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Committee Defers Action

stuck."

Fountain

Planning

On Radial Tire Question

Citizens Say They Prefer Modern Transit to Busses

By John A. Dvorak sit plan. Futuristic, innovative forms "Aren't we going a little of public transportation. backwards?" asked Jim Ellirather than just busses and son, 2420 E. 51st. Busses may rail cars, should be considbe cheaper, he said, but by ered for the Kansas City area, spending more money Kansas several citizens said at a meeting on the proposed all-Citians could get a modern

By Robert L. Carroll

A Member of the Staff

The way to tell if a radial

tire is as good as a snow tire

in meeting the city omer-

gency snow ordinance is to

see if you get arrested for

getting stuck and blocking

traffic, the city council plans

and zoning committee has been

The committee yesterday held an orcinance for further

study that would have accept-

ed effective radial tires as

well as chains and snow tires

as meeting the requirement.

Those who get stuck and block traffic may be fined \$15.

"The key word is 'effective'

because in actual practice if

you don't get stuck you don't

get a ticket," Dan G. Jack-

son, assistant city attorney, said. "We're helping the tire

John Shore of the Shore

Tire Company said many ra-

dial tires have shallower

tread grooves than regular

tires. Worn snow tires give

better traction than worn ra-

people peddle snow tires."

told.

"in tune for the bus metropolitan mass tran- system times."

> Other citizens joined last night in supporting those comments, although they did not back one particular form of mass transit. But the Mid-America Regional Council, which is preparing the mass

transit proposal, should present more alternatives, they said.

About 25 persons, six of them associated with the field, who introduced the ordi-M.A.R.C. planning effort, atnance, suggested trying it for tended the meeting, which a year to see what the result was held at the Linwood Multi-Purpose Center. was. He said he doubted

A bus system has extremely many arrests were made unhigh operating costs, Walter der the ordinance anyway. "The effectiveness of that L. Klammer, 5534 Virginia, vice-president of the Citizens ordinance is not in how many Environmental Council, said arrests they make," Glen J. Tracks for a rail car cost a Hopkins, special assistant city great deal to install, and still manager, said, "but in how many people didn't get the cars usually require an

operator, he said. A technologically advanced system would cost more money, but over the years it would provide better service and save on operating costs, Klammer said. Bus systems are "excruciat-ingly inefficient," Dan Logan, 33 W. 58th, said. Riders must

Advised walk blocks from their homes, wait for the busses, and when A process will have to be leaving the busses must still developed to recommend sites walk to their destination, he for fountains to be built by the City of Fountains Foundasaid. Worse yet, added Logan, the bus ride takes far longer ion, the operations committee than a similar trip by car. of the city council has de-If modern technology were cided after hearing suggesused, Logan said, "I, see no tions for six possible sites. Harold Rice, founder of the reason at all why you can't foundation which is collecting beat the car.' "Don't get too down on the money to build and maintain bus," said Jack Cotton, assisone new fountain in the city tant director of Kansas City each year, had written the Transit Associates, a group of city council asking the city to consultants working on the designate three alternate mass transit proposal. Adsites, from which the founda-tion directors would pick one vanced systems haven't always proved out, they aren't flexible enough and they cost for the first fountain. Delbert F. Karmeier, city far too much, he said. transportation director, said The proposal for Kansas the intersection of 8th, Admi-City. if only busses were used ral and Locust is to be imwould cost \$300 million to \$350 proved to carry traffic off the million at today's prices. If an A.-S.-B. Bridge and space will be available for a fountain option for 24 miles of highspeed rail cars was included, the cost would be \$550 million there. The location is a main entrance to the city, he said. Councilman Harold Mann to \$600 million. Frank Rood, 933 McGee asked yesterday if a fountain agreed that more transit alat a major intersection would be a traffic hazard. Karmeier ternatives should be pursued, but he also had some ideas said there is no correlation bepital. for the current bus system. tween other fountains on ma-"I don't think there is a jor streets and accidents. whole lot of effort made to "As long as streaking is run the busses at a profit," prohibited in the fountain I don't see any problem," he Rood said. Promotion of busses is poor, said. "Certainly there have been some accidents at Ward he said, and bus system employees are sometimes not Parkway and Meyer Bouleheloful vard but that's not because of "It used to be," Rood said, "that busses were self-sup-Mann said Vivion Road and



Plans Approved For Nursing Home

By Keith McConnell at the Western Highland Pres-A Member of the Staff byterian Church, 2508 N. 12th. The board of the Mid-Amer-Kansas City, Kansas. ica Comprehensive Health Planning agency at its an-In an application made by nual meeting at the Mid-Planned Parenthood of Westwest Research Institute, ern Missouri and Kansas, elected officers and approved family planning services are proposals for a multi-level to be offered at five locations nursing home in Kansas City, in the metropolitan area: 47th Kansas, an expanded methadone program at the Univerand Harrison; United Methodist Church, Liberty; 313 W. sity of Kansas Medical Center Liberty, Independence; First and a planned parenthood Presbyterian Church, North program. Elected last night were John Kansas City, and Blue Springs. A total of \$344,215 H. Kreamer lawyer, presiwas budgeted for the prodent; Mrs. Jacqueline Hanson, gram, also to be funded by consumer, vice-president; Michael Mayer, a vice-president the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. of the First National Bank, treasurer, and Mrs. Estella

Ready for Casting		n an
Truma	n Wax M	odel
By Alice Hartmann A Member of the Statt The nation's first statue of Harry S. Truman is closer to- day with an unveiling of a wax model of the figure at the Multimedia Forum at Crown Center. Present for the preview yes- terday were members of the Harry S. Truman Statue Com- mittee, an areawide group that began the project over a year ago; Gilbert Franklin, a Rhode Island sculptor who is designing the work, and about 60 other business and govern- ment leaders. The statue, slated for com- pletion for the nation's bicen- tennial celebration in 1976, will stand 8 feet tall and will be placed at the eastern end of the old Jackson Square	course, Mr. Truman always said that Kansas City was only a suburb of Indepen- dence." Taking on the theme, sug- gested by the committee, that the figure should depict the former President's return to his home town in 1953, the sculpture will display Mr. Truman striding along carry- ing a walking stick. Franklin said before the unveiling that the wax model took about three months to complete and that the total project should take about two years. Although he never met Tru- man, Franklin said he studied "literally hundreds of photo- graphs" provided by the Tru- man Library and the former President's friends and asso-	read biographies of him, then put them aside as he began the work. "I tried to soak myself in the mood and the spirit of the man," he said. "But I did not want to depend on the photo- graphs. I wanted to feel as though I had known him." Mrs. Bess Truman, the for- mer President's widow, was not able to attend the preview yesterday but did see the model earlier as did her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Tru- man Daniel, Dr. Jonas said. Fund-raising efforts for the statue are continuing, com- mittee members said, with about \$17,000 of the \$70,000 to- tal raised so far.
courthouse in Independence where the former President worked as a member and la- ter presiding judge of the	ciates before beginning his work. He said he wanted the sculpture to capture Truman's	O. A. Bakers Mark Golden Anniversary
Jackson County Court. Dr. Harry S. Jonas, com- mittee chairman, said his group had viewed the model before the afternoon preview and had given its final ap- proval for casting of the bronze likeness. "We are gratified to think there will be a statue of Mr. Truman in Independence to commemorate one of our greatest Presidents and prob- ably our greatest Kansas Ci- tian," Dr. Jonas said. "Of	"vitality, energy and spar- kle." "He has that f a m o u s smile," Franklin, a professor of sculpture at the Rhode Is- land School of Design, said. "I think that the kind of smile he had was a very flashy, transi- tory thing. I also wanted to capture the dignity and seri- ousness that also character- ized him." Franklin said he studied photographs and news film of the former President and	Mr. and Mrs. O.A. Baker, 9720 Raytown Road, will ob- serve their 50th wedding anni- versary with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Unity Clubhouse in Unity Vil- lage. Hosts will be their chil- dren: George Baker, Lee's Sum- mit; Mrs. Mary Hamlin, Ray- town, and Leonard Baker, Mrs. Bessie Brittain and Charles Baker, all of Kansas City. They also have sine grandchildren.

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dial tires, he said, because the show tires have buttresses on the sides which radial nonsnow tires lack. He pointed out the buttresses on a radial snow tire he brought before the committee. Norman Ledgin, general manager of the Greater Kan-

sas City Safety Council, speaking as a member of the city traffic safety co-ordinating committee, asked that the committee hold the ordinance until more test results were available. He said the Department of Transportation had expressed

the fountain.'

"Having it surrounded by

other matter."

concern at the erratic handling that can result when radial and non-radial tires are put on the same car. Councilman Leon Brown-

Water Tank Fight May Raise Rates

The rejection by the Mu-nicipal Art Commission of N. Oak had been suggested. plans for a \$1.5-million waladies north of the river inter tank and pump station cluding the councilwoman," project south of Red Bridge Road off Bennington may be Mrs. Sarah V. Snow, chair-man of the committee, said. reflected in water rates, Mrs. Sarah V. Snow, chairman of its origins close to the Misthe city council operations souri River and Karmeier's committee, said yesterday. sure the designer of the foun-tain near the river. She said a meeting is needed with a representative of the art commission to interest had been the suggesreach an understanding tion of a large waterfall on Donald R. Boyd, water dithe West Bluffs or near the Irector, said the plan for a 5-670 cut. million-gallon water tank, a pumping station and a vehibluff or steep hillside he was cle-storage building in addisure the designer of the fountion to an existing elevated tain would take advantage of water tank were rejected for the topography. He said the fountain would appeal to pertwo reasons. sons who would want to walk He said the commission had up to it. said Wednesday the plans should be integrated into one fast-moving traffic is one design and one per cent of the problem we would want to cost should be set aside for

avoid," he said. "Having it art. near fast-moving traffic is an-The controversial resolution calling for setting aside one per cent of the cost of munici-

Boyd said.

the site.

Asel asked.

said.

approval.

position.

this."

Myron Calkins, public works director, suggested a fountain at 10th and Main, at pal buildings for "ornamentation and aesthetic adornment" the Kemper Arena or in the could be satisfied with pro-

porting." "That's the dream of three Deputy Chief Of VA Named Rice said Kansas City had

Washington (AP)-The appointment of Odell W Vaughn, a disabled combat veteran of World War II, to the No. 2 post in the Veterans Mann said another idea of Administration was a nnounced today by the VA administrator, Richard L. Roudebush. Vaughn moves into the spot of deputy administrator held Rice said if the site were a by Roudebush before he suc-

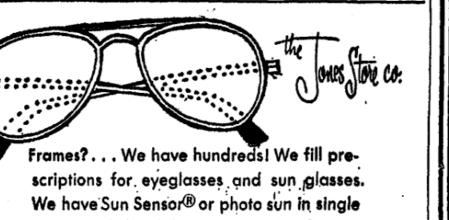


Smith, assistant head of nurs-Appetite Is Always Working ing at Veterans Hospital, sec-

retary. The nursing home project, The giant tortoise feeds on stinging nettles, prickly pear to be called the St. Joseph fruit and fruit of the manza-Nursing Center and situated nillo tree whose sap causes seat 8th and Vermont, involves vere skin burns and even the closing of two institutions, death to humans. A vegetar-Mount St. Joseph Nursing ian, it has been known to con-Home and St. Margaret Hossume anything in its path, such as cloth or plastic. The project would result in

the hospital facility becoming a 205-bed nursing home with room and board, preventive, therapeutic, physician and nursing care, reality orientation, spiritual care, adult care and a senior citizens center. A spokesman for the Providence-St. Margaret Health Center, formed in a merger of the two Kansas City, Kansas institutions, said last night that groundbreaking for a combined facility at 90th and Parallel was expected to take place next month.

The methadone program now at the University of Kansas Medical Center had provided methadone maintenance and detoxification to residents ٥f Wyandotte and Johnson counties since January 1970. The proposal would expand services available and place additional emphasis on developing referral arrangements with other community agencies for other needs. An additional center would be opened



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