

# City Development 'Already Patterned'

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Past investments here already have determined that Kansas City will develop as a "spread city," Joseph Vitt, city development director, said today.  
He told a seminar session of the Greater Kansas City Alternatives Futures program that the form Kansas City is likely to take is no longer debatable as a policy matter. Only the quality of future development is a matter for policy decision, he said.  
Existing and planned highways in the metropolitan area will total \$1.7 billion in value by 1980, he said.  
The highway system and the values of large numbers of the population resulted in the development of Kansas City as a spread city, Vitt said.  
Cars and the highway network are essential parts of the dominant form of travel, he said, noting that only 2 per cent of the total trips in Kansas City are by mass transit.  
The development pattern here, he said, is characterized by large undeveloped tracts, of which he said are in the close-in areas of the region.  
He warned that increasingly long trips as development spreads in the area could make the metropolitan area less livable.  
Control over the quality of life is important in cities such as Kansas City because there are no mountains or oceans nearby to improve the quality, Vitt said.  
The future program is being conducted through the Brookings Institution to involve area business, civic and political leaders in planning area development.  
Melvin M. Weisler, director of the Institute of Urban and Regional Development at the University of California, Berkeley, was a participant in today's seminar.  
He suggested that someday the courts might rule that equal transportation within a city is a fundamental right that should be made available to all.  
Transportation systems, he said, are geared to the middle-income part of the population, not to the lower-income part.



JOSEPH VITT

# Teachers, District Resume Talks

Negotiations between the Kansas City School District and Local No. 691, American Federation of Teachers, were resumed today, the 17th day of the teachers' strike.  
Pickets also returned to the district's 68 schools, which have been closed for seven days, after a 1-day absence because of the Kansas City bond election.  
Leading the district discussion team is Dr. Robert Medcalfe, school superintendent. Norman B. Hudson, union local president, heads the teacher bargainers.  
Attorneys for both sides are joining the talks at the request of Judge Alvin C. Randall of the Jackson County Circuit Court, who issued a temporary injunction yesterday against Hudson and the union collectively to prevent activities which would interfere with the operation of the schools.  
Twice this week in open court Judge Randall has talked about the litigation, the purpose of it and the need for him to keep informed about it.  
On the latter point, in asking attorneys for both sides to sit in on the discussions, Judge Randall said, "I am not used to a situation where I get everything secondhand." He asked the attorneys to keep him informed on the status of the litigation.  
He said Monday, referring to a public forum held Monday night by the school board, that it is necessary to the welfare of the community that issues behind the strike be aired publicly.  
The sole aim of the litigation, said Judge Randall, who has been the head of the circuit court's juvenile division for three years, is to respect the schools and get the children back in school.  
A temporary restraining order to halt the strike, issued March 18 by Judge Robert Meyers of the circuit court, became a temporary injunction after a brief hearing yesterday in Judge Randall's courtroom.  
Pending litigation against Hudson and the union includes a citation for contempt of court for alleged violation of the restraining order. A show-cause hearing on why the defendants should not be held in contempt of court is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday before Judge Randall.  
The resumption of talks today is at the direction of the school board, which withdrew its dis-cussion team after a negotiation session Sunday.  
The closing of the classrooms and suspension of district programs brought more reaction today.  
An instructor for the district's licensed practical nurse training program today wrote Dr. Medcalfe that she resents suspension of the program because of the strike.  
Danielle Sitt, a registered nurse, said in her letter, "Our salaries do not come from the school system. We are paid from state and federal vocational funds and by co-operating hospitals."  
"We will not benefit from this strike," the letter said, "and our inability to work is jeopardizing our students' completion of the course. I am resentful that I am not allowed to work, resentful that my financial security has been jeopardized and most resentful because this strike does not apply to my position as an instructor."  
She asked the superintendent to immediately reinstate the program and to reimburse instructors for lost pay.

# Mayor Shoulders Defeat of 10 Bonds

By Roger Moore  
A member of the staff  
The defeat of the 10 bond proposals can be blamed on no one but the mayor, Mayor Charles B. Wheeler, Jr., said today.  
"I could have sat on my hands and not run the 10 propositions again (after they were defeated in the last bond election Dec. 16)," Wheeler said.  
Wheeler joined most city officials today in lamenting the "negative period" the city appears to have entered.  
The defeat of the bond issues yesterday, the teachers' strike and the decision by construction labor unions today to strike against builders were cited by Wheeler and others as examples of "negativism" that lingers in the city.  
Although unofficial returns showed margins of approval for the bond issues that ranged from about 57 per cent to more than 63 per cent, Wheeler seemed unimpressed by the near-passing status of the propositions.  
The mayor reflected on his pre-election predictions that more than 60,000 voters would turn out at the polls to approve each of the 10 bond items.  
"I miscalculated by about 10 per cent," Wheeler said, referring to the 55,000 voters that did turn out.  
Wheeler had predicted earlier that the teachers' strike would have a 3 per cent negative effect on passage of the bonds. Today, he said the construction strike had another 3 per cent negative effect.  
"And the foul-up by the election board in not notifying persons of their new polling places probably caused another 4 per cent negative factor," Wheeler said.  
Reports of voters being turned away from voting locations because they were not at their regular voting stations were received throughout the day.  
The mayor and other city council members indicated they had no support for resubmitting the bonds a third time to voters in the remainder of their terms in office.  
"I want to see how next year's general election turns out before running the bonds back to the voters," Wheeler said, noting that his own re-election would be decided on the March 1975 ballot.  
Most council members indicated there would be no immediate attempt to finance some of the proposed bond improvements with revenue-sharing dollars from the city's next proposed budget.  
The defeated bonds made up a 7-year package. This, Wheeler said, means that at least through this year the defeat of the propositions will have a negative effect on the city.  
Some items, such as the \$7-million bond package to buy about 5,000 acres for expansion at Kansas City International Airport and the \$10 million to finish urban renewal projects, could be affected by increasing bond costs.  
The mayor said the city would try again next year to get the Missouri General Assembly to ease the requirements that bonds need two-thirds of the vote cast to be approved. An effort earlier this year to lower the required majority to 60 per cent from the present 66 2/3 per cent was defeated.  
The upset in yesterday's election makes it even more important that the teacher and construction workers strikes are resolved swiftly, Wheeler said.  
Robert Kipp, city manager, said the defeat of the bonds makes it obvious that the public education crisis is a public priority.  
"It is obvious that the public feels the needs of public education are at this point more important than the city's capital improvement needs," he said.  
The manager said he did not consider the bond upset a cause of further drains on the city's already tight budget.  
The manager said he did not agree that the city was entering a "negative period."  
"I feel that we always gain by some setbacks," he said. "What is important is that we have a very viable civic leadership that can help us solve these problems."  
The labor disputes with the school board and builders can not be given all the credit for the defeat, although each apparently had some negative effect, Kipp said.  
Kipp's proposed city budget for the next fiscal year includes \$8.5 million in federal revenue-sharing money earmarked for capital improvements.  
"A major portion of those funds will have to go for resurfacing city streets," he said.  
A re-evaluation of how the remaining funds will be spent has to be made before it is determined whether they will be used to finance a part of the improvements that would have been paid for with the bonds.

# Tapes Reveal Raid Tip

By Robert Mills  
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Wiretap recordings were played today in U.S. District Court in which Jerry W. Lawson, a former police officer, warned a massage parlor operator of vice squad raids.  
The two recordings were played to the jury in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kansas, hearing the third day of testimony in the prostitution and bribery conspiracy trial of Capt. Tom Dalley, suspended commander of the police department vice squad, and Anthony Russo, a lawyer.  
The government contends Dalley and Russo were paid to provide protection for widespread prostitution activities flourishing in Kansas City, Kansas.  
William M. Lowman, operator of the parlor, testified that Jack Harrison, a police officer, came by his (Lowman's) apartment one day in November, 1972, to warn him that two of Lowman's massage parlors were about to be raided.  
Lowman said Harrison told him the vice squad headed by John J. Donnelly, chief of police, was right behind him and phone Sunday Want Ads in before 11 a.m. Sat., 221-9000—Adv.

that he (Lowman) should notify his places at 918 N. 10th and at 700 1/2 Southwest Boulevard that raids were about to take place.  
In the first wiretap recording Lowman called the two massage parlors and told the operators just to perform "straight" massage that night, unless the customer was someone they knew.  
Despite the warning, two girls were arrested at the massage parlor on Southwest Boulevard, one for not having an identification card required of massage parlor operators and the other for propositioning an officer.  
The second recording, made at 9:34 p.m. the next day, Nov. 27, 1972, was a conversation in which Lowman called Lawson at home.  
Lowman explained that the warning had been received and the arrests were not the fault of Lawson or other friends in the police department.  
In the recording, Lawson said: "Tom told me he went out on a limb for me." No identification was made about who Tom was.  
In the same conversation Lawson said "Tom went straight to the mayor" to try to get him (Lawson) on the vice squad.  
Lawson quoted the mayor as saying he couldn't put Lawson on the vice squad because the chief of police told him that he (Lawson) owned two "whorehouses."  
Lawson yesterday testified he entered into partnership with Lowman on two massage parlors operated for prostitution.  
In the recording Lawson said he would tell the chief of police: "You think I own two whorehouses, I don't own anything; if you think I own two clubs why don't you file charges."  
Lawson testified yesterday he kept for himself some prostitution money that he said had been designated as payoff money for the commander of the Kansas City, Kansas, vice squad.  
Michael Lerner, one of Russo's attorneys, in cross-examination asked Lawson what he did when what Lawson said were bribery payments to Russo increased to \$1,000 a month.  
"I'd take part of the money that was to go to Mr. Dalley and take it," Lawson testified.

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