

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 25, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

COMPLAINT REGISTERED RELATIVE TO BUS SERVICE.

Mr. Gelder Robinson appeared before the Council relative to the bus service, which he stated was slowing up as Charlotte is growing up. He expressed criticism of the practice of the busses traveling along Trade and Tryon Streets in convoys and urged that the runs be staggered to eliminate the necessity of patrons waiting twenty minutes or longer between busses. Mr. Robinson predicted that no new busses will be added to serve the extended routes and that slower schedules and longer waiting periods between busses will result therefrom. He expressed the hope that if the time ever comes when Duke Power Company will sell the bus system to a concern like those that operate in Atlanta, Washington and Norfolk, that the City will encourage the sale.

Mayor Shaw advised that the Council has worked long and hard to improve the bus service in Charlotte; that the City has not been advised of any change in the present schedules, and if the service does not show improvements under the extended routes that the Council will certainly do whatever is possible to remedy the situation.

ORDINANCE (NO. 131) AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED.

The scheduled hearing was held in connection with the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to Industrial on property located on West 1st and Elliott Streets. No objections were expressed to the proposed change. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the Ordinance as presented. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 211.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE, ADOPTED.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance No. 132 Amending the Zoning Ordinance" was introduced, to change the Building Zone Map from R-1 to B-1 on property located on Independence Boulevard, in Echo Hills development. Following which a Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment was presented and read. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, fixing the date of hearing on May 16, 1951. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 402.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Jordan moved that \$525.00 be transferred from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Accounting Department (Code 202 A-7) Monthly Salaries Account. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT 2302 HUTCHINSON AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the removal of two trees from the planting strip at 2302 Hutchinson Avenue that interfere with power lines, was authorized as requested by Mrs. R. P. Covington.

CONTRACT WITH H. B. JERMAN FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN HILLSIDE AVENUE, INSIDE THE CITY.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Mr. H. B. Jerman for the construction of 225 feet of 6 inch water main in Hillside Avenue, inside the city, at an estimated cost of \$500.00, to serve 16 residential lots. All costs to be borne by the applicant, who will guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the cost.

CONTRACTS WITH H. B. JERMAN AND PARK ROAD WATER COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contracts for the construction of water mains outside the city limits, were authorized as follows, with all costs to be borne by the applicants, who will own same until the territory is taken into the city, when the mains will automatically become the property of the city:

- (a) Contract with H. B. Jerman for 700 feet of 6 inch main in Hillside Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00, to serve 16 residential lots abutting on Hillside Avenue, outside the city.
- (b) Contract with Park Road Water Company for 3,285 feet of main and 3 fire hydrants in Madison Park, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$6,750.00, to serve 80 residential lots.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF AN UNDOCKETED ITEM.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the unanimous consent of Council was given for the presentation of a contract with the Southern Railway Company in connection with the East Stonewall Street Underpass.

CONTRACT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY RELATIVE TO WORK TO BE DONE BY THEM IN CONNECTION WITH THE EAST STONEWALL STREET UNDERPASS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with the Southern Railway Company outlining the terms and conditions upon which certain work will be done by the said Company and paid for by the City, in connection with the East Stonewall Street Underpass, in accordance with the estimated summary attached and made a part of the contract, in the sum of \$115,555.68.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF EAST STONEWALL STREET UNDERPASS.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded Blythe Bros. Company Inc., for the construction of the East Stonewall Street Underpass, on a unit price basis, representing a total cost of \$391,723.39. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) One 21-ft. entrance at 1012 Independence Boulevard.
- (b) One 15-ft. entrance at 1316 Providence Road.
- (c) One 8-ft. entrance at 1818 Patton Avenue.
- (d) One 12-ft. entrance at 1660 Dilworth Road, West.
- (e) One 13-ft. entrance at 1221 Biltmore Drive.
- (f) One 15-ft. entrance at 322 E. 11th Street on Brevard St. side.
- (g) One 8-ft. entrance each at 1123, 1127, 1131, 1135 and 1139 Jensen Street.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported that leases have been concluded on the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
257	Charlotte 7-Up Bottling Co.	\$30.00	5-1-51 1 year renewal
286	National Welders Supply Co.	\$54.00	4-16-51 1 year renewal
244	Franklin-Morgan Company	\$47.05	5-1-51 1 year renewal
17	O. R. Jones	\$10.00	4-1-51 month to month

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Dr. Wm. T. Berkeley, for Lot 296, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. John G. Hardin, for Lot 336, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$122.85.
- (c) Deed with W. D. Elinton and wife, for Lots 356 and east three-quarters of Lot 355, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$496.00.
- (d) Deed with W. D. Flintom and wife, for Lot 201, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$130.65.
- (e) Deed with Roy L. Smart and wife, for Lots 358, 354 and west quarter of Lot 355, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$450.15.

MEETING RECESSED TO CONSIDER PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM AUTHORITY.

Mayor Shaw called a recess at 11:35 a.m., for the purpose of considering the establishment of a procedure for the election of the Auditorium Coliseum Authority.

The meeting was reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM AUTHORITY.

Mayor Shaw stated that a large number of persons have been suggested as members of the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority by organizations, groups and individuals, all of whom have been considered by the Council.

Nominations for the five places on the Authority were then called for by the Mayor.

Councilman Coddington moved the nomination of Mr. Jas. P. McMillan and Mr. Arthur R. Newcombe.

Councilman Jordan moved the nomination of Mr. T. A. Little.

Councilman Wilkinson moved the nomination of Mr. David Clark.

Councilman Albea moved the nomination of Mr. Geo. F. Stratton and Mr. Claude A. Cochran.

Councilman Daughtry moved the nomination of Mr. Ernest Hicks and Mr. Herbert Bridges.

Councilman Aitken moved the nomination of Mr. Arthur Jones, Mr. Louis Rose and Mr. Charles Crutchfield.

Motion was then made by Councilman Coddington that the nominations be closed, which was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Coddington moved that in the election of the five members to the Authority the first ballot be cast for seven of the eleven persons nominated. That the seven nominees receiving the highest number of votes remain on the list and the four receiving the lowest number of votes be eliminated. That in the case of a tie for the seventh place, it be voted off. That the final ballot be cast on the seven highest nominees and the five receiving the highest number of votes be elected and the two receiving the lowest number of votes be eliminated. That in the case of a tie vote for the fifth position, it be voted off. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Coddington then moved that the terms of office of the five elected members be determined by the order in which they are drawn from a hat, the first name drawn to serve the longest term, thence down to the one year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Daughtry recommended that each Councilman sign his name to his ballot to avoid any criticism, which suggestion was concurred in by all Councilmen present.

The ballots were then cast on all of the eleven nominees and were read aloud by each Councilman; a poll of the votes was made by the City Clerk who announced the following results:

Mr. J. P. McMillan	6 votes
Mr. T. A. Little	6 votes
Mr. Arthur R. Newcombe	5 votes
Mr. Claude A. Cochran	5 votes
Mr. Geo. F. Stratton	4 votes
Mr. Louis Rose	4 votes
Mr. David Clark	3 votes
Mr. Herbert Bridges	3 votes
Mr. Charles Crutchfield	3 votes
Mr. Arthur Jones	2 votes
Mr. Ernest Hicks	1 vote

Ballots were then verbally cast for the three nominees receiving the same number of votes, for the seventh position, namely: Messrs. David Clark, Herbert Bridges and Charles Crutchfield, and the poll of votes was announced as follows:

Mr. David Clark	3 votes
Mr. Herbert Bridges	3 votes
Mr. Charles Crutchfield	0 votes

The ballots were then verbally cast for Messrs. David Clark and Herbert Bridges, who received the same number of votes for the seventh position, and the poll of votes was announced as follows:

Mr. David Clark	3 votes
Mr. Herbert Bridges	3 votes

Mayor Shaw then cast the deciding vote in favor of Mr. David Clark.

The Mayor explained that Mr. Bridges had not been consulted relative to serving on the Authority, and he stated that in his opinion Mr. Bridges would probably decline the appointment, and that Mr. Clark will accept such appointment.

Ballots were then verbally cast for the seven nominees receiving the highest number of votes, and the poll was made and announced as follows:

Mr. J. P. McMillan	6 votes
Mr. T. A. Little	6 votes
Mr. Arthur R. Newcombe	5 votes
Mr. Claude A. Cochran	5 votes
Mr. George Stratton	4 votes
Mr. David Clark	3 votes
Mr. Louis Rose	1 vote

Councilman Aitken moved the unanimous election of Messrs. J. P. McMillan, T. A. Little, Arthur R. Newcombe, Claude A. Cochran and Geo. F. Stratton. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

The terms of office of the five elected members were then determined by the order in which they were drawn, under the adopted procedure, with the following results:

Mr. Claude A. Cochran	5 year term
Mr. J. P. McMillan	4 year term
Mr. T. A. Little	3 year term
Mr. Geo. F. Stratton	2 year term
Mr. Arthur R. Newcombe	1 year term

Councilman Coddington moved that the terms of office be fixed as determined by lot. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Leccian R. Hoffman
City Clerk