract to Texaco, Inc. for hydraulic lift oil as specified, in the amount of \$1,100.99, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Texaco, Inc.	\$ 1,100.99
The Pure Oil Company	1,140.31
Liquids, Inc.	1,152.49
American Oil Company	1,363.13
Humble Oil & Refining Co.	1,599.05

ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY FOR SANITARY SEWER EASEMENTS AND NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, acquisition of rights of way for sanitary sewer easements and Northwest Expressway was authorized as follows:

- (a) Acquisition of right of way 10 ft. x 1,221.75 ft. in Reid Park from I. F. Quist, et ux Nell S. Quist, at \$1.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Reid Park.
- (b) Acquisition of right of way 10 ft. x 1,246.16 ft. in Reid Park, from I. F. Quist and wife Nell S. Quist, at \$1.00 for sanitary sewer to serve Reid Park.

- (c) Acquisition of right of way 10 ft. x 328 ft. at 3501 Amy James Street from Joseph Cunningham and wife Geneva C. at \$328.00, for Sanitary sewer to serve Reid Park.
- (d) Acquisition of right of way 10 ft. x 50 ft. in Bellamy Street at Railroad from Nell S. Quist and husband, I. F. Quist, at \$25.00 for Seymour Drive Extension sanitary sewer.
- (e) Acquisition of 8,583 sq. ft. at 816 N. Independence Boulevard, from Jennie B. Pappas, Widow, at \$14,900.00 for Northwest Expressway.

ENGINEERING CONTRACT WITH J. N. PEASE & ASSOCIATES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EASTWAY DRIVE, BETWEEN NORTH TRYON AND INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATED AND EXECUTED BY THE CITY.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Engineering Contract with J. N. Pease and Associates for the improvement of Eastway Drive, between North Tryon Street and Independence Boulevard be negotiated and executed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant.

Councilman Albea stated this Council has spent the past 5 years trying to straighten out deadend streets which were annexed 5 or 6 years ago. Now we are going in, in one clip, and making two new deadend streets practically in the heart of Charlotte, and he is opposed to it. He is not opposed to J. N. Pease getting the contract, it is the project which he opposes.

Councilman Whittington stated he is going to vote against the motion based on the fact the center alignment of the route has not been pinned down.

Councilman Dellinger stated it would appear he has made a motion on something that is irregular but this is a regular procedure in all cases. You have to have a contract before you can pin down any road bed.

Councilman Whittington stated he made it clear when this engineering was discussed last year he would not vote for it until the whole corridor was pinned down, from one end to the other.

Councilman Smith stated that General Younts worked with the Federal Government, the State Highway Commission and the Local Administration and it was his suggestion that the City had this time before selecting the center route, in which to find an alternate which they can vote for, and it is not a question of shirking their duty. They are going along with the suggestion made by the Federal Government and the State Government, and this is being played for a big thing - that we are leaving it, that it will never be built - but we have made a pledge to run it through the center. That it is just a question that General Younts can't get to it until he gets these two ends; that he has said that was the program and it will be two or three years before he gets to Eastway and Woodlawn and this was agreeable with the Federal Government. Councilman Smith stated he thinks there is a little politics being played on this thing. That this is the way General Younts suggested it could be done, and it has been done in good faith, and he does not believe they should be accused of doing anything irregular.

Councilman Albea stated Mr. Smith can call it what he wants. That he is voting for what he thinks is right and what he has been fighting for on the Council. That if anybody has played any politics it certainly is not him. That he is not in favor of deadend streets practically in the heart of Charlotte.

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

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

CITY MANAGER TO REPLY TO LETTER FROM DOWNTOWN REALTOR CONCERNING URBAN RENEWAL PROPERTY BEING OFFERED FOR SALE AT \$1.30 PER SQUARE FOOT.

Councilman Whittington stated he has a letter from a downtown realtor who has read in the paper that a half block of the Urban Renewal Property between Third, Davidson and Alexander and Fourth Street was being offered for sale at \$1.30 per sq. ft. That they were told it would start at \$2.00 per sq. ft. and according to these people it was offered at \$1.30 and he asked the City Manager to check into it and notify the Realtor.

Mr. Veeder stated this is the block the City purchased and the \$1.30 represents only a portion of the purchase price. Councilman Whittington asked that he point this out to the people who are questioning it.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO DRAW SPECIAL BILL FOR LEGISLATURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VETERANS CENTER AND BRING TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

Councilman Smith asked the City Attorney if he understands the intent of Council that a special bill for legislation for the Veterans' Center be drawn. Mr. Morrissey replied he would be glad to draw it and submit it to Council for approval.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONTACT STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO AMENDING AGREEMENT TO ALLOW TEMPORARY PARKING ON SHARON ROAD.

Councilman Smith stated the question of parking on Sharon Road may come up again in the future and he would suggest that Mr. Veeder get the contract with the State amended so that the City would have the right to allow parking on Sharon Road for a period not to exceed a week, or some arbitrary specified time, so that Council could permit temporary parking. That there is no use in getting just the one thing approved and he thinks the agreement should be amended if possible.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO EXPLORE EVERY AVENUE TO FIND MIDDLE LINK FOR BELT ROAD IN NEXT SIX MONTHS.

Councilman Dellinger stated in connection with the Belt Road the Engineering Department should not be complacent about the middle link; that every avenue should be explored to see if we can get the middle link through. That if there are not enough people in the Engineering Department then he would suggest they get some help to explore the route thoroughly and see if there is any possible way to go around there in the next six months.

REPORT ON PLANNING OF THE NEXT CIRCUMFERENTIAL ROUTE.

Councilman Bryant asked if the wheels have been put in motion towards the planning of the next circumferential route and Mr. Veeder replied some wheels have been put in motion through Mr. McIntyre and through correspondence exchanged with Mr. Babcock, and he will see that they keep moving.

FOR SALE SIGNS REQUESTED PLACED ON SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would like in the record the suggestion he made recently to the City Manager, that Mr. Owens, the Right of Way Agent, place advertising signs on the surplus city property that is for sale hoping it might attract interested buyers. Mr. Veeder stated this has been discussed with Mr. Owens and they think it is a very good idea and will be done.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Ruth Armstrong

Ruth Armstrong, Deputy City Clerk