A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, January 6, 1969, with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Gibson L. Smith, James B. Stegall and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Jerry Tuttle.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Milton Short.

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MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last two Council Meetings on December 23, 1968 and December 30, 1968 were approved as submitted.

EMPLOYEES SERVICE AWARDS FOR TWENTY-FIVE TO FORTY YEARS SERVICE PRESENTED BY MAYOR BROOKSHIRE.

Mayor Brookshire stated it is a great pleasure to recognize and thank a very large, very fine and loyal group of Charlotte employees who have served the City faithfully for periods of years ranging from 25 years to 40 years.

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Mayor Brookshire presented the City of Charlotte 25 year service pin to the following employees:

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Mr. H. C. Beck	- Fire	Mr. W. B. Kiser - Water
Mr. Sam Boulware	- Engineering	Mr. F. J. Martin - Fire
Mr. Will Caldwell	- Cemeteries	Mr. L. E. McCorkle - Water
Mr. M. H. Caskey	- Police	Mr. L. A. Newell - Motor Transport
Mr. J. A. Dellinger	c - Police	Mr. J. H. Surratt - Motor Transport
Mr. J. M. Griggs	- Fire	Miss Joyce M. Toomey - Finance
Mr. A. T. Hagler	- Fire	Mr. W. I. Vance - Motor Transport
Mr. H. R. Henderson	n - Fire	Mr. H. E. Ward - Motor Transport
Mr. J. H. Honeycutt	t - Fire	Mr. E. C. Watts - Fire
Mr. J. A. Horton	- Police	Mr. J. E. Youngblood - Police
Mr. H. H. King	- Fire	the second s

Mayor Brookshire presented the City of Charlotte 30 year service pin to the following:

Mr. C. A.	Allen	- Police Department
Mr. L. W.	Balentine	- Police Department
Mr. W. G.	Martin	- Fire Department
Mr. J. A.	Nichols	- Police Department
Mr. J. F.	Page	- Water Department

City of Charlotte 40 year service pins were presented to the following two men:

Mr. O. C. Earney, Water Department, Employed January 4, 1928 Mr. O. B. Torrence, Engineering Department, Employed October 30, 1927.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES JAMES B. NORMAN, WATER DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE, AS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.

Mr. Edwin P. Latimer, President of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, stated the Chamber of Commerce has for a number of years through its local Government Employee of the Year Committee sponsored an award to the City Employee of the Year. The selection of the recipient of this award is made on the basis of nomination by fellow workers of the City of Charlotte. Considering the large number of nominations made this year, the honor of being selected the City Employee of the Year is a coveted honor. The Committee in making its selection had a diffucult choice because it had so many fine employees and so many names submitted in nomination. The Committee has carefully considered all the facts presented and has chosen the one outstanding city employee for 1968.

Mr. Latimer stated the past winners of the Employee of the Year are as follows:

(1) 1963 - Mr. Ronald Klutz; (2) 1964, Mr. Claude L. Murphy; (3) 1965, Mr. Lee Rae; (4) 1966, Mr. Richard L. Beaty, and (5) 1967, Sergeant Sam Hill.

Mr. Latimer stated this year's winner has been employed by the Charlotte Water Department since 1940; he has been indispensable in the planning and re-organization of customer service activities to accomodate the completely revised system of water meter reading with constant field supervision and office control. His planning has made the operation more efficient; he is in charge of turn-off, turn-on service, meter repairs, meter reading, and all pertinent record keeping; he is in charge of the inspectors who check meter reading, leaks and other difficulties, including the handling of complaints from customers. In addition the radio control system has been improved due to his efforts; he is often found rendering his service to other people in many different departments, and most frequently his assistance is well beyond the call of duty. In consideration of these qualities, and his imaginative approach to the improvements of methods of work within his department, it is a distinct honor to present him with a check for \$50 and to name Mr. James B. Norman, Water Service Foreman, as City Employee for the year 1968.

In accepting the award, Mr. Norman stated it is a real honor to accept the award; that he does not think he deserves it; that it belongs to the people who work with him.

CONSIDERATION OF BARCLAY DOWNS DRIVE PROJECT DEFERRED UNTIL COUNCILMAN TUTTLE IS PRESENT.

Mr. Bud Coira, Attorney for the Barclay Downs Area residents, stated these people are interested in preserving the nature of their neighborhood in its residential status if at all possible; they are not obstructionists; if they feel there is a need for the widening of Barclay Downs Drive, all the way from its connection with Telstar Lane to Selwyn Avenue, they will be the first to favor it. However, they are not so satisfied at this time there is an absolute necessity for the widening of that portion of Barclay Downs Drive, between Fairview and a point beyond Morrison Boulevard. Mr. Coira stated they have not simply opposed it, but have come up with an alternative.

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He stated on last Friday, members of Council met with Mr. Bruce Wright on the site when he proposed that north of the intersection, which will be formed by the newly opened side entrance to Celanese which will become the main entrance to the Celanese Parking lot, that from that point north instead of five lanes as now proposed, there be three lanes and those three lanes be made up of one north bound lane, and two south bound lanes - one to provide for a left turn or straight through traffic and the other for straight through or right turn traffic into the Celanese parking lot.

Mr. Coira presented a pictorial representation of the intersection as proposed, which he explained. He stated as presently proposed there are five lanes with two north bound lanes, three south bound lanes, one for left turn traffic, one straight through and one for right turn traffic. That the particular concern the citizens have is that by widening this area to five lanes at this time it will invite traffic from the shopping center and other places into Barclay Downs. That the present proposed project is a modification of the original project; that the original project calls for a widening all the way to Runneymede Lane. The modification brought this widening to a point approximately 500 feet north of the intersection - five lanes at the intersection narrowing to the present two lanes. He stated it is their opinion that to create two lanes, north bound, north of the intersection approaching a curve where it will narrow to one lane in 500 feet is going to create more of a traffic problem than it solves. As presently proposed it will provide one lane for right turns into the shopping center, one lane for through traffic going north towards Runneymede Lane and one lane for left turn traffic - there will be one through lane north and one through lane south of the intersection which will avoid the possibility of a race for space. He called attention to the two intersections in the city where this precise type of traffic control exists - one is at Remount Road and Wilkinson Boulevard; the other is on the other end of Remount Road where it enters Ideal Way.

Mr. Coira stated they are asking Council to consider the modifications. That at such time there is a demonstrated need for this, these people will be the last to resist the widening to four lanes of all of Barclay Downs Drive.

Councilman Jordan stated some of the Councilmen and the Engineers met with the people last weekend and Mr. Tuttle expressedly wanted to see it but was in bed with the flu. He moved that any action be postponed today until Mr. Tuttle has opportunity to see it. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

Later in the metting Mr. Ira Smith, 3718 Barclay Downs Drive, Mr. Bruce Wright, and Mr. George Robert, President ot the Barclay Downs Swim and Racquet Club, spoke in favor of the modifications as proposed by Mr. Coira.

DISCUSSION OF STREET PROJECTS BY MR. JAMES MCDUFFEY.

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Mr. James McDuffey stated he agrees that the need on Barclay Downs is very small and the street should not be widened. He stated he has drafted the following telegram to Governor Scott, and Barclay Downs is a part of it:

"In view of your recent promise to have an open-door administration and your desire to have a government of, by and for the citizens, I request your office to investigate North Carolina Highway Commission expenditures in the Charlotte area covering the immediate, past and especially covering Barclay Downs Drive, Sugar Creek Road, Albemarle

Road, Eastway Drive belt road intersection at Independence Boulevard. I urgently request you have a public hearing in the next 30 days to review the lack of priorities or the lack of public knowledge of such priorities as to where public funds are to be spent and on what basis these expenditures are made."

Mr. McDuffey stated Sugar Creek Road, Albemarle Road and Barclay Downs are three items where highway funds are coordinated with the City Council. That Barclay Downs has little traffic at the moment but it will have traffic in the next one or two years; Sugar Creek Road with K-Mart, Woolco and Tryon Mall already has the traffic and is in dire need and every dollar that is available should be spent there. According to the newspaper, Albemarle Road is \$200,000; and the report said it was to be widened to Lawyers Road; Mr. George Broadrick, Highway Commissioner, tells him that is not true; that Central Avenue is the termination point which is much shorter than to Delta Road and Lawyers Road and makes less sense in widening only to Central Avenue. He stated when a newspaper is wrong on these issues, they should be corrected and people who have the knowledge should do that. That Sugar Creek Road was supposed to be widened at the intersection at North Tryon Street. Before the election the newspaper said the contract would be let by November 15. He stated the funds for Albemarle Road should be used for Sugar Creek Road and the Barclay Downs funds should be used for Sugar Creek Road. It has been four years since the public hearing on Eastway Drive-Independence Boulevard and there are still no funds for that intersection. Those funds were to come from City Council - \$500,000. That every day he hears about the downtown project and it has only been two years since that bond issue; that two years delay down there is not as bad as four years delay on the Eastway Drive intersection on the belt road.

Mr. McDuffey stated in the bond issue discussion that Council will be talking about, he asked Mr. Cheek, City Engineer, and Mr. Broadrick if there was a choice between an eastern expressway as opposed to a downtown convention boulevard which would be a priority, and both said an eastern expressway. He asked Mr. Cheek if there are any plans or engineering studies on an eastern expressway and there are none. Mr. McDuffey stated if there was an eastern expressway plan it would be another five years before the turning of the first spade of dirt probably. He stated there is neglect in an eastern expressway by the planners and the people who spend the public funds, and we do not get the choices in bond issues to do what the public would like to do. That he will work against the convention boulevard in deference to the money available to build an eastern expressway where 77 terminates at Independence Boulevard to take it out in an eastern direction; that no one can say it will cost less to start today than it would two years or three years from now.

That in the discussion about changing the urban renewal funds that were voted to a neighborhood development program where there is a chance of losing money that is already set aside, he would hope Council would have some indication from the voters if they have approved these projects and did it on a matching basis - that they would consider the public has said they have approved of these things and do not want the money already passed jeopardized; that the \$300,000 already spent for downtown studies was not in accordance with urban renewal authorities in Washington. That he has a letter from them saying the \$300,000 spent was on your own; that they had no approval of it, and your chances of getting it back as far as they are concerned were nil. That this is \$300,000 spent that could have been spent on some of the road projects which are very badly needed.

MAYOR BROOKSHIRE LEFT THE MEETING TEMPORARILY.

Mayor Brookshire left the meeting at this time and Mayor pro tem Whittington presided.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with B. Brevard Brookshire for appraisal of one parcel of land for the Eastway Drive Project.
- (b) Contract with Alfred E. Smith for appraisal of one parcel of land for the Eastway Drive Project.

MAYOR BROOKSHIRE RETURNS TO MEETING AND PRESIDES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SESSION.

Mayor Brookshire returned to the meeting at this time and presided for the remainder of the session.

ORDINANCE NO. 131-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE WEST SIDE OF PARK ROAD, BEGINNING AT SUGAR CREEK AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD.

Petition No. 68-88 by Leonard W. Coppala and Elmer D. Miller for a change in zoning from R-6MF to 0-6 of 7.31 acres of land on the west side of Park Road, beginning at Sugar Creek and extending southward 435 feet and which the Planning Commission recommends disapproved was considered by Council.

Councilman Jordan stated along with some other members of Council he looked at this property this past weekend; these people have gone to a lot of work and expense in building this property up; under the present zoning they can build multi-family housing, but he does not believe he would like to live on the banks of a creek in a housing complex.

Councilman Jordan moved that the subject ordinance changing the zoning from R-6MF to 0-6 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Jordan stated while they were out looking at this property, Councilman Smith made a recommendation to rezone to the creek just beyond this property and make it a buffer; that this would take another hearing.

Councilman Short stated since talking to Mr. Coppala several weeks ago he has given a great deal of thought to this. He asked Mr. Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, if it would be possible, if this zoning occurs, to put something in this area that would be almost an exact duplicate of the Charlottetown Mall? Mr. Bryant replied assuming that Mr. Coppala owns the property across the creek that is zoned B-1 at present, it is true the ordinance would permit this property, if zoned for office purposes, to be utilized for parking in conjunction with any business use of that property; to that extent it would be possible by making some sort of brief connection between the two properties. 231

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Councilman Smith stated this property is being used for business now and there is a creek between it and business is often buffered with office. After looking at this property, Council feels it would be bad to put as many apartments in this area on the creek bank at that level behind the veterinarian, which is non-conforming, plus the traffic hazards from apartments being a 24-hour operation; that this is just a preference on Council's part; that this is the lesser of the two things. That neither one is a good selection but they feel this is the better of the two.

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Councilman Short stated the size of a business operation depends more than anything else on how much parking you can get; that it appears to him that it would be a relatively simple matter to remove the not too expensive and somewhat older small business buildings there, and then you have a tailor-made situation to put the Charlottetown Mall between the Ivey-Belk Shopping Center, and the Park Road Shopping Center; that he feels this is not another spot for a major shopping center.

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Coppala owns this land surrounded by Briar Creek and Sugar Creek and he brought the land up to and above the flood plain as set by the Engineering Department; this was nothing but a swamp and flood plain property prior to the dumping of this dirt and raising the level of flood. If he were requesting multi-family he could put only 100 units of apartments; he would have to give up 20 because of the width of the creek and the straightening out of the creek as it relates to the work to be done by the Corp of Engineers. That traffic is a larger problem on Park Road and Fairview Road every day. The situation that he now wants to put in there would only have traffic in the day time and not 24 hours a day; also this is a buffer between business and the single family homes beyond Briar Creek going out Park Road towards Eastern Airlines. He has made these improvements on his land and it behooves Council to keep this road and all over roads as orderly as it can, and he thinks this is the best orderly development we can get out of this particular situation.

Councilman Stegall stated he has talked to some of the residents around this property, and asked them which they would rather have if they had their choice - apartments or an office complex? The people he talked with, some lived on one side of Park Road and some the other, and some lived near some of the apartment complexes, and they are really distraught about the noise problem. All of them agreed they would rather have an office complex as they felt it was a five day week operation and it would be relatively quiet at night, and they would not have the problems they now have.

Councilman Short stated he cannot get around the fact that seven acres of parking and three acres of business is the same as ten acres of business; that he does not mean to impute any ulterior motives to Mr. Coppala; but the fact is, what he is asking for amount to ten acres of business at a spot where he does not believe this Council really wants ten acres of business. He stated it seems to him Council should consider the possibility of asking Mr. Coppala to rezone the adjoining three acres to B-1SCD; if he does this, then no one under those circumstances could proceed to put in ten acres of something like the Charlottetown Mall at this corner. That he believes this is a safeguard Council should have if it is going to make the adjoining area of 7.3 acres available for parking. That multi-family land is not usable for parking for adjoining business and office land is.

The vote was taken on the motion to approve the change in zoning, and carried by the following vote:

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 16, at page 87.

CONTRACT AWARDED MOTOROLA COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONICS, INC. FOR MOBILE RADIOS.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Motorola Communications & Electronics, Inc., in the amount of \$16,118.00, on a unit price basis, for 34 mobile radios. . - .

The following bids were received:

Motorola Communications and Electror	nics, Inc.	\$16,118.00
General Electric Company		16,712.00
Radio Corporation of America	a a construction de la construcción de la construcción de la construcción de la construcción de la construcción A construcción de la construcción de	20,759.00

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CONTRACT AWARDED DUMONT MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION FOR HANDY TALKIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, DuMont Mobile Communications Division, in the amount of \$2,431.60, on a unit price basis, for 4 handy talkies for the Fire Department.

The following bids were received:

DuMont Communications Division		\$2,431.60
Motorola Communications & Electronics,	Inc.	2,637.80
Radio Corporation of America		2,750.00

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CONSIDERATION OF REJECTION OF BID ON PORTLAND CEMENT DEFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Alexander and seconded by Councilman Smith to reject the bid of McGee Lumber Company in the amount of \$6,958.00 for portland cement.

Councilman Whittington stated this was advertised on December 2 and on December 11 the bids were received and opened on 10:00 o'clock in the morning that day. There was only one bid received at this time and this being the end of the year whatever firm bid on this particular product cement - did this knowing that the cost of transportation and the cost of this particular product would increase at the beginning of the year, and whatever the increases were they would be subject to this loss. The McGee Lumber Company submitted their bid and they were the only bidder. That about two years ago the same thing happened; there were three bidders at that time and McGee was low and the Purchasing Department recommended that the bids be rejected and start over; the second time around McGee was the second high. For that reason they feel they are getting the stick twice in a row and because they have the only bid in, these bids should not be rejected. Councilman Whittington stated to him there seems to be some merit in their thoughts.

Councilman Whittington made a substitute motion to defer action until Mr. Brown, Purchasing Agent, is present. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried unanimously. filozo sem y Nel se se s 1.443

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CONTRACT AWARDED ALLIED SAFETY SUPPLY COMPANY FOR BUNKER SUITS.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Allied Safety Supply Company, in the amount of \$2,881.59, on a unit price basis, for bunker suits for Fire Department.

The following bids were received:

Allied Safety	•	\$ 2,881.59
The Leslie Company		2,955.58
Piedmont Fire Equipment	Co.	3,079.80
O. J. Richardson		3,163.65
C. W. Williams Co.		3,217.51
The Globe Mfg. Co.	the second second	3,478.60
Goodall Rubber Company		3,956.58
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CONTRACT AWARDED SUPPLY SPECIALTIES, INC. FOR MILD STEEL CHAIN.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Stegall, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to the low bidder, Supply Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$3,108.13, on a unit price basis, for Mild Steel Chain (Flighted Chain) for Water Department.

The following bids were received:

Supply Specialties, Inc. \$ 3,108.13 Tidewater Supply Co. 3,120.25

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. T. COVINGTON TO FIREMEN'S RELIEF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Councilman Short moved the reappointment of Mr. W. T. Covington to the Firemen's Relief Fund Board of Trustees for a two year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN S. SPURRIER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to reappoint Mr. John S. Spurrier to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

REAPPOINTMENT OF J. CARLTON FLEMING, E. L. VINSON AND MRS. DAVID WALLAS TO THE MODEL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION.

Mayor Brookshire stated the appointed members to the Model Neighborhood Commission serve for a period of one year; the terms of the three members appointed by Council expired on December 31; that Council should either reappoint the three or appoint others to serve in their places. The three Commissioners are Mr. J. Carlton Fleming, Mr. E. L. Vinson and Mrs. David Wallas.

Councilman Jordan moved the reappointment of Mr. E. L. Vinson for a term of one year to the Model Neighborhood Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith for the reappointment of Mr. J. Carlton Fleming for a term of one year to the Model Neighborhood Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall, and carried unanimously.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, Mrs. David Wallas was reappointed to the Model Neighborhood Commission for a term of one year.

DRAFT OF LEGISLATION TO CREATE THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG CHARTER COMMISSION AS SUBMITTED BY THE CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE APPROVED.

Mayor Brookshire requested Council to take action on the report made by the Consolidation Study Committee covering a Bill to be submitted to the General Assembly meeting on January 15, 1969.

Councilman Whittington moved the adoption of the report as recommended by the Consolidation Study Committee for legislation to create the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Charter Commission, and that the Chairman of the Legislative Delegation be notified that Council has approved these recommendations, and thank this Committee for the splendid work they have done towards the consolidation of local government in Mecklenburg County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Mayor Brookshire stated there are indeed other ways, but he is convinced that consolidation is the only political expendient way of meeting the community's growth needs in the foreseeable future; that both the present elected officials of the city and county, as well as the voters' attention, should be called to the fact that a single or unified government will impose greater and heavier responsibilities and duties on the one government than either the Council or County Commission now carries. That one unified local government will have to carry all the responsibilities and duties of the combined local government for the city and county.

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

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MR. FRED BRYANT, ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR, AND PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTED TO SET UP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERIES OF HEARINGS ON WEST BOULEVARD ZONING STUDY.

Councilman Whittington moved that Mr. Fred Bryant and the Planning Commission set up recommendations for a series of hearings as it relates to the rezoning of the WEst Boulevard area, from Camden Road to the airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short, and carried unanimously.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REQUESTED TO WORK ON THE UPGRADING OF WEST BOULEVARD OUT TO THE AIRPORT AND U. S. 29 AND ROAD TO THE UNIVERSITY.

Councilman Jordan requested Mayor Brookshire to have the Beautification Committee to work on the upgrading of houses, and buildings and lands on the road to the Airport which would make a great improvement since the road has been widened. Also, Mr. L. M. Wright has suggested that U. S. 29 be upgraded as the road to the University has now been widened and finished.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK INTO ABSENCE OF POLICE OFFICER AT RUNNEYMEDE AND SHARON ROAD.

Councilman Smith stated during school hours there was a police officer at Runneymede and Sharon Road in the past, but for the past month an officer has not been at this location, and it does get rather congested, and it is hazardous. He requested the City Manager to have this looked into as there should be a police officer or someone to help the traffic out.

FENCE BETWEEN ELMWOOD AND PINEWOOD CEMETERY AUTHORIZED REMOVED.

Councilman Alexander moved that the fence between Elmwood and Pinewood Cemetery be removed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and carried by the following vote:

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

Mayor Brookshire stated he has heard already too much about this matter; that it is an insignificant matter as far as he is concerned; that he does not think those who rest in that particular geographic area of the city would care whether the fence remains or not; that he has heard all he wants to hear about it.

Mayor Brookshire broke the tie vote, voting in favor of the motion.

ADJOURNMENT.

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Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Alexander, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk Ruth Armstrong, City