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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Tuesday, January 4, 1966, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry C. Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend W. Chester Kellper, Pastor of Selwyn Avenue Presbyterian Church.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on December 20, 1965, were approved as submitted to the City Council.

#### ALBERT PEARSON URGES THAT CITY COUNCIL MAKE CLEAR TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER AND THE MAYOR.

Mr. Albert Pearson appeared before the City Council and expressed concern over the crime situation in Charlotte and the effect on the citizens on such headlines as appeared in The Charlotte News on December 28th, "City Manager Hunts new Chief of Police", and on other dates "Report on Charlotte Youths Arrest" and an Editorial criticizing Judge Beacham - because they lead the citizens of Charlotte to believe that the City Government has no head, no tail and all middle. That the article by Mr. Bill Noblett on December 28th stated "We want the City Manager to be Boss", giving the impression to the citizens that he is not already the head of the Police Department. Mr. Pearson quoted from the City Charter the responsibilities and duties of the City Manager, and he stated that it is time the City Council let the people know that he is the Administrative Head of all the Departments of the City. He stated the newspaper articles refer to factions in the Police Department and everyone knows there always has been factions and always will be; that he has no criticism of the Police Department and of Chief Hord, he thinks the Chief has done a good job.

Mr. Pearson stated further that in The Charlotte News "Quest" column recently the question was asked, "What is the Mayor's salary and duties?" and he thinks the City Council should put across to the people just what the Mayor can and cannot do in the City of Charlotte. He quoted from the City Charter the powers and responsibilities of the Mayor - he pointed out that the Mayor has the right to ask the Chief of Police and any other Department head to bring him his records and to review them. He expressed the opinion that if the Mayor is not satisfied with the so-called handling of crime in Myers Park, which nothing is done about, he has the power and authority to make recommendations to the City Council with regard to it. He called attention that according to the City Charter the Mayor is the most powerful man in the City of Charlotte, which is a far cry from just ribbon cutting, he is an elected official for a purpose to give him a separate approach through the City Council to the people.

Mr. Pearson stated this is a new year, this is January and if the City Council does not straighten out to the people the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager and Mayor, then they are committing a bigger crime than those that have been committed.

ACTION ON PETITION NO. 65-86 BY M. LEE HEATH FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-15 TO R-15MF OF A 48.63 ACRE TRACT OF LAND EAST OF SHARON ROAD DEFERRED PENDING RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Councilman Albea moved that action on the subject petition be deferred pending the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Whittington asked that the motion include the following - "and the City Manager have the Planning Commission give the City Council its recommendation on this petition before it is given to anyone else; and, also, that they give the City Council any reports they have as a matter of record when they consider other zoning in this area." Councilman Tuttle stated he would like to emphasize Mr. Whittington's request.

Councilman Albea accepted the amendment to his motion, and the vote was taken on the motion as amended and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 411-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF A LOT ON THE NORTHWEST SIDE OF DEWOLFE STREET, ADOPTED.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 411-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning from R-6 to B-2 of a lot 70' x 168' on the northwest side of DeWolfe Street, beginning 175' northeast of Glenwood Drive, on petition of Richard M. Salisbury, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 253.

ORDINANCE NO. 412-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF A LOT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EASTWAY DRIVE AND SPRINGWAY DRIVE, ADOPTED.

Councilman Whittington moved that Petition No. 65-112 for a change in zoning from R-9MF to O-6 of a lot 125' x 166' at the southwest corner of Eastway Drive and Springway Drive be disapproved. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of Ordinance 412-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning of the property as requested, as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Short stated he is going to vote in favor of this change in zoning purely because it is as they say a buffer area between business and residence. That he thinks Eastway Drive is set up as nicely as any street we are likely to find with reference to the placement and positioning of business and residences. That business is almost perfectly clustered at the major intersections - that is Tryon and The Plaza, Shamrock and Kilborne, Central Avenue and Independence, with almost perfect residential pictures, with very little exception, in between. He stated he has discussed this with some of the people on the Commission and some of the people on the Commission Staff and it is because this is a little bit of a buffer between business and residences that he is voting for this. That he does not believe that the Council should give the public the feeling that they can just capriciously petition for changes on Eastway Drive or any part of the proposed Belt Road, and he wants to make it plain that it is just because it is a buffer that he is voting for it and with no intentions of indicating anything of an overall nature about the zoning along the Belt Road.

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Councilman Albea stated he has always felt that every case that comes before Council must stand on its own merit and he is voting for the motion for the same reason expressed by Mr. Short, and it does not mean because he is voting for this change that he is going to come back next month or next year and vote to extend it.

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

YEAS: Councilman Albea, Short, Alexander, Jordan, Thrower and Tuttle.  
NAYS: Councilman Whittington.

ORDINANCE NO. 413-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF A LOT ON THE WEST SIDE OF MCALWAY ROAD, ADOPTED.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 413-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, changing the zoning from R-9 to R-6MF of a lot 50' x 245' on the west side of McAlway Road, beginning 142' south of Beal Street, on petition of Mrs. Gertrude Funderburk, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 254.

ORDINANCE NO. 414-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE, CHANGING THE ZONING OF TWO LOTS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HICKORY GROVE ROAD, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 414-Z Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code, was adopted changing the zoning from R-9MF to O-6 of two lots 75' x 150' each on the north side of Hickory Grove Road, beginning 150' east of Hickory Grove-Newell Road, on petition of Mr. S. L. Strause, and recommended by the Planning Commission. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 255.

PETITION NO. 65-115 BY L. W. FIELDS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-2 OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF WALLACE LANE, DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried, the subject petition for change in zoning was denied, as recommended by the Planning Commission.

PETITION NO. 65-116 BY J. ANDERSON TODD AND W. REESE TODD, FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF to B-1 OF PROPERTY ON THE NW SIDE OF VIRGINIA AVENUE, EXTENDING FROM MATHESON AVENUE SW 320 FEET, DENIED.

Councilman Thrower moved that the subject petition for change in zoning be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JANUARY 24th ON PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, adopting a resolution entitled: "Resolution fixing date of Public Hearing on January 24th on petition for Annexation of property."

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 174.

## CLAIM OF MRS. RUTH G. WHITEN FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND DAMAGES DENIED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried, claim in the amount of \$25,000 by Mrs. Ruth C. Whiten for personal injuries and damages, was denied as recommended by the City Attorney.

## CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN DUBERRY STREET AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the construction of 120 feet of sanitary sewer main in Duberry Street, at the request of Mr. Raymond R. Smith, at an estimated cost of \$585.00 with all cost to be borne by the applicant whose deposit of the full amount has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

## CONTRACT WITH THE PITOMETER ASSOCIATES FOR WASTE STUDIES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, authorizing contract with the Pitometer Associates for waste water studies in Districts 1B and 5 of the City's Water system in the amount of \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short asked if this is Bond money and the City Manager advised that it is not.

Councilman Short then suggested to the City Manager that, if possible, he submit to Council just what is ahead with respect to the Water and Sewer Bond money and the anticipated spending of it, because the Task Force is constantly bringing up that question.

## APPRAISAL CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY PROJECT, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Thrower moved the approval of the following appraisal contracts in connection with the Northwest Expressway Project, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with Lionel D. Bass, Sr. for appraisal of one parcel of land on Stevens Street.
- (b) Contract with Alfred E. Smith for appraisal of one parcel of land on Stevens Street.

## COUNCILMAN WHITTINGTON REQUESTS THAT RIGHT OF WAY APPRAISAL WORK BE ASSIGNED TO ALPHABETICALLY TO THE APPROVED LIST OF APPRAISERS.

Councilman Whittington remarked to the City Manager that in connection with the appraisal and right of way work, it seems to him by the names submitted almost weekly for Council to authorize and pay, that we are jumping the alphabet from the top to the bottom. That there is a list of these appraisers and he hopes they have started with the A's and gone through the W's and come back to the A's. That he does not know that this is not being done, but lately it seems that we have either been at the top of the alphabet or the bottom, and all of these appraisers are most anxious to share in the work. That we had this question with the attorneys in the title work on these projects and Council asked that their names be submitted and considered alphabetically, and when they do a job they go to the bottom of the list, and he would like to caution the Manager and hope that we are following that procedure and, if not, that we do so.

**STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CONTINUOUS MAINTENANCE BY THE CITY.**

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for continuous city maintenance:

| STREET       | FROM                      | TO                      |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Edsel Place  | 80' South of Deason Court | North end of cul-de-sac |
| Deason Court | Edsel Place               | East end of cul-de-sac  |
| Early Court  | 135' West of Edsel Place  | East end of cul-de-sac  |

**JOHN H. VICKERS REAPPOINTED TO FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

Councilman Alba moved the appointment of Mr. John H. Vickers to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees for a term of two years. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

**TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.**

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Elbert H. and Barbara B. Roberts, for Lot No. 485, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Diana Haynes, for Grave No. 8, Lot No. 159, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Herta S. Ratenieks for Graves 5 and 6, Lot 191, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (d) Deed with Miss Dorothy D. Hargett, for Graves 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10, Section 7, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$360.00.

**ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AND PERMANENT CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS FOR EASTWAY DRIVE WIDENING PROJECT.**

Upon motion of Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the following property transactions were approved:

- (a) Acquisition of 640 feet of property on Shamrock Drive, from Malcolm K. Lee and Wife at \$700.00, for right of way for Eastway Drive Widening Project.
- (b) Permanent Easement for 350 sq. feet of property at 321 Prince Charles Street, from James T. Jordan and wife, at \$400.00, for Eastway Drive Widening Project.
- (c) Permanent Easement for 800 sq. feet of property at 317 Prince Charles Street, from James L. Yow and wife, at \$750.00, for Eastway Drive Widening Project.
- (d) Permanent Easement for 600 sq. feet of property at 301 Prince Charles Street, from Johnny E. Carpenter and wife, at \$800.00, for Eastway Drive Widening Project.
- (e) Permanent Easement for 650 sq. feet of property at 305 Prince Charles Street, from Barry L. Girard and wife, at \$600.00, for Eastway Drive Widening Project.

Councilman Whittington stated for the record that this project has been delayed, and he does not know where the fault lies, but he does not think it is in the administration at City Hall; he thinks it is by some of the people we have engaged to render service, and he thinks the City Manager should notify them of the feeling of the Council that they have been given this work and the Council expects to be done promptly, and if not then Council will award these things to other people.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CITY FOR THE YEAR 1965.

As has been his practice in the past, Mayor Brookshire presented the following resume of the activities of the City for the past year, 1965:

"A summary of city government for 1965, as might be expected, shows both debits and credits, problems and progress.

Because the credits far outweigh the debits, let me first identify the debits as problems which we either have done something about, or must. I would list the first of these as the increasing disrespect of law and order and disregard for personal and property rights, evidence of which is supported by police and court records. During the year this has loomed as our number one problem. To whatever extent and at whatever expense may be involved, Council must maximize its efforts to reduce the crime rate in this community. At the same time an appeal must be made to the responsible citizens of our city to do what they should and can to support law and order.

The second major problem we faced in the past year was the bombing of Charlotte homes which threatened our program of creative community relations. Peaceful and constructive efforts to build a higher level of citizenship could have been seriously interrupted. This unfortunate incident must serve to give us a continual awareness of the danger of demonstrated hatred, even in a progressive and peaceful community. This awareness must go hand in hand with continuing efforts to build good community relations, to see that all of our citizens have the opportunity to make the most of their individual lives, and that no one is hindered or handicapped because of external factors related only to birth.

On the positive or credit side, we continued through 1965 to follow a blue print of orderly growth and progress. With normal growth and annexation we have reached the quarter-million population figure, continuing to be the leading, largest and fastest growing city in the two Carolinas, which adds lustre to our importance as a regional city. The significance of this explosive growth lies in the opportunities which become available to our citizens in industry, business and professional fields.

With the passage of the bond issue last January, plus pay-as-you-go financing, we have continued to pace facilities and services to our growth pattern, with improvements in water and sewer, airport facilities, and implementation of our thoroughfare plan, just to mention a few of our major capital improvement programs. Urban renewal, public housing and enforcement of our minimum housing code are continuing important programs, and we have even made a start with a small budget item for city beautification.

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A government plaza study was started during the year, a housing survey was authorized, a study of water and sewer extension into the developing areas of the county, contiguous to the city, was commenced, and an intergovernmental task force of able and interested leaders was named to assist Council in pushing all these programs as fast as possible, particularly in getting maximum assistance from the State and Federal governments applicable to our overall comprehensive plan.

With these things occupying Council's attention, it is small wonder that Council and the community at large have been engaged in a dialogue on new tax sources, which hopefully will be continued until results can be had. Encouraging is the fact that Governor Moore has expressed a sympathetic interest in the plight of growing urban communities and local governments and that a recently named State-wide tax study commission will look into the sources and equitable distribution of taxes necessary to support both state and local governments.

The summation of progress in the city of Charlotte during the year 1965 would not be complete without mention of the municipal election in May which saw the election of a City Council that has already demonstrated a willingness to work well together in meeting needs and promoting the welfare and progress of our city. This plus a fine working relationship between Council and the Board of County Commissioners augers well for the future as we face needs, problems and challenges.

I am grateful to the members of Council for the support and cooperation given my Office in the past year."

RETIREMENT OF JOHN S. HORD, CHIEF OF POLICE, ACCEPTED EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1966.

"January 4, 1966

The Honorable Stan R. Brookshire,  
Mayor of the City of Charlotte, and  
Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:

As you are all aware, I will be 65 years old on March 5, 1966. If it meets with your approval I would like to retire as of June 30, 1966, the end of the fiscal year.

I have a sincere and devoted interest in the Charlotte Police Department, and wish for them and each of you nothing but the best.

Sincerely,

John S. Hord  
Chief of Police"

Councilman Albea moved that Council accept the Chief's retirement, effective June 30, 1966, provided his successor has been named at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Whittington commented that since Council has officially received Chief Hord's request for retirement, he would first like to thank Chief Hord

for his many years of faithful service to the Police Department and to the citizens of Charlotte. Secondly, he would like to thank him for considering the Council and giving them time to find a replacement for this most important position, and third, to back up what the Mayor has said today, that Council ask for the cooperation of our citizenry in preventing crime and their cooperation with the Council and the City Manager and the Mayor in finding the best man available to replace Chief Hord when he retires officially on June 30th.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that Chief Hord has served the City well in a number of capacities in the Police Department leading up to his being named Chief. He believes his period of service has been some 31 years, and in his opinion, the City of Charlotte owes a debt of gratitude to Chief Hord for this long, loyal and devoted service to our City.

Councilman Albee remarked that Chief Hord came to work for the City in the Police Department in 1934, which is 31 years ago, and he has worked himself up from Patrolman to the position of Chief, and he thinks that he has made a splendid Officer in everything he undertook.

Councilman Jordan expressed his thanks to Chief Hord for the excellent job he has done through the many, many years and certainly he has had many trying times in the past few years; and he thinks that Charlotte owes him a debt of gratitude for his time and effort in Police work, and he thinks he deserves a much needed rest.

Councilman Jordan then presented the following prepared statement:

"I believe we are moving in the right direction on this Police matter. It is my opinion as well as that of many people I have talked to, that our only solution is to bring in a very competent man with a college degree, police and administrative experience to run our department. This is our most important duty to our citizens, the enforcement of Law, and will become even more important in the future as our city continues to grow. We must have a good man and department at all cost.

It is impossible to eliminate all the crimes that happen here or any place, unless you put a policeman with every individual, which is impossible, nor can we plug up all the loopholes in our Laws that enable criminal's to go free, not once, but time after time. We should demand that criminals be treated as criminals and that the hands of our police in bringing criminals to justice not be tied down by unfavorable and unreasonable laws.

Let's support our law enforcement officers. Too often the everyday acts of courtesy, help and cooperation which our dedicated law enforcement officers perform for the benefit of the safety, welfare, and protection of all our citizens are accepted as a matter of fact. We forget that a policeman is our friend and that time and time again he risk his life in our behalf. I believe that for the good of every community and for the good of our citizens who want to see law and order prevail throughout our city to help improve the policeman's public image by giving to him our full and complete support and cooperation. I also believe we must counteract the generally unfounded charges of police brutality which are being leveled at arresting officers all over the country. A policeman's job is tough enough without having to face brutality charges every time he makes an arrest. There is a fine line between brutality and self-defense.

Last year on a national basis, one out of every nine officers was attacked while trying to make an arrest, and on the average, sixty five, policemen are murdered each year while trying to apprehend criminals. Today, the onslaught continues. There is a vicious crime of violence committed every two and a half minutes, a robbery every five minutes, a burglary every twenty-eight seconds, and fifty-two automobiles stolen every hour. These figures are also on a national basis and are facts. I do not mean to imply that there have not been misuses of police power for the record will show otherwise; however, there are exceptions in any group of people or organizations.

I think we should demand of our law enforcement officers the highest quality and efficiency of performance, while demanding for them the public respect which they so rightly deserve. We must, and I would like to see our city have one of the finest, if not the finest, police departments in the country in efficiency, performance of duty, courtesy to the public, and respect for the department.

To this end as a Councilman, I pledge my full support."

Councilman Tuttle commented that he has had dealings with Chief Hord in his capacity as a member of the Civil Service Board and of the City Council for nearly six years, and he has found him to be a Christian gentleman who conscientiously discharged his duties, and he wishes him health and happiness in the future and offers his thanks to him for his contribution to the City of Charlotte.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO WORK OUT SYSTEM WHEREBY RESIDENTS USING SEPTIC TANKS MAY BE COMPENSATED FOR THE SEWER CHARGE OR THEIR RATE BE REDUCED.

Councilman Thrower remarked that it seems to him unfair for the City to charge the people who use septic tanks double water rates and he cannot see how we can legally justify billing them a sewer charge. That many more people in the area annexed in December will be affected by this charge, and the cries which have been small are going to grow greater. He asked the City Manager to work out some system whereby these people could be compensated for this charge or reduce their rates as a practical matter so that they will not be unjustly charged for sewer rate when such a service does not exist.

Mayor Brookshire questioned whether the sewer charge is made to residents without sewer connection, and Councilman Thrower stated they definitely are and he can cite specific cases.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO GET REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE BY ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IN ACQUIRING RIGHT OF WAY FOR WIDENING INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, FROM EASTWAY DRIVE TO SHARON AMITY ROAD.

At the request of Councilman Whittington, the City Manager stated he would be glad to get a Report for Council at next week's meeting on the progress that has been made by Ervin Construction Company in acquiring the right of way to widen Independence Boulevard from Eastway Drive to Sharon Amity Road.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO SCHEDULE A MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE DEPARTMENTS PLANS OF OPERATION AND TO CONSIDER HOLDING SIMILAR MEETINGS MONTHLY AT CITY HALL TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Councilman Whittington remarked that in relation to the new year, 1966, he wished to suggest to Council that they have the City Manager to set up a meeting with the Department Heads at a time other than at a regular Council Meeting and preferably this month to see what progress each Department is making in the plan of operation and plan of progress that we began at the start of the fiscal year, perhaps to see if there is anything they need that Council can do for them - what he is talking about primarily is a progress report and if there is anything that the City Manager or the Council can do to move their operations along faster, we should do it. He stated that he thinks the public generally expects the City to move ahead with the Expressway systems and in any other areas that Council has been talking about since he has been on the Council, and he is sure before that time when the Thoroughfare Plan was discussed. That any of these things the Council can bring together and help step up a little bit, he thinks would be well for all of us and if the Council and the City Manager concur in this suggestion, he would like to see such meeting set up.

Mayor Brookshire suggested to the City Manager that he might want to have the meeting at one of the Departmental Luncheons.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied that discussions such as suggested are always helpful and he is sure would serve a useful purpose. That he would like to discuss it further with Mr. Whittington.

Councilman Alexander remarked that Mr. Whittington has just voiced what he had wanted to talk about, and he would like to suggest in addition that along with these Reports of Departmental Activities that are made to the Council monthly, the progress report meetings with the Department Heads be held at City Hall and be opened to the public to come in and hear the discussion. That he thinks it is a matter of public relations and would help the Council in what they will have before them this year, and he thinks this would help offset rumors that get started unjustifiably. And he would like to add that consideration also be given to this suggestion and that the meetings with the Department Heads be held every month.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager commented that he is not satisfied with the rate of progress on some of the activities we are engaged in, but within some frameworks we are doing as much as might be feasible at this time.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO HAVE CONFERENCE WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEER AND STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE RELATIVE TO INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT EMERYWOOD DRIVE AND SOUTH 21.

Councilman Whittington remarked that now we have annexed the Montclair and Starmount sections and because of the large volume of traffic on Pineville Road, he thinks consideration should be given the immediate installation of a Traffic Signal at Emerywood Drive and South 21; that he had a call out there last week and at 5 p.m. the traffic is always from Emerywood back to the top of the hill at Diamond-Point, because someone is trying to turn left, and the condition should be relieved immediately. He moved that the City Manager get the Traffic Engineer and the State Highway people together and see if this cannot be corrected. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and unanimously carried.

POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A R-18 ZONING CLASSIFICATION REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL.

Councilman Short stated he would like to ask the members of the Council who have been familiar with the background of zoning for a long time if the establishment of an R-18MF zoning classification has ever been considered and ask the City Attorney if Council would be able to set up such a zoning classification? That it appears to him that on apartments and so forth it might be advantageous if it is built on R-18MF property, which would not mean that we would have an R-18 singlefamily zone, however. Councilman Short stated further that obviously R-18MF would be possible in R-15MF, but he is thinking of a zoning classification that would require that you have 18,000 sq. feet of land area. That it would be comparable to the R-15MF. That the comments heard from real estate people and items he has read seem to indicate that this sort thing is getting more and more prevalent and perhaps would put us in good shape to make sure there is plenty of land around apartments.

Mr. Kiser, Acting City Attorney, commented that he does not think this is a legal question. That the Statute authorizing zoning permits the Planning Commission to setup districts and if he will accept this as a hasty answer, he would suggest, perhaps, that we get together with the Planning Commission and look into the possibly of it.

Councilman Short moved that Council refer the possibility of establishing a R-18 zoning classification to the Planning Commission and ask them to give us an answer reasonably promptly with their comments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER ADVISES THAT DRAFT OF STUDY OF CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY DOG POUNDS BEING STUDIED.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Manager if he has anything to report on the Dog Pound consolidation? Mr. Veeder stated that Mr. Bobo, Administrative Assistant, has completed a draft of the Study on this which he has gone over some and wants to go over more with the County Manager before seeing what the next step might be.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CLARIFY REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE AIRPORT.

Councilman Tuttle commented that he noticed in the Monthly Index of Departmental Activities in the Airport Department Report again this month there were 46,980 enplaned in November, and for the same period last year 42,901 - 4,079 more passengers enplaned in November but the revenue is down \$2,098.00 and he is sure there is an explanation for this, but without clarification in the Report is not clear. That he is talking about the revenue, because when you have 4,000 more people in the Airport, you are serving more meals, and all this revenue has to do with the people in the building.

The City Manager stated that he would give the Council a memorandum as to the reasons for the figures and a full explanation of the difference.

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO BUILD A DOWNTOWN CONVENTION CENTER WITH ADEQUATE PUBLIC PARKING IN OR NEARBY.

Councilman Tuttle stated he has a resolution which he would like to offer in connection with the Downtown Convention Center. That he is offering

the resolution to make Council's intentions clear in regards to the Convention Center with adequate public parking. That it is offered with the full knowledge that we now have a special committee to study the possibility of a center. Further, it is offered with a full awareness of our many needs - not the least of which is streets, access to downtown and additional housing to facilitate our renewal program - for the purpose of deriving as soon as possible the benefits which should ultimately follow such a resolution. That it is his hope that the resolution will serve to hasten the work of the special committee and the work of the consultants and others involved in the preparation of the final central city plan, and that the special committee and others will seek whatever assistance they may need from our Task Force to the end that an early report is made. That we must move on. We cannot study and sit and hope. That he has no objection whatsoever to having a privately financed convention center in Charlotte if it can be shown that it will be adequate to meet the needs of the city and the region and if it can be shown that it will truly be a public facility. That his purpose today is to invite all those interested in any way to make their intentions known to this council and to others so that we can begin immediately making plans for a convention center. That by next May, if not before, we can expect the Joint Committee for the Central City Plan to come up with its final recommendations. Among other things, this will include a site for a convention center, as we all know.

He stated further that he would urge the council, if it adopts this resolution, to understand that it is a statement of intent to acquire the land promptly, and to do all other things necessary to see to it that Charlotte gets a major convention center in the shortest possible time. That we know convention center development is good business because we have seen how other cities make it so, and we also know that the redevelopment of the central city is good business, because so many other cities have proved it so. Atlanta and Hartford are two outstanding examples which several Charlotteans have seen recently. That in Hartford, an area which used to produce less than \$90,000 a year in taxes is now producing \$1,300,000 a year. That alone is enough tax revenue to pay off \$21,400,000 in bonds in 25 years. In Charlotte, if we assume that it will take approximately \$5,000,000 to construct a convention center, the economics of the situation would indicate that \$22,000,000 of private assessed capital investment would return enough taxes, under existing rates, to pay off \$5,000,000 in bonds within 25 years. A Hartford official told Mr. Jordan and him when they were there that \$10 of private money came in for every \$1 of public and federal money spent. If this is an index, then \$30,000,000 of assessed value would come in for our \$5,000,000. He stated that he does not offer these figures as final or conclusive, but merely as indications of possibilities. That we know we need the convention center. Our only problem is to decide where to build it and how to pay for it. He feels that a promise now from this Council to see to it that such a center is built would serve as a real incentive to private investors to make their plans to construct other related facilities promptly in the heart of our city. That the Council can by this resolution, strike the spark to move downtown.

Councilman Tuttle then introduced the following resolution:

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CONVENTION CENTER WITH ADEQUATE PARKING IN  
OR NEARBY.

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council is aware of the need for a convention center to be located in the center section of the city, and,

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council along with the Downtown Charlotte Association is now sponsoring studies which will lead to the preparation of final plans for the redevelopment of the central city, and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council, by virtue of visits and other information available to it, is convinced that a convention center with adequate public parking would be of great economic benefit to the entire city, and

WHEREAS, the investment ratio of private capital to public capital is high enough in other cities to make it clear that Charlotte's experience could only be expected to be beneficial in the long run, and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council believes it has a duty to state its intentions early so that all interested persons may plan accordingly,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlotte City Council does hereby publicly state its intention to see to it that, as soon as final plans are completed for the redevelopment of the central city, that steps are taken promptly to get the construction of a convention center, including adequate public parking, started.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that he does not think the resolution itself committed Council to purchase the land and the erection of such a facility, though Councilman Tuttle's remarks leading up to the resolution seemed to so indicate. If that was the purpose, he would certainly question the wisdom of it for two reasons; in the first place, he thinks private enterprise should be given the first opportunity to provide it, if they will. In the second place, any facility costing that much money should be weighed very carefully by City Council in relationship to other needs of our city, and perhaps also taking into consideration the availability of new revenues if and when they are available to Council.

Councilman Albea stated the resolution as he understands it does not say that. Councilman Tuttle stated he has not bound Council to anything except the intent. Mayor Brookshire replied he thinks the intent has already been expressed on a number of occasions, and certainly inferred in the appointment of the Committee.

Councilman Thrower stated he was going to say in effect what the Mayor has said. That he cannot vote against this, as it would be like voting against motherhood, but he wants it clearly understood that by voting for this, he is not placing it in any particular place. Knowing that the Task Force is going to come back with perhaps 40 or 50 recommendations, that he is not going to place this in any particular place.

Councilman Albea stated the way he read the resolution, it was only an intent, and did not say anything about any location except Central Downtown.

Councilman Whittington remarked that the confusing thing was the statement Mr. Tuttle made prior to the Resolution. The purpose of the resolution was to show the intent of Council that this is a need and will be built. That, of course, it will have to be set up under a priority or priorities, after the Task Force and many other things are considered, but he would vote for the intent.

Councilman Jordan stated they have been told in most of the cities they have been to in relation to the Downtown Association with the local members, that certainly we need to get something started, and this has been proved in most every city they have been to. That once you get something started, it seems that things fall into line, and certainly as stated, this is just an intent to get started, and he certainly approves of the intent.

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

SETTLEMENT OF CONDEMNATION SUIT AGAINST MR. JAMES A. BELL IN CONNECTION WITH A SEWER EASEMENT AUTHORIZED.

Mr. Kiser, Acting City Attorney, requested Council to authorize the settlement of a condemnation suit against Mr. James A. Bell for a sewer easement across his property in the amount of \$650.00. He stated that the difference in the price the City originally offered him is \$205.00, and, of course, the price for which the City will settle is \$650.00. That his demands were around \$1,100.00.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of the condemnation suit settlement as recommended and the motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND URGING SUPPORT FOR THE \$9,275,000 BOND ISSUE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY IN AN ELECTION ON JANUARY 25, 1966.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Endorsing and Urging Support for the \$9,275,000 Bond Issue to be Submitted to the Voters by the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County in an Election on January 25, 1966, was adopted.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 176.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk