

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 30, 1952, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilman Coddington.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on April 23rd were approved as submitted.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO J. N. OWENS FOR OPERATION OF VICTORY CAB NO. 111 UPON REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE OF H. L. JOHNSON.

The application of Mr. Jack N. Owens for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate Victory Cab #111 and its purchase from Mr. H. L. Johnson at a price of \$1,400.00 was presented, together with a communication from the Taxicab Inspector advising that he could not recommend that the Certificate be issued to Mr. Owens because it would add another individual cab owner when there are already too many, making an overall operational policy difficult to enforce, and, that Mr. Owens previously operated a cab and to let him re-enter the cab industry now that business is slack, could start an epidemic of trading in certificates, and also that Mr. Owens' law observance record is bad.

Mayor Shaw stated that he knows Mr. Owens father well, that he was an excellent Police Officer in Charlotte for thirty-seven years; and that he also knows Mr. Owens sister well and they are mighty fine folks.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Certificate of Mr. Johnson be ~~revoked~~ and a Certificate be issued to Mr. Owens for the operation of Victory Cab #111. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Boyd stated he did not think the Taxicab Inspector should hold such a rigid rule regarding applicants and that he should endeavor to help these men instead of kicking them.

Mr. Cleveland replied that he is simply trying to enforce the ordinance as written by the Council; also, that approximately fifty percent of the drivers have conditional certificates, that he endeavors to help rehabilitate these men whose records are not what they should be.

Councilman Van Every congratulated Mr. Cleveland on his work and stated that in his opinion he is doing a fine job. Councilman Albea stated that Mr. Cleveland should certainly not be criticized for carrying out the intent of the ordinance.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF LANDS OF J. B. FRALEY ESTATE WITH RESPECT TO THE OPENING OF EAST STONEWALL STREET AND EXTENSION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Condemnation of Lands with Respect to the Opening of East Stonewall Street and Extension of Independence Boulevard" was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 471.

## PLAT OF LOCKWOOD SUBDIVISION WITHDRAWN.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Planning Board was allowed to withdraw the plat of Lockwood Subdivision which they had submitted for consideration.

## STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the following streets were authorized taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Anderson Street, from Meadow Lane to Highway Place.
- (b) Basin Street, from S. Tryon Street to Remus Road.
- (c) Brookhill Road, from Shuman Ave. to S. Tryon Street.
- (d) Herrin Avenue, from The Plaza to Winston Drive.
- (e) Meadow Lane, from end of present maintenance to Anderson St.
- (f) Remus Road, from Shuman Ave. to Brookhill Road.
- (g) Village Court, from W. Tremont Ave. south to dead-end.
- (h) Winston Drive, from Herrin Ave. around circle to Herrin Ave.

## RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO T. P. FOWLER ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Special Officer Permit held by Mr. T. P. Fowler on the premises of Southern Bell Telephone Company be renewed for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

## AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 329 GRANTED TO CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR MILITARY PURPOSES.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, granting to the Civil Air Patrol Airport Building No. 329 for military purposes.

## CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the construction of new driveway entrances at the following locations was approved:

- (a) One 20 ft. entrance on Park Court for 227 Travis Avenue.
- (b) One 10 ft. entrance at 3520 Draper Avenue.
- (c) Three 40 ft. entrances at 401, 409 and 419 Dalton Avenue for The Cummings Diesel Sales & Service Company.

## 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
51	M & E Sales Company	\$19.35	10-15-51 1 year renewal
287	G. S. Patton & Associates	21.00	5-1-52 1 year renewal
47	L. D. Payne	25.60	4-16-52 1 year

## TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS:

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, 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 to Mrs. Jewel C. Harris, for west half of Lot 161, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed to Mrs. Ella Mae Nance, for west half of Lot #98, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$78.00.
- (c) Deed with E. T. Dickson for the transfer of north half of Lot 130, Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, from J.B. Giles and wife.

LEASE OF SIX ACRES OF LAND AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO U. S. GOVERNMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ORGANIZED RESERVE ARMORY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albaea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized and directed to enter into a lease, on behalf of the City of Charlotte, with the United States of America for approximately six (6) acres of land at Douglas Municipal Airport, for fifty years, for the purpose of constructing thereon an organized Reserve Armory with appurtenances, together with additional utilities and structures as may be required, as described in the Construction, Survey and Exploration Permit.

TRANSFER OF \$7,500 FROM GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND TO COLORED VETERANS CLUB HOUSE FUND.

Motion was made by Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$7,500.00 from Special Appropriations (Code 109) Good Samaritan Hospital Building Fund, to Special Appropriations (Code 109) Colored Veterans Club House Fund, as recommended by the City Manager.

TRANSFER OF \$55,000 FROM GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BUILDING FUND TO AIRPORT MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, Councilman Van Every moved that \$55,000.00 be transferred from Special Appropriations (Code 109) Good Samaritan Hospital Building Fund to Reserve -Miscellaneous, Airport Maintenance Reserve, in the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

INVITATION TO ATTEND FIRST GAME BETWEEN HORNETS AND GASTONIA ON MAY 6TH ACCEPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Albaea, the Council unanimously accepted the invitation of Mr. Phil Howser, extended by Councilman Dellinger, to attend the first ballgame between the Hornets and Gastonia on next Tuesday evening, May 6th, to which the Mayor consented to invite the City Officials of Gastonia as requested by Mr. Hewser.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO ASCERTAIN COST OF CONSTRUCTING WATER LINE TO BELMONT PARK METHODIST CHURCH ON HAWTHORNE LANE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the City Manager was requested to secure the cost of constructing a 2-inch water line to the Belmont Park Methodist Church now under construction on Hawthorne Lane, Councilman Baxter having advised that the Church officers state they have been unable to work out the details of obtaining the line from the Engineering Department.

PETITION FILED BY ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR ANNEXATION OF 117 ACRES OF LAND IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP, ADJOINING INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROPERTY, ETC.

In line with the Council's policy that petitions for the annexation of property to the City be filed not later than May 1st, Mr. Ben Horack, Attorney, filed a petition for the Ervin Construction Company requesting the annexation of 117 acres of land in Crab Orchard Township, adjoining Independence Boulevard, Evergreen Cemetery property, the property of the City School Board, and others.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 2:30 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday, May 7th, in the office of the Mayor, to meet jointly with the Board of County Commissioners to consider and adopt jointly financed accounts.

*Leila R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk