

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, December 19, 1951, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Alfred C. Cole, Rector of Saint Martin's Episcopal Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

HEARING RELATIVE TO BENEFITS CONFERRED UPON PROPERTY WITHIN THE IMPROVEMENT AREA OF BALDWIN CIRCLE CONTINUED UNTIL MEETING ON JANUARY 2, 1952.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the hearing relative to benefits conferred upon property within the improvement area of Baldwin Circle was continued until four o'clock p.m., on January 2, 1952.

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ADVANCE OF FUNDS BY THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Mr. Paul R. Younts, Chairman of the Redevelopment Commission, appeared before Council and requested approval of a resolution authorizing the Commission to file an application with the Federal Government for the advance of funds to begin the redevelopment program. Mr. Younts advised that the Planning Board selected twelve blighted areas which should be redeveloped, four of which the Commission has chosen for the initial program. He advised that when the final plans are drawn up that it is likely that certain segments within the areas will be eliminated. Mr. Younts defined the four areas as (1) Palmers Alley area, (2) Area east of N. Tryon Street bounded by East 16th Street and the Seaboard Railway, (3) Area south of Shuman Avenue in the vicinity of the incinerator and (4) Area near the rock quarry on West Tremont Avenue. He advised that two of these areas may be used to provide housing for dispossessed persons from the other two areas. He advised further that the redeveloped property will be offered for sale to private enterprise.

The resolution entitled, "Resolution Approving the Filing of An Application for a Federal Advance of Funds by the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, was adopted, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Coddington, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every.

NAY: Councilman Boyd.

Councilman Boyd stated he wished to go on record that he is opposed to the action on the grounds that in his opinion it is time for the citizens of this country to stop accepting federal handouts from the Federal Government, and he does not believe in government competition with private enterprise.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Pages 450-451.

Mayor Shaw expressed his appreciation to Mr. Younts for the very fine job he and the members of the Redevelopment Commission are doing in going ahead with the program.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY WITH RESPECT TO GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Southern Railway Company with respect to Grade Crossing Elimination Program" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Coddington, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 452.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO HAVE CHARLOTTE BOARD OF REALTORS FURNISH VALUATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY NECESSARY FOR AIRPORT RUNWAYS EXTENSION, AND NEGOTIATE WITH PROPERTY OWNERS FOR PURCHASE THEREOF.

Councilman Coddington moved that the City Manager be authorized and directed to have the Charlotte Board of Realtors furnish a valuation on the several pieces of property necessary for the extension of the NE -SW runway at Douglas Municipal Airport, and that they be instructed to negotiate with the property owners for the purchase of the property, and to purchase it at these values if possible, and in the event they cannot acquire the property at this price, report the results of his negotiations to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

COUNCILMAN BAXTER ABSENT FROM REMAINDER OF SESSION.

Councilman Baxter left the meeting at this time and was not present for the remainder of the session.

CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO ENFORCE SMOKE ABATEMENT LAWS.

Councilman Van Every moved that the Council place the matter of Smoke Abatement Laws enforcement in the hands of the City Manager and that he carry out the provisions of the ordinance and that he supervise the work of the Smoke Abatement Engineer so as to bring about good public relations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

Councilman Dellinger requested that no action be taken today because of the absence of Councilman Baxter, and offered a substitute motion that the matter be deferred until the meeting on January 2, 1952. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, who stated that in his opinion Councilman Van Every's motion is surplusage as there is already an ordinance on the books for the City Manager to administer. The motion was lost with the following votes cast:

AYE: Councilmen Boyd and Dellinger.

NAY: Councilmen Albea, Coddington, Jordan and Van Every.

The vote was then taken on the main motion by Councilman Van Every, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Coddington, Jordan and Van Every.

NAY: Councilmen Boyd and Dellinger.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager stated that he will attempt to carry out the instructions of the Council with the least possible embarrassment to the Council and with the least friction.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR SIGNS FOR NEW TRUCK ROUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the transfer of \$1,760.67 was authorized from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to Traffic Engineering Department Budget, Street Lighting & Traffic Information Outlay Account (Code 1518-G-53) for the purchase of 661 signs for the new truck routes.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR SEWER LATERALS IN 36TH STREET.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the transfer of \$1,075.00 be authorized from the Water Department Budget, Water & Sewer Emergency Fund (Code 613-621-A) to the Water Department Sewer Lateral Connection Account

(Code 621-A) for sewer laterals in 36th Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR WATER MAINS IN STATESVILLE ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing a right-of-way agreement with the State Highway and Public Works Commission for the installation of water mains in Statesville Road to supply water to the land-fill garbage disposal operation.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT WITH VINSON REALTY COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS ALONG WEST SIDE OF EAST VANCE STREET TO SERVE APARTMENT BUILDINGS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, a right-of-way agreement was authorized with Vinson Realty Company for the construction of water mains along the west side of East Vance Street to serve apartment buildings on said street.

CONTRACT WITH YATES W. FAISON, JR., FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN COUNTRY CLUB ACRES.

Councilman Coddington moved that contract be approved with Mr. Yates W. Faison, Jr., for the installation of 970 feet of 2-inch water mains in Country Club Acres, at an estimated cost of \$1,164.00, to serve 7 residential lots on Forrest Road and Loma Lane. The City to finance all cost and applicant to guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations:

(a) 797-feet of 8-inch sewer main and trunk sewer in Loma Lane and Forrest Road, at an estimated cost of \$3,860.00, to serve 7 vacant lots, at request of Yates W. Faison, Jr. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

(b) 1380-feet of 8-inch sewer main in Virginia Avenue and Bancroft Street, at an estimated cost of \$2,570.00, to serve 6 family units and 31 vacant lots, at request of Ervin Construction Company. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$1,370.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

(c) 350-feet of 8-inch sewer main in East 36th Street, at an estimated cost of \$710.00, to serve a portion of property in 36th Street. All costs to be borne by the City.

(d) 176-feet of 8-inch sewer main in Meadow Lane, at an estimated cost of \$390.00 to serve 2 family units, at request of Mack Sanders, Inc. All costs to be borne by the City.

SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY CONFIRMED TO LEE KINNEY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the sale at public auction on December 3, 1951 of tax foreclosed property at 716-718 East 12th Street was confirmed to the high bidder Mr. Lee Kinney at \$250.00.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT RENEWED TO JOHN BROWN FINCHER ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Coddington moved that the Special Officer Permit issued to John Brown Fincher for use on the premises of Southern Railway Company, Liddell Street and C. D. Yard be renewed for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, contracts were awarded the following concerns for purchases:

(a) Contract with Carolina Sash Weight Company for 100 #1 and 100 #2 Valve Boxes, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$1,314.00, subject to 2% cash discount.

(b) Contract with American Cyanamid Company for 270 Tons of Aluminum Sulphate, as specified, on a unit price basis of \$42.80 per ton, representing a net delivered price of \$11,556.00.

(c) Contract with Tucker Kirby Company, for 300 Tons Hydrated Lime, as specified, on a unit price basis of \$18.2364 per ton, representing a total price of \$5,470.92, subject to cash discount of \$75.00.

(d) Contract with Peebles Chemical Company, for 8 Tons Anhydrous Ammonia, as specified, on a unit price basis of \$.164 per lb., representing a total price of \$2,624.00, subject to cash discount of \$26.24.

(e) Contract with Southern States Chemical Company, for 30 Tons Activated Carbon, as specified, on a unit price basis of \$130.00 per ton, representing a net delivered price of \$3,900.00.

(f) Contract with The Davison Chemical Corp., for 40 Tons Sodium Silicofluoride, as specified, on a unit price basis of \$206.998 per ton, representing a net delivered price of \$8,279.92.

(g) Contract with the Seaboard Airline Railway Company, covering labor, materials, equipment and supervision necessary for repairing and re-conditioning railroad siding at the Equipment Depot, representing a total of \$1,604.60, and the transfer of \$1,604.60 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to the Motor Transport Department, Repairs to Trestle Account (Code 110-507-B-66).

REPORT OF RENEWAL OF LEASES FOR AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

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

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
88	Sam Schwartz Machinery Co.	\$48.00	12-15-51 to 12-15-52
217	J. B. Terry	30.00	1-1-52 to 12-31-56
250	Pure Oil Company	30.00	12-1-51 to 11-30-52

SALE 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 sale of the following cemetery lots:

(a) Deed to Mrs. Laura Cofer, for Lot 112, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.

(b) Deed to Mrs. James Brian Keiley, for east half of Lot 98, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$78.00.

(c) Deed to Mrs. Minnie E. Brown, for west half of Lot 129, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$78.00.

(d) Deed to Mrs. Ruth D. Canady, for northeast quarter of Lot 140, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.

(e) Deed to B. O. Davis, for Lot 364, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.

(f) Deed to F. Irene Sanders, for Perpetual Care on Lot 64, in Section H, Pinewood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

(g) Duplicate deed to W. R. Smith and Martha A. Smith for Lot 312, in Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00.

PURCHASE OF 10-FOOT STRIP OF LAND FOR THE WIDENING OF COLONY ROAD AT SELWYN AVENUE.

Councilman Van Every moved that the City purchase a 10-foot strip of land extending from Selwyn Avenue along the northerly side of Colony Road for a distance of 361.7 feet from Mr. R. P. Lyon and wife, Grace L. Lyon, at a price of \$2,500.00, for the widening of Colony Road at Selwyn Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk