



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, June 26, 1967, at 3:00 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Milton Short, James B. Stegall, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Sandy R. Jordan and Gibson L. Smith.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Reverend Joseph W. Buchanan, Associate Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on June 19 were approved as submitted.

EMPLOYEE'S PLAQUE PRESENTED TO SIX PERSONS RETIRING FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would like to recognize the following people who have served Charlotte long and well, and are now retiring:

Mr. John Wiley Yandle, Police Department, employed March 25, 1932, and is retiring as of July 1, 1967.

Mr. Richard Hobson Covington, Police Department, employed July 1, 1935 and is retiring as of July 1, 1967.

Mr. William G. Jarrell, Police Department, employed April 16, 1947 and is retiring as of July 1, 1967.

Mr. George Thomas Nash, Jr., Police Department, employed August 15, 1942, and is retiring as of July 1, 1967.

Mr. Luther B. Glenn, Engineering Department, Sewer Division employed September 1, 1949 and is retiring as of July 1, 1967.

Mr. Everett Jessie Rowland, Fire Department, employed May 19, 1928, and retired June 16, 1967.

Mayor Brookshire presented each an Employee's Plaque, and expressed appreciation to each for the services they have rendered to the City over the years.

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DISCUSSION OF SLUM CONDITIONS IN AREA OF SOUTH ALEXANDER, SOUTH CALDWELL AND SOUTH DAVIDSON STREETS.

Dr. J. Nathaniel Tross stated what he has to say is something that is not new, nor startling, but is something we live with and is common to us all; but yet is something we need to attend to and to find a solution for before it is too late. That he is not here to condemn personalities or procedures or to find fault with what has been accomplished in the past; but as a citizen alert to the responsibilities and obligations of real citizens-he thought it his duty to bring to the attention of this Council certain things that one would see and others may not see; one would hear that others may not hear; and one could feel and others not feel; not because some are more intelligent but simply because we cannot be at the same place at the same time, all the time. For the good of the City, it seems we should be alert where we are to what has been neglected and what ought to be done for the good of the whole. With that purpose in mind he wishes to point out one or two things. If you had a thousand eyes you could not see everything that ought to be seen in Charlotte; if you had a thousand ears you could not hear everything that ought to be heard in Charlotte, and if you had a thousand hearts you could not feel all that ought to be felt. This is a cooperative work and we are our brothers keeper.

Dr. Tross stated he spends a part of his leisure time in slumming, and it is delightful work. He took pictures of the places he visited but he will not burden Council with them today. That the first home he visited was just across the street in the south boundary section - South Alexander, South Caldwell and South Davidson Sections. If they were to see the conditions under which some of our people live there, he is positive after seeing it, it would be difficult to eat or sleep or to be at ease. That he would urge them to see Charlotte, one stone throw from here, where people are little removed from rats that looks like rabbits. A few feet across from the first home he visited two people were sitting on the steps, and the lady hailed him. He went over and she said she could not take him into the house but invited him to sit on the steps. He asked her how long she had lived there and she said three years. He asked how she endured this for three months even, as he had to hold his nostrils. The stench was unbearable. Fifteen feet from where she lives the creek runs through there and empties into Sugar Creek. The water is clear leaving the upper end but as it gets further down the passage becomes narrower and narrower so that you could not push through, and everything that was emptied in the upper end hung on the branches of the trees and it remained there. It was difficult for anyone to remain on the bank there for ten or fifteen minutes, and not need the Doctor when you left there. But children were going in there to play and in the upper end to bath in that filth and slime, in that stench. The woman who sat in the porch had swollen legs and sores, the husband came and said he had to go to work soon and before he went he would have to take his pills as he could not work without them; the doctor had told him if he did not get new quarters the undertaker may have to get him soon.

Dr. Tross stated this is only a sample of the conditions a stone throw from here. When asked why they stay here so long, they say the Redevelopment people come around and say they are coming to move them. When he asked the children where their mother or father is, they say they have gone out. When asked if they have had anything to eat, they say no, and they were chewing on a piece of bone or anything they could find. He stated he told them he would be back and bring food, and they came out and clapped their hands.

Dr. Tross stated this is to give Council and Mayor a little feel of the conditions prevailing here. One woman says she wants to move and every-day they come and say they are going to move her but they cannot find any place for her yet. She said when the clouds gather she prays that the rains may not descend because she would wake up in the morning soaking wet. That he went in and the roof was half gone.

Mayor Brookshire stated Council appreciates the spirit in which Dr. Tross comes. That Dr. Tross is talking about conditions that have been worse than they are now because for the last decade Charlotte has been doing something about the problems he has mentioned. That he suspects the area he speaks of is in the next clearance area of urban renewal which brings him to mention the clearance of 238 acres of slums under the Brooklyn clearance program with four other projects in the City approved by the voters in the bond referendum last December. The people of Charlotte themselves are concerned. Also, the City is enforcing a very rigid minimum housing code which will do away with a lot of other substandard housing or bring them up to city standards. That he thinks the conditions he described are in the next phase of urban renewal and it would be poor policy to require property owners to bring such housing up to minimum standards if we are going to take the property under the urban renewal clearance program. We are making progress; it may not be as fast as we would like but we are making it as fast as we can. That some of the things Dr. Tross has described might be reported to the health department. That he commends his interest and thanks him for bringing the matters to Council's attention.

REQUEST OF PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR OLD INCINERATOR BUILDING DISCUSSED AND MOTIONS RELATING THERETO FAILED TO CARRY FOR LACK OF FOUR AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.

Mr. Daniel E. Martin stated in keeping with their policy of making the Park and Recreation Commission as active as possible, and the facilities as up to date as possible, they asked the City to consider giving them the old incinerator plant which joins the Southside Park, which lies on the south side of town where there are very few recreational facilities located. They request that the property be given to the Commission with the top part - the top above street level - torn down so they can utilize the ground floor as a recreational facility. He stated they have no idea of making a community center of the property. They would simply like to use it for recreational purposes such as basketball, tennis, volley ball and shuffle board on the street level and to use the bottom portion, or basement, for much needed storage space for equipment which is used on the west and south side of town. They think they can improve the beauty of this park by replacing the material which is now located on the property with plant, playground equipment, grass and trees. In keeping with their policy of providing as much recreational facilities as they can to all the citizens of this town, they will be doing this as the new highway is going to run between the subject location and Revolution Park. There are many little children, as well as many adults, who live on property adjoining the present Southside Park who could make real good use of a lot of leisure time. They think it will help not only from an economic viewpoint, but also from a social viewpoint. He requested Council to give this very serious consideration.

Mr. Charles Henderson, Attorney, stated his wife, as President of Bethlehem Center, sent a letter to Council and the tone of the letter was that of endorsing the conversion of this into a community center. Apparently this was studied in the last day of two, and over the weekend they have been advised that this is not feasible.

This puts an entirely different view on the entire proposition. The inner agency council consists of people from the school, the welfare department, and Bethlehem Center organization. The original publicized purpose for going into this issue is no longer being promoted; instead they are now talking about a slab which will be a considerable number of feet off the ground on the back side and will require continuous inspection to keep anyone from falling; a slab that will require a considerable new pavement put over it because the present slab has large iron openings in it and furnaces that come up through it. This slab will be immediately next to the widened portion of the road that is going along there so there will be a minimum of parking space in the front. If the rear should be used for maintenance equipment, then the rear would not be available for parking for people who wish to use the facilities.

Mr. Henderson stated with the permission of his wife and the permission of four people who were on a committee from the Bethlehem Center group to make a study, Mr. Clawson, Member of the Community, Mr. O'Brien with Celanese Corporation who works with the inner city program of the downtown churches, and Dr. Price a local eye doctor who has also been working very closely with the group - they asked him to say that this should not go forward hastily because changing from what they have now to something else may be an entirely different story from what they thought about.

Mr. Henderson stated he is accompanied by Mr. Worth Keeter who has been the City's tenant in the building taking over after Pat Hall Enterprises moved out. During this period of time he has spent some \$250 per month in general maintenance of the building, and has kept it at least as good as the city's maintenance facility on Seigle Avenue. The type of work being done is not a beautiful park sort of operation. Being told this week, for the first time, there has been some criticism of the appearance of the place, he is prepared to do anything reasonable for beautification there and is prepared to do additional things as far as repairs are concerned. He stated Mr. Keeter is the only man he has heard of going into a building he does not own and putting in 650 non-breakable windows, a heating system and that type of things. He does not use very much of the basement area because of the large furnaces; but has two large devices that will bend metal that takes space; but the primary part of his work is done upstairs where a little rain coming through the roof is not objectionable.

He asked the Council to look into the question of whether or not it is in the total interest of the community, the spending of a sizeable amount of money for a destruction of the building there, a loss of a rental paying tenant. If Council wants to talk about more rent, then talk about it; they are ready to talk - but they ask that Council not arbitrarily today without an evaluation of all these factors just say Park and Recreation Commission take it and go; they say with all their good intention they are not prepared to go very far with it.

Councilman Short stated he does not feel the present arrangement there is realistic; that Mr. Keeter is spending a lot of money to maintain a building he does not own and, is getting an increasing investment in it without owning it; the rent he is paying is not of a great deal of value to the city because it is quite low. Also he appreciates what the gentlemen on the Park and Recreation Commission have done in studying out this situation and making their recommendation; but his own suggestion is that we should offer this building to Mr. Keeter for sale and let him buy it if he so desires and can arrange it and if he does not want to or cannot arrange this then we give very serious consideration to the suggestion of the Park and Recreation Commission. He stated Mr. Keeter has a sizeable business, and there is also the factor that the Park and Recreation Commission inventory shows they already have in this park a number of the things they are thinking of putting on this concrete slab.

Councilman Short moved that Council ask our appraisal people - those who normally make appraisals for the city - to give an appraisal on this building and with this Council would have the proper information to consider whether it could sell it to Mr. Keeter. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Alexander stated he does not doubt the veracity of Mr. Henderson's statements, but Council received letters from various people interested in the park and he would not be willing to go to this type of motion without hearing from them whether or not they think the reasons for which they asked this matter to be considered no longer exist. What we see down there now does not make him believe even if the building was sold to the present occupant that it would improve the looks of it as it stands now. A part of this was in the request that came from the representatives of Bethlehem Center, the School Community and the Community itself.

With the destruction of the old dog pound that will take place now that the new pound has been opened, one can easily see that such an occupant there now detracts from the whole area. Therefore, he would be prone to not consider a motion of this type at this time without any further discussion from the people in the area. We are cramped for park area and know the value and need for parks in that end of town; the Commission has done a marvelous job within their means - landwise and otherwise - to bring a park of some considerable use to that community. Although this may look as if we are competing with private business and at the same time we have community needs, he thinks we need to give it some consideration.

Councilman Alexander offered a substitute motion that any further consideration of this matter be tabled until we hear from those persons who were instrumental in initiating this idea in the beginning to get their position on the matter at this time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle for the purpose of discussion.

Councilman Tuttle stated he is concerned with the zoning. Through no fault of Mr. Keeter this building is an eye sore, and he is concerned about the whole area remaining I-1 as this is a residential area with the exception of the dog pound.

Councilman Tuttle made a privilege motion that the facts - the request of the Park and Recreation Commission and the people, and Mr. Keeter's apparent offer in accordance with Mr. Short's motion - be referred to the Planning Commission and request them to make a study and advise Council whether or not this whole area should remain I-1; whether we should consider selling this building or whether we should consider the Park and Recreation's request.

Mayor Brookshire stated that would be a substitute motion to a substitute motion on a point of privilege and it seems to him if Mr. Alexander's motion should pass, Mr. Tuttle could at that point introduce his motion and have the Planning Commission study the whole. Councilman Tuttle stated Mr. Alexander has said about what he has in mind except he would like for the Planning Commission to study it. Councilman Alexander stated he would add to his motion that the Planning Commission also be requested to look into the site. Councilman Tuttle stated then he withdraws his motion and his second remains with Mr. Alexander's motion.

Councilman Short stated his motion also was seeking information, - that is the appraisal value of the building and he does not know why all three cannot be consolidated.

Councilman Whittington stated Council would be amiss to make a decision today. That Mr. Diehl and Mr. Martin have made a request and asked the City to give them a building that is bringing in revenue and to tear it down at the expense of the city at \$1400. That Council does not know the value of the brick, the potentials of the productivity of the three installations there now - the Marie Davis School, the Bethlehem Center and the Southside Park. We do not know whether Mr. Keeter desires to purchase the building and the land. Before anyone can make a real decision on these things, these facts should be presented to Council and then act upon the request; and he thinks Mr. Short's motion is in order and that is the one Council should act on. Councilman Tuttle stated Mr. Short's motion does not ask the Planning Commission to give Council their attitude about the industrial situation. Councilman Whittington replied it is industrial and the dog pound has just been built out there and an expressway will run along the border. Councilman Tuttle stated this is still a huge eyesore of an industrial operation; the whole area is blighted as a result of those chimneys standing out there. Councilman Short stated he could support Mr. Alexander and Mr. Tuttle's motion if they would include the request for the appraisal of the building with reference to the possible value that could occur from a public sale of it. This is information needed along with the information Mr. Alexander requests. Councilman Alexander stated he has no objections to the portion of Mr. Short's motion calling for an appraisal if he would agree to leave out any mention of any sale. Councilman Short replied he does not want to rule out this possibility; he wants the information and wants to leave all doors open. Councilman Alexander stated he is willing to accept it if no reference is made in this motion to any possibility of selling it.

Councilman Tuttle stated this whole area is industrial by virtue of the City's operation and the city having abandoned this operation some years ago; and the building of the new dog pound which will by no means be an eyesore, he still insists changes the whole complex and he thinks it requires a study. That Mr. Alexander has added to his motion that we ask the Planning Commission to give their opinion.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion and failed to carry by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Alexander, Tuttle, and Stegall.
NAYS: Councilmen Whittington and Short.

Mr. Kiser, City Attorney, advised that any sale of this property would have to be at public auction to the highest bidder. The information with respect to the appraisal would be helpful in determining whether or not to accept the bid; the bid does not have to be accepted.

The vote was taken on the main motion and failed to carry by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Short, Whittington and Stegall.
NAYS: Councilmen Alexander and Tuttle.

Mayor Brookshire stated he supposes this will have to be on the agenda next week to be considered again.

ORDINANCE NO. 643-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-9MF OF A TRACT OF LAND EAST OF PINEVILLE ROAD, EXTENDING TO NEAR SUGAR CREEK ON THE EAST, SHARON ROAD WEST ON THE SOUTH AND NEAR SHERBOURNE DRIVE IN STARMOUNT.

Councilman Short moved adoption of the subject ordinance changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, Page 43.

ORDINANCE NO. 644-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-9 TO R-9MF AND B-1 OF PROPERTY AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF NATIONS FORD ROAD AND ARROWOOD ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 44.

ORDINANCE NO. 645-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM O-15 TO I-1 ON A TRACT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF DILLARD DRIVE, SOUTH OF MILTON ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance changing the zoning from O-15 to I-1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 45.

ORDINANCE NO. 646-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND EAST OF DERITA AVENUE AND NORTH OF HUNTER AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, adopting the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9MF to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 46.

PETITION NO. 67-36 BY R & G CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-9 TO O-6 OF A LOT AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EASTWAY DRIVE AND HILLIARD DRIVE, DENIED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the subject petition be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 654-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING FROM R-9 TO B-2 OF A TRACT OF LAND BEGINNING NORTHEAST OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND SOUTHEAST OF FARMINGDALE DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, and seconded by Councilman Alexander to adopt the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-9 to B-2 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

A substitute motion was made by Councilman Whittington to deny the petition and did not receive a second.

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

YEAS: Councilmen Short, Alexander, Stegall and Tuttle.
NAYS: Councilman Whittington.

Later in the meeting, Councilman Tuttle stated he must admit he went to sleep as he has marked his docket with a big "no", and he requested the Clerk to change his vote on Petition 67-37 by First Union National Bank on the R-9 to B-2, Farmingdale Drive, to a big "no".

Mayor Brookshire asked the City Attorney if Councilman Tuttle has the right to change his position? Mr. Kiser replied to be precise in the procedure the vote should be to reconsider the motion which was declared passed so there will be a chance to vote again for the record.

Councilman Whittington moved that the Petition be reconsidered. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Short stated he believes Mr. Kiser has said if a motion is made affirmatively and does not affirmatively carry, the matter is defeated.

This motion was made affirmatively to approve the petition; therefore, it would not be put on the agenda again but this item would be defeated if it was reconsidered, and Mr. Tuttle changed his vote. Mr. Kiser stated it would. Councilman Short stated he would assume this case is different from the case involving Mr. Keeter because it involves a property right.

Councilman Tuttle stated if Mr. Short wants to try to kill this on a technicality, he could do so, but this is more than a technicality; he thinks it is a very well known fact of his attitude on the original zoning out there - the City Chevrolet Company. That his attitude is very plain by virtue of the fact when we had the hearing he asked the question where we were going to stop and it was very obvious he was opposed to it; now they are asking a technicality to change the voting on something that was really nothing but a slip of the tongue.

Councilman Short replied he does not mind Mr. Tuttle changing his vote, but he would like to know the significance of it; that he wants him to vote his convictions, but he would like to know the significance of it. That he believes if it is reconsidered, the affirmative motion has already been made in favor of this petition and it would be defeated and could not again be put on the agenda. He just asks this for information not to contend with Mr. Tuttle. Mayor Brookshire asked whether any action is possible either by affirmative or negative vote if it is a split 3-2 vote when it take a majority of four to make a determination? Mr. Kiser replied it takes a majority of four to make a determination, and if a motion is made to affirm a particular action and the motion does not receive four votes, the matter is defeated. Mayor Brookshire stated we have a recommendation and it appears we do not have four votes to approve or four votes to deny. Mr. Kiser replied the motion is to approve it; if it does not receive four votes, it is not approved and he would suggest a way out would be to postpone action until seven councilmen are present.

Councilman Short offered a substitute motion that Item 8 of the Agenda be reconsidered at the next meeting of this Council. The motion did not receive a second.

Mr. Kiser stated he would suggest that a vote be taken on a motion to reconsider Item 8 and in reconsidering Item 8, someone make a motion to postpone action until a subsequent time when all members of Council are present. Councilman Short stated in a similar situation Mr. Kiser ruled Council would have to have another public hearing. Mr. Kiser stated that was not as a result of a slip of someone's inattention during the present council meeting.

Councilman Alexander stated the motion is that Item No. 8 be approved and it has received four votes and now Mr. Tuttle says he wants to change his vote. He asked how can he change his vote; how many votes will it take to reconsider the motion? Mr. Kiser replied four votes. Councilman Alexander stated then the motion is not made for reconsideration but to deny, so when have we voted to reconsider? Mr. Kiser replied we have not.

Councilman Alexander asked if the person who votes in the negative has the privilege to call for a motion to reconsider? Mr. Kiser replied anyone can make a motion to reconsider an item. Councilman Short stated he believes Mr. Kiser has ruled if Mr. Whittington's motion is passed, it cannot be reconsidered because it would be dead. Mr. Kiser replied he did not rule that; if Mr. Whittington's motion is passed by four votes then you reconsider Item 8, and he suggested in order to avoid a stalemate which was mentioned by a 3-2 vote, a proper motion would be to postpone consideration of the vote until a subsequent time.

The vote was taken on the substitute motion to reconsider Item 8 and failed to carry with the votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Whittington and Tuttle.
NAYS: Councilmen Alexander, Stegall and ~~Smith~~ Short.

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Councilman Tuttle stated there have been situations like this many times when someone said "no, I did not intend to", and the record was changed. He does not buy this; he thinks the whole Council is standing on a technicality and he hopes that everyone involved will remember it; they are standing on a technicality when he sits here in front of the press and everybody and says he made an error, and a slip of the tongue; he did not intend to vote this way, and Council is making a ruling on this technicality; that he thinks it is most unfair and unjust.

Mayor Brookshire asked Mr. Kiser if on another occasion when either six or seven councilmen are present, this can be brought up for reconsideration? Mr. Kiser answer yes and a motion could be made to reconsider it at that time.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like the Planning Commission to report to Council next Monday on when the fence is to be erected behind City Chevrolet at this location and when the hedge row is to be placed there that was placed as a matter of record in the Clerk of Court's office when this zoning was changed. This was a part of the agreement by the petitioners and to his knowledge, this has not been done. For the record the reason he voted against this petition where the leasing agent is Ford-Lincoln and is asking to locate on this particular property, this is an extension of the B-2 zoning on Independence Boulevard back to 600 feet; City Chevrolet was the first exception of this depth and at that time he voted for it after a lot of deliberation and going out there with Mr. Bryant and Mr. McIntyre of the Planning Office; that he has said since that time he made a mistake and he is not going to make the same mistake again and he would like to say to members of Council who voted for this petition today, and to the Planning Commission that they should reconsider it because he thinks it is a mistake to extend this business depth deeper than the 400 feet. The location is in the bend of Farmingdale and Eastfield Road which is closer than it would be normally if the road was going straight. This is the reason he voted against it and the reason he made a mistake initially, and there are some other questions about this particular property that he is sure another member of Council will want to know about in the very near future.

Councilman Tuttle stated he appreciates Mr. Whittington's remarks and he would have something to say about this next Monday, probably. In the meantime he requested Mr. Kiser to check and be positive that he did not have a right to change his vote and to declare he had made an error and save him the expense of hiring his own attorney which he is going to do to contest this action today.

Councilman Short stated he wants Mr. Tuttle to have an opportunity to vote as he intended, and Mr. Kiser has said this could be arranged at some subsequent meeting; but he believes if Council tries to wiggle out of this today, it will get into a legal situation where they will kill this petition and the only side that could prevail would be Mr. Tuttle's side and he was the one who made the original miscue. He stated with reference to the wall referred to, this wall is called for in a document which is recorded and provides there is to be a wall along the rear of the city chevrolet property in relation to lights which they installed around the exterior of the building, in the parking area and the automobile show area. The document provides the wall must be as high as the lights. He stated he does not believe any lights have been placed there which require the wall; he believes any lights that have been placed are far below the abutment that already exists there, and he believes the nature of the document was well known to everyone at the time the matter was up for handling earlier.

Councilman Whittington stated he was talking about technicalities and the document stated they should build a wall on the top of the hill as a screen against the B-2 against the single family buffer at the rear, and this was one of the conditions presented by the attorneys and the petitioner and one of the reasons why he voted for it; and as he has stated, he made a mistake. The wall is supposed to be put there and it is up to the Planning Commission and the City Attorney to see that they put it up. Councilman Short stated the document speaks for itself and his comments are made from memory; but he thinks it is as he has stated.

Mr. Kiser stated there are a couple of things with respect to this matter. No. 1, the document runs in favor of property owners living in the neighborhood, not the City of Charlotte; any of the property owners who want to see that the wall is put up should take private action against the company. No. 2, there is an ordinance relating to screening which provides that screening will be provided at a minimum height of 5 feet and a maximum height of 7 feet. In effect if the instrument provides the wall will exceed 7 feet, it cannot be put up according to the ordinance. He stated there is some sort of screening now which reaches the height of five feet or a little better running across the rear property line, in the form of some sloping embankment. Mayor Brookshire stated what Mr. Kiser has said and what is important is that if there is any controversy over the screening, it is strictly a matter between the homeowners in the area and the property owner. Mr. Kiser replied the instrument was by and between the property owners and those people living on land designed and identified by certain recorded maps and it is strictly a private matter between those people.

Councilman Alexander stated he would not like to think that there is any legal regulations that would lead us to determine that once Council makes a vote, that it can be changed by saying their tongue slipped. If that is held valid, then he can see where the processes of governmental action will go to naught and every week we could be changing our action and nothing could ever be done because any of us could determine our vote was a slip of the tongue.

Councilman Tuttle stated he does not recall this was ever a problem except several times it has come to a man's attention that he has made a mistake, and he knows we have gone back and changed, and this was nearly changed here and it was just an afterthought, and Mr. Kiser did not even make a strong point; he simply said it might be better to do so and so.

Councilman Stegall moved that Item 8 be reconsidered at the next council meeting when there are seven councilmen present. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Short asked why the motion is not made at the next meeting when that is a fact? This is really more than a technicality; there is a real reason for saying if an affirmative motion is made with reference to zoning and does not carry at the moment, that is defeated. This motion would be better made at a time when Council has seven members present.

Councilman Stegall stated Mr. Tuttle has said he is going to bring his attorney in here, and if Mr. Tuttle had gotten up and walked out into the hall and had a conference with someone, and then come back and wanted to change his vote, he would have been against this as much as anyone else; but he did not get to sleep so to speak, and he is not being critical because it could happen to him or anyone else, and he thinks he knows how Mr. Tuttle felt last time and he made his point and all he is trying to do is to keep him from going to the expense of getting into some discussion with Mr. Kiser. That he feels he is sincere and honest in his convictions and although he plans to vote against him, he would like to see him have the privilege of doing what he thinks is right.

Councilman Short stated he agrees with Mr. Stegall but he thinks they should have the motion at the following meeting where this reconsideration will occur, or set it up at some meeting when we have seven council members present.

Councilman Tuttle stated he would rather leave the matter as it is and simply check with his attorney and find out whether or not his vote can be made yes or no.

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ORDINANCE NO. 647-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING THE ZONING FROM R-9 TO O-6 OF A LOT AT 219 MARSH ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted changing the zoning as recommended by the Planning Commission.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 47.

PETITION NO. 67-1 BY D. L. PHILLIPS INVESTMENT BUILDERS, INC., FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-6 TO R-9MF OF A 25 ACRE TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT THE DEAD END OF SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SOUTH OF BROADVIEW DRIVE.

Councilman Alexander moved the subject petition be deferred until seven councilmen are present. The motion did not receive a second.

There being no other motion on the floor, Mayor Brookshire requested that the matter be placed on the agenda for another time.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF 54 INCH DIAMETER WATER MAIN BETWEEN CATAWBA RIVER PUMPING STATION AND HOSKINS RESERVOIR, APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the subject change order in contract with Blythe Brothers Company for the installation of a 54" diameter water main between Catawba River Pumping Station and Hoskins Reservoir, decreasing the contract price by \$30,168.72. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this comes about indirectly by virtue of a requirement proposed by the Federal Government based on their interest in the project. This project was bid on a unit price basis for less units than we anticipated; there was less work involved and in order to satisfy the Federal Government, they would like this action taken.

CHANGE ORDER NO. G-3 IN CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROTHERS COMPANY FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF CATAWBA RIVER PUMPING STATION, APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander, and seconded by Councilman Whittington to approve the subject change order in contract for the general construction of Catawba River Pumping Station granting an extension of 120 calendar days which does not affect the contract price.

The City Manager advised the addition to the pumping station and the raw water transmission line were to be completed at the same time. Work was delayed on the transmission line when the City negotiated with HUD; and Blythe Brothers could not complete the pumping station until the raw water line was installed.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH AMERICAN INVESTMENT COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS IN PROVIDENCE WOODS SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington authorizing a supplementary contract with American Investment Company for the construction of 2,910 feet of water mains and three fire hydrants in Providence Woods Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$9,725.00, with the applicant to pay for the entire cost of the mains and hydrants and to own same until the area is incorporated into the city, at which time the mains will become the property of the City without further agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the installation of sanitary sewer mains were authorized, as follows:

- (a) Construction of 280 feet of main and 280 feet of trunk to serve Halstead Drive, inside the city, at the request of Howard Nance Company, at an estimated cost of \$2,790.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement;
- (b) Construction of 675 feet of main to serve Hoskins Road, inside the city, at the request of Ervin Industries, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$4,415.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit has been received and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement;
- (c) Construction of 960 feet of main to serve Northwood Estates No. 3, inside the city, at the request of Ervin Industries, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$6,455.00, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicant whose deposit has been received, and will be refunded as per terms of the agreement.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM OUTSIDE THE CITY AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of a sanitary sewer system in the Pineville Road-Sharon Road West Area, outside the city, at the request of Lance, Inc., J. A. Jones Construction Company, Package Products Company, Terrell Machine Company and H. Grady Nash, at an estimated cost of \$183,000, with all cost of construction to be borne by the applicants whose deposit for preparation of engineering plans and specifications has been received and the balance to be made within 30 days after notice from the City that bids have been received for the project, and refund of deposit will be made as per terms of the contract.

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THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, NEW YORK, NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL BANK AND FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK APPOINTED AS PAYING, ACCOUNTING AND CREMATION AGENTS ON BONDS WITH VARIOUS ISSUE DATES.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, The Chase Manhattan Bank of New York, North Carolina National Bank and First National Bank of New York were appointed as paying, accounting and cremation agents on bonds with various issue dates and the fees for each as follows:

Bonds

\$1,000 Denomination	.52½¢ Each
\$5,000 Denomination	\$1.27½¢ Each

Coupons

\$1,000 Denomination	1/4 of 1% of interest paid plus .02½¢ Per Coupon
\$5,000 Denomination	.12½¢ Each

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the following appraisal contracts were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel of land for the East Third Street Connector;
- (b) Contract with Stuart W. Elliott for appraisal of one parcel of land for the East Third Street Connector.

BOWLES AND TILLINGHAST AUTHORIZED TO MAKE STUDY OF VARIOUS RETIREMENT SYSTEMS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a contract with Bowles and Tillinghast to make a study of the various retirement systems for the employees of the City of Charlotte - the local governmental employees retirement system, the Charlotte Firemen's Retirement System, and the Law Enforcement Officers Retirement and Benefit Fund, with the anticipated cost not to exceed \$2,000 plus necessary travel expense. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Short asked if this study is necessitated by the dissatisfaction of some of the retirees? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied some time ago Council expressed a willingness to have various retirement systems reviewed towards the end of seeing what might be done to affect changes in the system and the point was made that the State has been making some recommendations to change one system and action was made recommending a change to the General Assembly. Council was aware of the request that had been made toward increasing the retirement allowances of retired employees, and as the starting point agreed to use this firm as actuaries to review these systems so some common basis would be available to Council to take any further steps it wanted.

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

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ORDINANCE NO. 648-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING AT 318 HONEYWOOD AVENUE, PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington adopting the subject ordinance which was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 48.

ORDINANCE NO. 649-X ORDERING THE DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF DWELLING AT 1113-15 ALLEN STREET, PURSUANT TO THE HOUSING CODE OF THE CITY AND ARTICLE 15, CHAPTER 160 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted, and is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 49.

ORDINANCE NO. 650-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LOCATED AT 3914 WINFIELD DRIVE, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY AND CHAPTER 160-200 (43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Councilman Tuttle moved the adoption of the subject ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 50.

ORDINANCE NO. 651-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LOCATED AT 2349 HORNES DRIVE, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY AND CHAPTER 160-200 (43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject ordinance.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 51.

ORDINANCE NO. 652-X ORDERING THE REMOVAL OF AN ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE LOCATED AT 1432-B SAMUEL STREET, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 13-1.2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY AND CHAPTER 160-200 (43) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 52.

ORDINANCE NO. 653-X APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYING USUAL EXPENSES OF THE CITY PENDING ADOPTION OF THE 1967-68 BUDGET ORDINANCE.

Councilman Alexander moved adoption of the subject ordinance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 15, at Page 53.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF \$2,250,000 REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington adopting the subject resolution in anticipation of the collection of taxes and revenue during the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1968 for purpose of meeting appropriations made for such fiscal year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 453.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING AND FILING OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

Motion was made by Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, adopting the subject resolution.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 454.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr. & Mrs. Morris Wilson Chaney for Grave Nos. 1 and 2, in Lot No. 164, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00;
- (b) Deed with James D. Vail and Margaret C. Vail, for Lot No. 362, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$472.50;
- (c) Deed with Vonnie Lee McGee for Grave No. 4, in Lot No. 190, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00;
- (d) Deed with Claude Q. Freeman and wife, Betsy T. Freeman, for Lot No. 72, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$480.00.

EXTENSION OF SERVICE GRANTED VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AGES 65 AND OVER.

Upon motion made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, the following employees, ages 65 and over, were granted an extension of service through June 30, 1968, as recommended by the Personnel Director:

Will Caldwell	Cemeteries Department
Ed Edwards	Motor Transport Department
John A. House	Engineering Department
Leon G. Justice	Engineering Department
Floyd H. Dellinger, Jr.	Motor Transport Department (for limited extension if work requires no heavy lifting.)

CONTRACT AWARDED ROCKWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR COLD WATER METERS
DISPLACEMENT TYPE.

Councilman Tuttle moved award of contract to Rockwell Manufacturing Company on the low alternate bid, for 3,000 cold water displacement type meters, in the amount of \$90,350.00 on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

Base Bid

3,000 Cold Water Meters Displacement
Type 5/8", As Specified.

Rockwell Mfg. Company	\$ 90,350.00
Badger Meter Mfg. Company	92,024.30
Neptune Meter Company	93,525.50
Hersey-Sparling Meter Co.	95,107.30

Alternate Bid

3,000 Cold Water Meters With
Maintenance Plan, As Specified.

Rockwell Mfg. Co.	\$ 90,350.00
Badger Meter Mfg. Co.	92,024.30
Neptune Meter Company	93,525.50
Hersey-Sparling Meter Co.	95,107.30

CONTRACT AWARDED HERSEY-SPARLING METER COMPANY FOR COLD WATER METERS
DISPLACEMENT AND COMPOUND TYPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Hersey-Sparling Meter Company in the amount of \$41,269.65 on a unit price basis for 201 cold water meters displacement and compound type.

The following bids were received:

Hersey-Sparling Meter Co.	\$ 41,269.65
Neptune Meter Company	41,880.83
Rockwell Mfg. Company	42,271.72
Badger Meter Mfg. Co.	42,770.34

CONTRACT AWARDED HERSEY-SPARLING METER COMPANY FOR COLD WATER METERS,
F.M.C.T. TYPE.

Councilman Whittington moved award of contract to the only bidder, Hersey-Sparling Meter Company in the amount of \$11,502.83, on a unit price basis for six cold water meters F.M.C.T. type. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

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PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved the approval of the following property transactions, which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle:

- (a) Condemnation of property of George W. Crisler and wife, Mayme S. Crisler in Sharon Township for the McAlpine Creek Sewer Outfall, Parcel No. 100;
- (b) Condemnation of property, owned by F. G. Robinson et al, at the northeast corner of North Tryon and Sixth Streets, valued at \$30,000 for the Sixth Street Improvement Project, Parcel No. 25;
- (c) Acquisition of 134.22 square feet of property at 217-221 South Summit Ave., from Murlan Clanton King and Audrey H. King, at \$1,000 for the West Fourth Street Extension Project, Parcels No. 46 and 47;
- (d) Acquisition of all property at 415-17 Tuckaseegee Road, from Murlan Clanton King and wife, Audrey Hearn King, at \$14,000, for the West Fourth Street Extension Project, Parcel No. 85;
- (e) Acquisition of 2,493 square feet of property at 233 North Myers Street, from G. W. Hunter Estate, at \$12,100, for the Sixth Street Improvement Project, Parcel No. 45.

Councilman Short asked why the property of F. G. Robinson is a condemnation? Mr. Veeder, City Manager, replied the owners are unwilling to accept less than \$165,000. Councilman Short stated he did not want to delay on this but there is no explanation or comment about the business situation of the businesses located in this building, and for this reason he is not going to vote for this particular one. Mr. Veeder advised that Mr. Stuart Elliott and Mr. A. H. Carrier, Jr. appraised this property and the highest appraisal these two gentlemen came up with was \$30,000; and the property owners are requesting upwards of \$165,000. Councilman Short stated just as in the case of the Vogue, he thinks it is appropriate that we have some information before voting on these things and the problems created for these people. Mayor Brookshire stated it would be good to have for information, but Council has already authorized and insisted on moving ahead with the Downtown Street Program as fast as possible and if we cannot negotiate this out with the owner, there is no recourse left except to proceed under the eminent rights of dominion.

Councilman Short made a substitute motion that all of the property transactions be approved with the exception of the one listed as Parcel No. 25, Sixth Street Improvement Project (Item b). The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Councilman Alexander stated he is very much concerned over the fact that when Council was discussing moving forward with streets, each and every member of Council was concerned with moving ahead immediately and he cannot understand why on a subsequent date there would be any objections to those things now that tend to hold up moving ahead immediately. That he is certain each knew what businesses were on each of these streets and each of these corners when Council insisted that they be so stated and named, and authorized our departments to move straight forward on. That he wants this to be a part of their general consideration.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE SEVERAL COMPLAINTS AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCILMAN ALEXANDER.

Councilman Alexander stated he has a petition signed by over 40 residents of Bearwood Avenue; this is a street that dead-ends running from Sugar Creek Road. It is half a block from the railroad crossing Sugar Creek Road, and when a train passes the traffic backs up and blocks off this street and this is the only street where there is no way to get out; the other streets all open and you can go back and come out some place else. Some three or four weeks ago, something happened to a child and they had to rush to the hospital immediately and they could not get out. He stated he does not know what can be done but he thinks this is a just complaint.

Also at 3905 Bearwood, there is an open culvert drain constructed on the edge of the property that should be covered as it is very dangerous to anyone passing by at night.

Councilman Alexander stated he would like to know what can be done about opening up St. Paul Street, St. John Street and St. Mark Street, between Beatties Ford Road and Garnett Place.

Councilman Alexander asked the City Manager to investigate each of the requests and give him an answer later.

PROGRESS REPORT ON REQUEST FOR AN AVIATION SURVEY.

Councilman Tuttle asked Mr. Veeder if he can recommend something to Council on the Chamber of Commerce's request for an aviation survey? Mr. Veeder replied the Aviation Advisory Committee will be having a meeting, maybe this week, at which time this will be a subject for their discussion and he would think that the Chamber's view would be worked over at the Advisory Committee level and then will come to Council with recommendations.

REPORT ON SURVEY OF STARMOUNT AREA REQUEST FOR VARIOUS ITEMS NOT COMPLETE.

Councilman Tuttle asked the City Manager if he has completed the check of the request of the Starmount Area which was mentioned several weeks ago? Mr. Veeder replied that it is not completed; this was a request for parks, bus service, police protection and recreation facilities.

CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE ON EXPRESSWAYS AND STREETS AND HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT FOR COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS WAYS & MEANS OF EXPEDITING EXPRESSWAYS.

Councilman Whittington stated he would like to discuss for a few minutes the inter-governmental task force which was appointed after attending the International League of Cities meeting in Detroit. He stated it is common knowledge now what this Committee was assigned to do, and it is a fact that they did a very excellent and commendable job. That he would like to urge the Mayor and Council now to request that the sub-committee on expressways and streets be invited to come to Council and see if there is anything that the committee can do or Council can do with them and with Mr. George Broaderick, Highway Commissioner, to go to Raleigh and Washington hopefully to release any funds that can be made available for us to get going on the second phase of the Northwest Expressway. It is a matter of record

and is knowledgeable to the general public that the City Council appropriated money long ago for the corridor of the Northwest Expressway and for the engineering, stating if we did that, then we would speed the project up many years. Some bridges are in and some access roads but there is no concrete and this is urgent and would be helpful if the Mayor and other members of the Council would call these men together and see what we can do together to get some help on the next phase.

Mayor Brookshire replied Mr. Broaderick was here a few months ago to talk about schedules and he explained that federal road money had been curtailed considerably, and since then it has been stepped up slightly, but only in a small amount.

Mayor Brookshire asked the City Manager to request Mr. Joe Robinson, Chairman of the sub-committee and Mr. Broaderick to come to Council and give any information they might have and discuss with us ways and means, if any, of expediting expressway.

RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SYMPATHY UPON THE OCCASION OF THE DEATH OF FRANK B. SMITH, JR.

Councilman Whittington introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, that heartfelt sympathies of the Mayor and the members of the Council be hereby extended to the family of Councilman Gibson L. Smith, upon the occasion of the death of his brother, Frank B. Smith, Jr.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and further that a copy be forwarded to Mr. Gibson L. Smith and Mrs. Frank Brandon Smith, Sr.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted.

ALLEYWAY AGREEMENT FOR CLOSING OF ALLEY BEHIND FIRE STATION ON SOUTH BOULEVARD AUTHORIZED SIGNED BY MAYOR.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the Mayor was authorized to execute agreement authorizing the closing of an alleyway behind the city's fire station which fronts on South Boulevard, as recommended by the City Attorney.

REPORT ON REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAWN AREA FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT OAKLAWN AND DOUBLE OAKS ROAD.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated following the request of residents of the Oaklawn Road and Double Oaks Road area for a traffic signal at that intersection last week, he, along with Mr. Hoose, looked at the intersection and they have worked out a flashing signal that will improve the situation to the satisfaction of the ladies who were present at the Council Meeting.

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BUDGET SESSIONS FOR COUNCIL TO BEGIN MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 26, AT 7 P.M.

After discussion, Council members set tonight, Monday, June 26, at 7 P.M. to begin budget discussions.

COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR MONDAY, JULY 3 AT REGULAR TIME.

Mayor Brookshire asked if Council members would want to hold a regular meeting of Council on next Monday, as Tuesday is a holiday?

Councilman Stegall moved that Council meeting not be held on Monday, July 3, at the regular time. The motion did not receive a second.

Councilman Whittington moved that the regular Council meeting be held as scheduled for Monday, July 3. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS OF CITY RECORDER'S COURT.


Councilman Whittington moved approval of the following appointment in the City of Charlotte Recorder's Court:

Mr. P. B. Beachum, Chief Recorder
Mr. William T. Grist, Associate Recorder
Mr. Marshall Haywood, Solicitor
Mr. Thomas M. Mullen, Vice-Recorder

The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk