

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 11, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

WIDENING AND PAVING OF 36TH STREET WITH FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THE POWELL BILL REQUESTED.

Mr. Paul C. Whitlock, Attorney, representing residents of the north and northeast section of the City who are interested in the widening and paving of 36th Street, stated that a petition would be presented within a short while asking that the street be widened to make it a four-lane highway. He requested that funds to be received under the Powell Bill be earmarked for this project, and that surveys made prior to the use of these funds include one of 36th Street.

PETITION FOR FULL-SCHEDULE BUS ON CENTRAL AVENUE REFERRED TO DUKE POWER COMPANY. REQUEST FOR PAVING ARNOLD DRIVE DEFERRED.

Mrs. E. I. Porter, 3237 Draper Avenue, presented a petition signed by fifty-two members of the Central Avenue Business Club, which stated they joined with the Merry Oaks Civic Club in requesting a full-schedule operation of a bus on Central Avenue to the city limits, and if this is not provided that the present shuttle bus be continued beyond the present 60-days trial period which expires on April 18th.

Mrs. Porter also requested that the upper and lower ends of Arnold Drive be paved so that the bus might use the street.

Councilman Boyd advised that funds for street paving are not now available and that her request will be considered, along with others, when such paving is made possible. He moved that the petition for bus service be transmitted to the Duke Power Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Daughtry requested that the City Manager ascertain from Duke Power Company the number of passengers now using the shuttle bus and the amount of revenue being received from this operation.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SYLVANIA AND NORTH TRYON STREET FOUND NOT JUSTIFIED.

Mr. S. C. Vaughn appeared before Council relative to the petition previously filed requesting a traffic light at Sylvania Avenue and North Tryon Street.

At the request of the Mayor, Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, gave a detail report of the traffic survey made at the intersection, which indicated that the foot and vehicular travel at this point did not justify a signal light. He also advised that the signal at Dalton Avenue and North Tryon Street is only one block distant and serves to slow down traffic at Sylvania Avenue.

Mr. Vaughn also presented a letter in which he expressed objections to the City's policy with regard to providing uniforms for police and firemen.

Following the discussion, Mayor Shaw stated that plans are being

made to secure a different uniform for Policemen. He invited Mr. Vaughn to visit the various City Departments and learn how we function in an effort to give the best possible service to the citizens.

REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO PARK IN METERED SPACE NEAR 135 WEST TRADE STREET REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY FOR RULING.

Mr. Rance Horton, Jr., requested a permit to park his car in a metered space from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. as near his store at 135 West Trade Street as possible as he is unable to walk due to being a paralytic. The Mayor requested Councilmen Boyd and Jordan to confer with the City Attorney for a ruling on the request.

REQUEST FOR SEWER AND SIDEWALK ON HUTCHINSON AVENUE REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR REPORT.

Mr. C. L. Dover, 3206 Hutchinson Avenue, stated that sewer lines are being constructed from Hutchinson Avenue to Atando Avenue, and that the residents of the 3200 block desire the line made available to them at the City's expense; that he has been advised by the City Engineer that under the City's policy the cost of the sewer for the block will be \$180.00 in excess of the \$200.00 per house allowed by the City, which amount must be borne by the residents. Mr. Dover was advised that the \$180.00 should be divided equally among the residents and would be refunded by the City if and when an additional house is constructed and connected to the sewer. He advised that he would discuss the matter with the property owners.

Mr. Dover also requested that sidewalks be constructed on Hutchinson Avenue from Atando Avenue to Dogwood Avenue; he stated that school children are forced to walk in the street. The matter was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report.

POLICY FOR IMPROVEMENT AND/OR REPAIRS TO SIDEWALKS DISCUSSED AND CONTINUED.

Councilman Boyd asked that consideration be given the adoption of a policy for the improvement and/or repairs to sidewalks. He cited the bad condition of the sidewalks in the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Thomas Avenue in support of his contention that a policy should be established to provide for improvements to the existing conditions. He stated it is the legal responsibility of a municipality to keep its streets and sidewalks in a reasonably safe condition, and the present policy of limited maintenance is creating a bad situation generally throughout the city.

Suggestions were made that the City might furnish the labor and the affected property owner furnish the concrete for sidewalk repairs in front of his property. The City Manager called attention that such a policy would involve the unlimited expenditure of funds which the City does not have available. Another suggestion was made that a revolving fund be established for such paving, with the costs assessed against the property owner over a long-term period.

No decision was reached and the matter was left in abeyance for later consideration.

PAYMENT FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR HAWTHORNE LANE EXTENSION AUTHORIZED TO M. LEE HEATH.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the payment of \$230.34 from the Street Bond Fund to Mr. M. Lee Heath for right-of-way for the extension of Hawthorne Lane, from Central Avenue to Union Street, which was donated by Mr. Heath and not taken into consideration by the Appraisers at the time the assessments were made, and which was subsequently reported to the City Manager and City Clerk as the correct amount on a square foot basis in a letter from the Board of Appraisers dated April 4, 1951.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT 2245 GREEN STREET APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Duke Power Company be permitted to remove a tree from the planting strip at 2245 Green Street which interferes with the construction of a new power line, as requested. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT, FROM EMERGENCY FUND.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the transfer of \$840.00 was authorized from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) as follows:

- \$600.00 to the Health Department (Code 301) for D.D.T.
- \$240.00 to the Health Department (Code 301 A-8) for Monthly Salaries.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER IN CYPRESS STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 110 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer main in Cypress Street, at an estimated cost of \$240.00, at the request of Mr. S. W. Scruggs, Jr.

CONTRACT WITH CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND HYDRANTS IN SOUTHSIDE HOMES HOUSING PROJECT.

Councilman Aitken moved that contract be authorized with the Charlotte Housing Authority for the construction of 6,380 feet of 6 inch water mains and 8 fire hydrants in Southside Homes Housing Project, at an estimated cost of \$13,700.00. The City to finance all construction cost and applicant to guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR COPPER TUBING.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, a contract was authorized with Blythe Bros. Company for 5,600 feet of 3/4 inch Copper Tubing, at a net delivered price of \$1,960.00.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the following subdivision plats, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (a) Revised plat of Ashley Park Subdivision, at request of John Crosland Company.
- (b) Plat of Beechwood Subdivision, at request of Mr. H. I. McDougle.
- (c) Plat of H. B. Jerman Property, at request of Mr. H. B. Jerman.
- (d) Plat of Sheraton Park Subdivision, at request of American Investment Company.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) One 10-foot entrance at 2014 Hopedale Avenue.
- (b) One 12-foot entrance at 1800 Belvedere Avenue.
- (c) One 11-foot entrance at 668 Llewellyn Place.
- (d) One 20-foot entrance at 1930 Camden Road.
- (e) One 22-foot entrance at 401 E. 4th Street.
- (f) One 8-foot entrance at 3540 Draper Avenue.
- (g) Two 10-foot entrances on Thrift Road and One 10-foot entrance on Tuckasegee Road, both for 2300 Thrift Road.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED TO W. T. ALEXANDER.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that a Special Officer Permit be authorized issued to Mr. W. T. Alexander for use on the premises of Memorial Hospital. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY LOTS TRANSFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed to W. P. Morrow and wife, for east half of Lot 121, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$78.00.
- (b) Transfer of Lot 34, Section Z, Elmwood Cemetery, to Mrs. Ruth Horton from W. F. Myers and W. P. Morrow and wife, at \$1.00 for transfer.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following undocketed items.

REVISED PLAT OF BROOKHILL VILLAGE SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the revised plat of Brookhill Village Subdivision, being developed by Mr. C. D. Spangler, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

SALE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 62-B TO ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH.

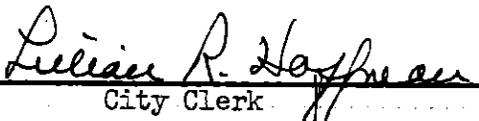
Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the sale of Airport Building No. 62-B was authorized to Saint John Baptist Church, at a price of \$500.00.

REQUEST FOR FOOTBRIDGE ON 19TH STREET, FROM DAVIDSON TO ALEXANDER STREET, REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.

Councilman Boyd advised that the residents of 19th Street desire a footbridge constructed from Davidson Street to Alexander Street. The City Manager was requested to investigate the matter and report to Council as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


City Clerk