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2906 His Honor, Mayor Carson, reported as follows:

Advice has been received from the United States Conference of Mayors and other sources which leads me to believe that there is a strong probability of the city's securing certain street improvement work to be done by the State Highway Commission. This it would seem to be possible on account of the position it is said the administration will take with regard to the unemployment load.

Each member of the Council is acquainted with the limited finances and facilities which the City has to project the proper and necessary plans, sketches, and specifications for the widening of Front Avenue and the diagonal proposed up-town. In order that the City be in position properly to undertake needed and necessary improvements of this character, I recommend: That the Commissioner of Public Works be empowered by the Council to request of the Highway Commission that said Highway Commission aid the City in projecting plans and specifications for the widening of Front Avenue and a diagonal street for arterial traffic up-town and such other needed street widening and improvement projects which may, in the judgment of the Commissioner of Public Works and the State Highway Commission, be proper. Such request would entail no expense or cost insofar as the City is concerned, as any part of the work done by the Highway Commission would be accomplished by personnel and funds of the Highway Commission.

Commissioner Bean said:

"The situation in our office is rather acute. We cut the office force down to routine matters because of no engineers. Now they expect us to do engineering work and we haven't any money to do it. There is no such thing now as a 6% fee. We haven't accumulated any money in the Rotary Fund therefore we have to come to the Council.

Commissioner Bean made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Bennett and carried unanimously that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to request of the Highway Commission that they come in and make surveys, profiles, estimates, etc., and the report of His Honor, the Mayor, be ordered placed on file.