

Alignment Of Gold Okayed

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the matter and bring a full report to the board in the future.

The project, Moss said, will also allow the city to complete the widening of East Gold in the future from Gaston Street to Highway 161, and would make the city-owned property on the south side of West Gold more appealing to potential business citizens.

Commissioners also discussed the possibility of constructing a walk-over in the mid-town area for pedestrians to cross the railroad tracks.

Commissioner Norman King said a walk-over would be necessary for "safety", and the alignment of East and West Gold would be good because "traffic going north and turning west onto Gold doesn't know if the light is green or red."

Moss said drivers also "get jammed up with left-hand turning traffic and you find yourself on the tracks while others are turning left."

Moss said much of the work on the project can be handled by the city work force, but some work will have to be contracted out.

The board authorized Moss to continue to develop the project and its costs and to report back to the board as it is carried out.

In another matter Monday, the board, by common consent, authorized Moss to urge the Department of Transportation to consider an alternate route of detour in the North Piedmont Avenue area, where several streets have been closed off due to the Highway 74 bypass construction.

Traffic has been re-routed to Cansler Street, but citizens in the area petitioned the board to re-open some of the streets to local traffic only.

Citizens are asking that Lackey, Gantt, Walker, and Waco Road be re-opened so local residents may use side streets to enter Piedmont

Avenue south of the area where the bypass crosses North Piedmont.

It was also reported that the Baker Street entrance to Piedmont has been closed off, and residents of that area of town have only the end of the street which crosses the railroad tracks at Burlington Mill to get to and from their homes. The closing of the Piedmont end of the street would create a dangerous situation, the residents said, if emergency vehicles needed to get into the area and a train had the crossing blocked at Burlington.

"It's a most inconvenient situation," said Commissioner King, who is the District Four representative. "If we had a fire or needed an ambulance in that area, it would take quite a bit of time to get in there."

Moss said the DOT has been "very cooperative" during the construction period and "our approach would be to work with them in harmony."

In other action Monday, the board:

*Approved annexation of the Charles E. Blalock property on Highway 74 West.

*Adopted a resolution to close Pine Street between Oak Street and Cansler Street.

*Forwarded to the Planning and Zoning Board a request from Charles L. and Ruby M. Alexander to rezone property at the intersection of West Mountain and South Watterson streets from R-8 to R-6 for the purpose of constructing a multi-family dwelling.

*Proclaimed Sept. 14-18 as "Clean-up, Fix-up Week" in Kings Mountain.

*Approved a resolution of Appreciation and Commendation for Plato James Heavner, who has retired after several years of service with the Kings Mountain Fire Department.

*Approved the employment of Patrick Witherspoon as a full-time fireman.

Chevy Dealership Sold

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managed by vice president Barry Laughridge, and he will also continue to operate the Jim Testa Racing Team, which is currently based in Virginia. Testa sponsors veteran driver Lenny Pond on the NASCAR tour. He said that operation may be moved back to Kings Mountain or to Spartanburg in the future.

Testa said the new Chevrolet facility will be "three or four times bigger" than the current

facility on Railroad Avenue, "and in terms of the physical ground, it will be six times bigger," he said.

"I think the facility will be something the city can be proud of," Testa said. "I've always loved cars, and this is something I've always wanted to do. I've always thought I could sell cars but this is the first time an opportunity to purchase a dealership has come up in our area. I want to make it nice and make a profit too."

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KM Students Exceptional

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Kings Mountain twenty teachers, two (2) educational diagnosticians, two (2) psychologists, two (2) aides and a child-find/social worker are employed specifically to work with exceptional children. All schools have a resource room to serve students. In a resource room, the student may be taught for part of the school day in a special class and spend the remainder of the day in the regular classroom. In a cooperative effort with Shelby City Schools and Cleveland County Schools, Kings Mountain District Schools also serves orthopedically impaired students, multihandicapped students and trainable mentally handicapped students. Some of these students are served at the Children's Center in Shelby.

In addition to providing programs for a variety of students other services are available which include an on-going child-find census to discover students who are being served; staff development activities for classroom teachers, special teachers, parents and administrators; and special programs provided as the result of grants secured from special funding from the State Department of Public Instruction.

Kings Mountain District Schools has been awarded two special grant awards for exceptional children in the past two years. One award was to begin a program for secondary learning disabled students at Central School, Kings Mountain Junior High School and Kings Mountain Senior High School. The other award was to train staff to provide a summer program for academically talented youngsters.

Although special grants are quite helpful in providing support for special students, one of the most necessary and perhaps the key ingredient in providing appropriate services to exceptional children is the support network provided by parents, teachers, school principals, administrative staff, local and state legislators and the Division for Exceptional Children. Success for children depends on the cooperation, planning, caring and interest of all of these people...and it is occurring in Kings Mountain.

IT'S A GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen of Denton, N.C., announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Susan, eight pounds, 11 ounces, on August 22 at Randolph Memorial Hospital in Asheboro. They also have a son, Jeremy, age 5. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allen of Kings Mountain and Mrs. James Wilson and the late Mr. Wilson of Gastonia.

IT'S A BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Myron George of Raleigh announce the birth of their second child, David Hunter, September 6 at Rex Hospital. Mrs. George is the former Joy Bridges. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John George Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Bridges of Kings Mountain, and great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John George Sr. of Kings Mountain and Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Franklin of Hickory.

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