

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, May 17, 1965, at 3 o'clock p.m. with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Alexander, Jordan, Short, Thrower, Tuttle and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend James L. Johnson, Associate Pastor of the Little Church on the Lane.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Meetings of the City Council at 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m., on May 10, 1965 were approved as submitted.

#### SUGGESTION MADE THAT COUNCIL MEETINGS BE HELD AT NIGHT.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated he has an important suggestion to make, that the Council Meetings be held at night instead of in the afternoon, in order to draw a better cross-section of citizens in the audience, that this is done in other cities and has worked out well. That he believes it would result in more capable men running for Council, and the Mayor and Council would also be able to secure better qualified men to serve on Committees.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Elvin for his remarks and commented that, as he knows, the Charter provides that the City Council set the time for meetings.

ORDINANCE NO. 338-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, SECTION 23-8 OF THE CITY CODE CHANGING ZONING FROM R-12MF TO R-6MF AND B-2 OF A TRACT OF LAND ON THE NORTH SIDE OF ALBEMARLE ROAD, BEGINNING AT CAMPBELL'S CREEK AND EXTENDING EASTWARD 2,042 FEET ADOPTED.

The petition of Ervin Construction Company for change in zoning from R-12MF to R-6MF and B-2 of a tract of land on the north side of Albemarle Road, beginning at Campbell's Creek and extending eastward 2,192.33 feet as amended by withdrawing 150 feet at the easterly end of the property, was considered.

Mayor Brookshire stated that the three new members of the Council were not present at the hearing on the petition, but they have had made available to them, transcripts of the hearing and maps and the advice of the Planning Commission.

Councilman Whittington commented that two weeks ago when this petition was voted on he made a motion that the petition be approved and tried to explain why he thought it should be approved, and he now moves that the petition be approved and an Ordinance be adopted Amending Chapter 23, Section 23-8 of the City Code changing the zoning from R-12MF to R-6MF and B-2 of a tract of land on the north side of Albemarle Road, beginning at Campbell's Creek and

and extending eastward 2,042 feet. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Tuttle advised that he did not attend the hearing but he has looked at this land and has read everything relating to it, and he is very much aware of the major contribution that Mr. Ervin and his company has made to the city but any way you look at it, there are business zones at both ends of this area, and then you put in this so called cluster zone there and you wind up with strip zoning.

Councilman Short stated he wants to make it plain to anyone interested that he spent virtually this entire weekend studying this matter and listening to anyone who cared to speak about it, and has made every effort to learn not only both sides but every conceivable side even though he was not present at the hearing.

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

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

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 163.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 14, 1965 ON PETITION OF PYRAMID MOTOR COMPANY TO CLOSE ALLEYWAY OFF NORTH DAVIDSON STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, a resolution entitled: Resolution Fixing Date of Public Hearing on June 14th on Petition of Pyramid Motor Company for the closing of an Alleyway off North Davidson Street, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 27.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH GEORGE G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1964 TO JUNE 30, 1965.

Councilman Thrower moved approval of a contract with George G. Scott and Company for the annual audit of the accounts of the City, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1964 to June 30, 1965, at a fee of \$14,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH G. A. HUTCHINSON FOR APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, authorizing a contract with G. A. Hutchinson for the appraisal of two parcels of land on Long Street, one parcel on Sixth Street, one parcel on Ninth Street, and one parcel on Twelfth Street, in the right-of-way of the Northwest Expressway.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

STREET	FROM	TO
West 32nd Street	Existing maintained street	end of cul-de-sac
Enterprise Drive	Easterlymost intersection at West 32nd Street	the south
Glen Oaks Road	Existing maintained street 500 ft. east of Sardia Road	Subdivision property line East
Canyon Trail	Glen Oaks Road	the south
Robmont Road	Glen Oaks Road	The south to existing maintained pavement
Fesbrook Court	Robmont Road	end of cul-de-sac east

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JUNE 21, 1965 ON PETITIONS NUMBERED 65-59 THROUGH 65-65 FOR ZONING CHANGES.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of a Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on June 21st on petitions numbered 65-59 through 65-65 for zoning changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 28.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED ON WOODLAND DRIVE, FROM ROANOKE AVENUE TO SHEFFIELD DRIVE AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 7TH ON CONFIRMATION THEREOF.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Approving a Preliminary Assessment Roll for Improvements Completed on Woodland Drive, from Roanoke Avenue to Sheffield Drive, and Providing for Notice and Public Hearing on June 7th on Confirmation Thereof, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 29.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED ON CHESTERFIELD AVENUE, FROM ST. JULIAN STREET TO PECAN AVENUE, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 7TH ON CONFIRMATION THEREOF.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of a Resolution Approving a Preliminary Assessment Roll for Improvements Completed on Chesterfield Avenue, from St. Julian Street to Pecan Avenue, and Providing for Notice and Public Hearing on June 7th on Confirmation thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 30.

ALCOHOME, INC. AUTHORIZED TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES IN SHARON ROAD TO CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, authorizing Alcohome, Inc. to connect private sanitary sewer lines in Sharon Road, to the City's Sanitary Sewerage System, provided the said lines become the property of the City when the area is annexed to the city.

CONTRACTS APPROVED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, the following contracts were authorized for the installation of water mains:

- (a) Contract with T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, Inc., for the installation of 2,350 feet of water mains and one hydrant in Billingsley Park Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$6,000.00. The City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual gross revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.
- (b) Contract with Mae Dalton Corp. for the installation of 1,615 feet of water mains and two hydrants in Enterprise Drive, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$9,000.00. The Applicant will bear all of the construction cost and the City will furnish all materials, labor and supervision to install the mains and will maintain and operate them and retain all revenue.
- (c) Contract with A. V. Blankenship Company for the installation of 1,655 feet of water mains and two hydrants in Virginia Manor Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$5,500.00. The City to finance all construction costs and the Applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.
- (d) Contract with Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc. for the installation of 5,400 feet of water mains and four hydrants in Kentwood No. 2 Sub-division, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$16,700.00. The City to finance all construction costs and the Applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the construction of sanitary sewer mains at the following locations, which was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Jordan, Short, Thrower, Tuttle and Whittington.  
NAYS: None.

Councilman Alexander abstained from voting.

- (a) Construction of 2,075 feet of mains in Lake Plaza Subdivision, inside the city limits, at the request of C. D. Spangler Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$7,980.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 3,600 feet of sewer trunk in Shamrock Hills No. 2, inside the city limits, at the request of C. D. Spangler Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$28,870.00. All cost to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 780 feet of mains in Meadowood Subdivision, inside the city limits, at the request of Nance-Trotter Realty Company, at an estimated cost of \$3,145.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

- (d) Construction of 700 feet of mains in Benard Street, inside the city limits, at the request of Commercial Development Company, at an estimated cost of \$2,426.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (e) Construction of 3,502 feet of mains in Johnston Street, inside the city limits, at the request of Thurston Motor Lines, Inc. et al at an estimated cost of \$17,020.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicants, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Thomas B. Sellers, for Lot 434, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs Adlai Osborne, for Lot 435, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (c) Deed with Tommie N. Kiser, for Grave No. 1, in Lot 138, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs Ruth G. Lawing, for Graves 3 and 4, Lot 236, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, transferred from Mr & Mrs Joseph W. Whitlock, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.

CONTRACT AWARDED BUTLER & SIDBURY, INC. FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE STATION NO. 15.

Councilman Jordan moved the award of contract to Butler & Sidbury, Inc., the low bidder for the general construction of Fire Station No. 15, as specified, in the amount of \$57,707.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Butler & Sidbury, Inc.	\$57,707.00
Cabarrus Construction Co., Inc.	58,404.00
Laxton Construction Co., Inc.	59,140.00
T. R. Burroughs Construction Co.	59,385.00
Reynolds Construction Co.	59,480.00
Lawson Construction Co.	59,500.00
Myers & Chapman Company, Inc.	60,656.00
Juno Construction Company	61,850.00
R. C. Hicks	61,928.00
Edison Foard	62,023.00
R. Marret Wheeler Company	65,139.00

CONTRACT AWARDED MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS FOR HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING FIRE STATION NO. 15.

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

unanimously carried, contract was awarded Mechanical Contractors, the low bidder meeting the specifications, for Heating and Air Conditioning Fire Station No. 15, as specified, in the amount of \$6,545.00.

The following bids were received:

Mechanical Contractors	\$ 6,545.00
A. Z. Price & Associates	8,121.00
J. V. Andrews Company	8,350.00
Tompkins-Johnston	9,757.00
Patterson Coal & Oil Company (Did not meet specifications)	6,487.00

CONTRACT AWARDED TOMPKINS-JOHNSTON COMPANY FOR PLUMBING AT FIRE STATION NO. 15.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Tompkins-Johnston Company, the low bidder, for the plumbing at Fire Station No. 15, as specified, in the amount of \$7,117.00.

The following bids were received:

Tompkins-Johnston Company	\$ 7,117.00
A. Z. Price & Associates	7,275.00
Acme Plumbing Company	7,345.00
J. V. Andrews Company	7,600.00
W. H. Sullivan Company	8,400.00

CONTRACT AWARDED AMITY ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR ELECTRICAL WORK AT FIRE STATION NO. 15.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to Amity Electric Company, the low bidder, for the electrical work at Fire Station No. 15, as specified, in the amount of \$5,084.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Amity Electric Company	\$ 5,084.00
Howard Electric Company	5,525.00
Reid Electric Company, Inc.	5,872.00
Ross Electric Company	6,269.00

CONTRACT AWARDED R. C. HICKS FOR INSTALLATION OF HAND RAILS AND GRAB BARS AT CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded R. C. Hicks, the low bidder, for the installation of hand rails and grab bars at Charlotte Community Hospital, as specified, in the amount of \$10,783.00.

The following bids were received:

R. C. Hicks	\$10,783.00
Rodgers Builders, Inc.	10,878.00
Butler & Sudbury	11,262.00
R. Marret Wheeler	11,414.00
Atlantic Building Company	12,847.00

Councilman Whittington asked what else the City has to buy for the hospital, and Mr. Veeder replied very little if anything that he is familiar with at the moment, that he would anticipate a Change Order coming in on today's contract. Councilman Whittington asked if this would not complete the conversion from a General to a Chronic Hospital and Mr. Veeder stated that is his understanding.

Councilman Alexander commented that he has noticed a number of cars parked on the parking apron in front of the Hospital and he asked if they are city cars or is the parking lot leased to someone? Mr. Veeder replied that he was talking with Mr. Zack Thomas on another matter last week and he remarked that some car dealer has leased some of the parking lot they were not using and they are realizing rental from it. Councilman Alexander remarked that we need money but with all the problems we have at the Hospital he does not think having the grounds cluttered with stored cars adds to it at all; that at this point they are new cars but it does not add to the appearance of the hospital; that he does not know what could be done about it if the space has already been leased but he thinks it should be looked into.

CONTRACT AWARDED SANDERS BROTHERS COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS TO SERVE FORD MOTOR COMPANY.

Councilman Thrower moved the award of contract to Sanders Brothers, the low bidders, for the construction of 3,935 feet of sanitary sewer main to serve Ford Motor Company, as specified, in the amount of \$15,532.50, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Sanders Brothers Company	\$15,532.50
C. M. Allen Company	15,699.75
Howie Crane Service	16,138.50
C. D. Spangler Constr. Co.	17,197.05

CONTRACT AWARDED SEAGRAVE FIRE APPARATUS, INC. FOR TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPING ENGINE.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Seagrave Fire Apparatus, Inc., the low bidder meeting the specifications, for one triple combination pumping engine, as specified, in the amount of \$27,117.00.

The following bids were received:

Seagrave Fire Apparatus, Inc.	\$27,117.00
Ward LaFrance Truck Corp.	28,618.00
American LaFrance	29,982.00
Howe Fire Apparatus Company (Did not meet specifications)	27,007.65

CONTRACT AWARDED JOINT & CLUTCH SERVICE, INC. FOR WET BATTERIES.

Councilman Whittington moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Joint and Clutch Service, Inc. for 400 wet batteries, as specified, in the amount of \$5,799.35. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Joint & Clutch Service, Inc.	\$ 5,799.35
Tull Oil Company	8,536.93
Battery Service Company (Did not meet specifications)	5,380.49

CONTRACT AWARDED C. D. SPANGLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN CENTRAL PARK SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to the low bidder, C. D. Spangler Construction Company, for the construction of 2,450 feet of sanitary sewer mains and manholes in Central Park Subdivision, as specified, in the amount of \$11,089.50, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Jordan, Short, Thrower, Tuttle and Whittington.  
NAYS: None.

Councilman Alexander abstained from voting.

The following bids were received:

C. D. Spangler Construction Co.	\$11,089.50
C. M. Allen & Company	11,490.00
Howie Crane Service	12,020.50
Sanders Brothers Company	13,479.00

CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY SIDEWALKS AND RELATED FACILITIES TO SERVE DRUID HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND OAKLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TO COVER COST OF SAID WORK.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the construction of a temporary sidewalk on the north side of Norris Avenue, between Statesville Avenue and the existing sidewalk near Lucena Street, a distance of approximately 3,150 feet, at an estimated cost of \$4,400.00, to serve Druid Hills Elementary School; and, the installation of a walk on the north side of Princeton Avenue, from Forest Park Drive to Park Road, a distance of approximately 1,450 feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,860.00, to serve Charlotte Catholic High School; and, the erection of additional fencing between the roadway and walk on the north side of Oaklawn Avenue and make improvements to the drainage on the bridge across Irwin Creek on Oaklawn Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$500.00, to serve Oaklawn Elementary School; and, the transfer of \$6,760.00 from the General Fund Contingency Account to cover the cost of the said work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

RADIO STATION W.S.O.C. GRANTED PERMISSION TO DROP PING PONG BALLS FROM HELICOPTER ONTO THE STATION'S PROPERTY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, Radio Station W.S.O.C. was granted permission to drop ping pong balls from a helicopter onto the Station's property during the Rally for High School Seniors on Saturday, May 29th.



## ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY AND FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the acquisition of property for right of way for the Northwest Expressway and for Sanitary Sewer construction, was authorized as follows:

- (a) Acquisition of 1,623 sq. ft. of property off N. Johnson Street, and E. 11th Street, from Godley Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for right of way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (b) Acquisition of 7,500 sq. ft. of property at 526 Seigle Avenue, from Minnie L. Gibbs Estate, in the amount of \$6,200.00, for right of way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (c) Acquisition of 12,320 sq. ft. of property at 1004-10 East Eighth Street, from Mary Read Youngblood, in the amount of \$1,300.00, for right of way for the Northwest Expressway.
- (d) Acquisition of 10' x 100' at 1920 Newland Road, from George H. and Bessie V. Walton, in the amount of \$100.00 for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (e) Acquisition of property 10' x 270' at Odessa and Irma Streets, from Oliver H. and Buddy Patterson and R. E. Barrett, in the amount of \$135.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (f) Acquisition of property 10' x 158' at Jennings Street, from Winfred Blue and wife, in the amount of \$158.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (g) Acquisition of property 10' x 50' at Odessa Avenue, from Inez Partlow, in the amount of \$50.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (h) Acquisition of property 10' x 198' from Alma H. Smith, in the amount of \$100.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (i) Acquisition of property 10' x 245' on Lake Jo, from Frank G. Templeton in the amount of \$245.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (j) Acquisition of 1,463.80 sq. ft. of property on Newland Road, from Willie Pride and wife Frances, in the amount of \$74.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (k) Acquisition of 1,148 sq. ft. of property at 2200 Newland Road, from Mrs Frances Hunter, in the amount of \$58.00, for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (l) Acquisition of property 10' x 336' in Newland Road, from R. Fisher Draper and wife Louise, in the amount of \$1.00 for right of way for Lincoln Heights Sanitary Sewer.
- (m) Acquisition of property 5' x 150' in Slagle Drive, from Kirby E. Miller and wife, in the amount of \$75.00, for Slagle Drive and Colbrook Sanitary Sewer Line.
- (n) Acquisition of property 5' x 150' in Slagle Drive, from Ira S. Bryant, Jr., in the amount of \$75.00, for Slagle Drive and Colbrook Sanitary Sewer Line.

- (o) Acquisition of property 10' x 124.9' in Colebrook Drive, from Nance-Trotter Realty Company, in the amount of \$1.00, for Slagle Drive and Colbrook Sanitary Sewer line.

COUNCILMAN TUTTLE NAMED BY MAYOR TO DOWNTOWN STUDY COMMITTEE.

Mayor Brookshire asked Councilman Tuttle to serve with Councilman Jordan on the Joint Downtown Study Committee, as a replacement of Mr. Steve Dellinger. Councilman Tuttle accepted the appointment.

MAYOR ASKS COOPERATION OF COUNCIL IN PROMOTING FIVE MAJOR PROJECTS.

Mayor Brookshire named the following five major projects, discussed with the Council in the Conference Session, which he hopes Council will lend every effort to further promote:

- Expressway system
- Slum Clearance
- Enforcement of the minimum housing code
- Widening and improvement of downtown streets for which three and a half million bonds were voted.
- City Beautification.

Councilman Albea remarked that he is 100% in favor of these projects.

Councilman Whittington commended the Mayor for what he is recommending and moved that the City Council ask the City Manager and the Planning Commission Staff, the Traffic Engineer and Mr. Wilbur Smith and some representatives of Mr. Odell's staff and Mr. Hammer, to start now planning a report that they can give to Council immediately after we get the Report on the Downtown Study, so that we can begin to put the widening of these streets in their proper perspective and do something about them. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Jordan stated he has served on the Downtown Study Committee since its inception and he is wondering if it would not be a good idea to ask the Association to let the Council as a whole attend this meeting. Mayor Brookshire stated he thinks the Council has been asked to attend the meeting on May 27th.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

Councilman Jordan asked the Mayor if he will see what he can do to speed up the badly needed unbottling of 36th Street and 28th Street and see if some help cannot be obtained from the Railroad Company. Also, ask the State Highway people to give us information on the future belt roads so Council can start work on that.

Mayor Brookshire replied that he will be glad to do that but he would raise the question whether or not Council would consider spending any part of the three and a half million dollars bond money already voted by the citizens and earmarked for Downtown streets, and in connection with that he has recommended to Council the priority of streets including 3rd Street, 5th Street, 6th Street and Brevard Street, not necessarily in the order named.

Councilman Jordan remarked to the Mayor that he believes our original list of streets did include 28th Street; however he did not specify using this particular money, but it was in the original list.

Mayor Brookshire replied if we can find sources of revenue he is sure they will be glad to put it in along with the other streets mentioned.

CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTED TO PREPARE LOCAL BILL FOR PRESENTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO INCREASE THE CITY TAG FEE FROM \$1.00 THROUGH \$10.00.

Councilman Thrower moved that the Council ask our Legislative Delegation to introduce legislation that would give us permissive legislation to increase the City Tag fee from the present \$1.00 up through \$10.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The Mayor asked the City Attorney to please draw a local bill to this effect and present it to our Delegation in Raleigh.

REQUEST THAT TRAFFIC SIGNAL BE INSTALLED AT THE INTERSECTION OF PROVIDENCE ROAD-LAUREL AVENUE-CHEROKEE ROAD, DISAPPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved that the Traffic Engineer be instructed to install a Traffic Signal at the corner of Cherokee Road-Laurel Avenue intersection with Providence Road without further study. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

The City Manager stated that at least five studies have been made of this intersection in recent years and each study has shown that a Signal is not warranted based on the check; the most recent survey showed that there was no speeding on Providence Road and that 8.6 seconds were required for right turns and 11.4 seconds required for left turns. Based on a 4 day study this does not indicate any excessive time waiting to make a turn into Providence.

Mayor Brookshire commented that if Council authorizes the installation of a Traffic Signal at this intersection against the recommendation of our Traffic Engineer we will no doubt get an immediate request from persons interested in one at Providence and Colville.

For the sake of clarity, Councilman Whittington stated the intersection that he is speaking of is just this side of the Manor Theatre and by the side of Al Browne's Service Station and it is not anywhere near the intersection of Colville and Providence Road.

Mr. Hoose stated there have been six studies of the intersection in question, the most recent one having been made in November 1964 and over the survey in April 1963 it showed 600 less cars which is a 30% reduction. That the surveys are always made from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. by vision observation. He explained in detail what constitutes a traffic survey. He stated he thinks the main trouble at this intersection is that the view is blocked by parked vehicles at the two service stations, one on each side of Laurel Avenue, and all he can do to control this, is to paint a line by the service stations. When a traffic control is installed it is for 24 hours, 7 days a week and he does not think one is justified for merely a 15 minute peak period; that there were only five accidents at this intersection between 1960 and 1964 and no fatalities, so there is no problem whatever at the intersection.

Councilman Whittington commented that Mr. Hoose is the authority and he is not but he can say to him that the intersection, the times he has gone through it, handled a great deal of the traffic coming off of 7th, 5th, and Independence Boulevard going to the southeastern section of Charlotte, and at no time has he come to the intersection when there were any obstructions of cars or shrubbery or anything else, it is just a matter of cars being backed up into Laurel Avenue that cannot get out, and there are only two ways for them to go, right or left, a car going right naturally can get into the intersection easier because he is not fighting traffic coming from town. That all Mr. Hoose is saying may be true except for his own personal observation.

He called attention to the Thoroughfare Plan in which Wilbur Smith says the way traffic snakes from the southeast to the northeast is via Selwyn Avenue and Laurel Avenue over to 5th Street or 7th Street and out and it comes back the same way, and that is the basis for his thinking that a Signal is needed.

Councilman Short remarked that someone living in that area of town attempting to get over in the area of Independence Boulevard, would have to go through this intersection or way out through McAlway Road, is it not a situation of many people trying to turn left and right at the same time, people on Providence trying to turn right into Laurel and people on Laurel trying to turn left into Providence all at the same time causing great confusion.

Mayor Brookshire stated he feels that the major problem in giving consideration to the motion is that it will make it difficult for Council to turn down others who make similar requests.

Councilman Whittington commented that the Mayor may be right but he thinks things have to be settled on the facts at hand at the time, and he would not worry about the next request. That he respects Mr. Hoose but the only way you can get a traffic signal in Charlotte is to tell him to put it in and that has been true since he has been at City Hall.

The City Manager stated he does not know what it would cost to signalize this intersection but if Council acts favorably on the request, funds must be provided.

Mr. Hoose called attention that it would also be necessary to install a Signal at Ardsley Road, which is about a 65 ft. off-set from the Laurel Avenue intersection, and it will call for a pretty complicated piece of equipment, and he would estimate roughly that the entire cost will be \$3,300.00.

The vote was taken on the motion to install the Signal and lost by the following recorded vote:

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

COUNCIL TO MAKE APPEAL TO CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG VOTERS TO URGE THE MECKLENBURG DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SUPPORT HB 915 AND SB 427, UTILITIES FRANCHISE TAX.

Councilman Whittington referred to the Mayor's memorandum to Council relative to utilities franchise tax legislation and he moved that the Council make an appeal to all the voters of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County that they contact our Legislative Representatives in Raleigh urging them to vote for HB 915 and SB 427. That if the Bill is adopted it would increase our revenue from \$250,000 annually to about \$1,000,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower.

Councilman Short commented that he thinks the public should know that this will increase municipal income by approximately \$750,000.

Mayor Brookshire remarked that it will also give the County about \$250,000 or  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents on their tax rate.


The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT CITY MANAGER MAKE STUDY RELATIVE TO PURCHASING THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF KILBOURNE AND CENTRAL SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE BAD INTERSECTION, AS THE ONE AT BRUNSWICK AND KINGS DRIVE WAS ELIMINATED.

Mr. Jim McDuffie stated, as a loser in the municipal election for the City Council, he would like to ask the City Manager to make a study of the City buying the property at Kilbourne and Central so as to eliminate the bad intersection, as the one was corrected on Brunswick and Kings Drive. That he will discuss with Mr. Veeder and Mr. Hoose some of the things he had intended working for had he won in the election and maybe he can get done anyway.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk