

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, in the City Hall, on Monday, February 10, 1964 at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Francis J. Tait, Pastor of Our Lady of Assumption Church.

MINUTE APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on February 3rd were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ADOPTED.

Mayor Brookshire asked the Council to consider the request of Charlotte Community Hospital for \$31,351.00, a statement about which the Council has before them; the request arising from several causes, first the lack of operating capital itself, secondly, the loss of occupancy for several months last year and thirdly, the drop in certified welfare cases to Charlotte Community Hospital.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO CHARLOTTE
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS
PAYABLE.

Whereas, the Charlotte Community Hospital, owned by the City of Charlotte, has Accounts Payable as of November 30, 1963 in the amount of \$101,713.57, and

WHEREAS, \$33,832.10 of this amount is owed to Charlotte Memorial Hospital and the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority, who has agreed to defer payment of said \$33,832.10, leaving a balance immediately past due of \$67,881.47.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

That \$36,530.00 of the unexpended balance of \$210,000.00 heretofore appropriated for the purchase of equipment for Charlotte Community Hospital be re-allocated and appropriated, and that \$31,351.47 of non-tax funds also be hereby appropriated from the unexpended balance of the Contingency Account of the General Fund, said amounts to be used by the Charlotte Community Hospital for the partial payment of the Hospital's Accounts Payable through November 30, 1963 in the amount of \$67,881.47.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea.

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Councilman Smith remarked that the Council has discussed this with the representatives of Memorial Hospital Board and also the Community Hospital Board and have made certain suggestions to them which have not come into the public record and he thinks this Council cannot come into this formal meeting and rubber-stamp this motion without explanation. That he has no authority to speak for the Council but would like to speak for himself.

That when the Episcopal Church said they were going to close Good Samaritan Hospital, or Charlotte Community Hospital, as it is now called, the people from Memorial Hospital came to the Council and said this hospital was needed to serve a segment of the community that they were not equipped at that time to take care of at Memorial, and after certain studies and reports, it was agreed that the City of Charlotte should undertake to take over the hospital and renovate it and then turn it over to the Charlotte Memorial Hospital Authority to operate. Maybe we were not specific enough in what "operating" means, or maybe he himself was not, as he thought the hospital would be taken under the wing of Memorial Hospital as an operating unit of the Hospital; in other words consolidated with the Hospital, as another part of it with the staff members interchangeable, bookkeeping consolidated, personnel matters, accounting, purchases would all be handled through Memorial Hospital; that had he envisioned the City Council continuing to operate a second-class hospital, advocating that certain people go to this second-class hospital in lieu of Memorial to take pressure off Memorial, he would have never agreed to taking it over from the Episcopal Church. He stated further he knows there are some reasons to keep the Hospital separate until it can be staffed, possibly, and some reason of operating at the transition period, but he gets the distinct impression that there is no desire to combine it with Memorial, it seems the thinking is more to operate it as long as it serves its purpose then sluff it off. No one can tell us how long it will operate at a deficit, it might be continually a drain on the City to operate it as a separate hospital. That he personally would be willing to spend any amount of money within reason to Memorial Hospital to bring it up to an accredited hospital for interns to be interchanged between the two hospitals, where doctors would feel they could go back and forth between the two. In other words, under one consolidated head. If this is not the purpose and the thing we are working toward, then frankly he thinks we are working in the dark. He thinks communications between the Community Hospital Board and Memorial Hospital Board and the City Council have broken down. That the Council did not know of this dire need for money until the City Manager was contacted in December; then the City Manager talked with them and the Council was aware of it later in December or January - that he is not trying to put the blame on anybody else, but he does not think we can come in here and give them another \$31,000 and next month we will see if we can get up some more money.

We were also told at this meeting that Duke Endowment is making a study of Charlotte Community Hospital, they will make a report on what they think will determine in the future how much more funds we will be called on to put into it. He stated he does not know how the Council feels on this issue, rather than their personal comments, but if he votes for this \$31,000 the City Manager has suggested that we put into it to bring their accounts up to November, that he does it with a great deal of hesitation and he assures them he is not going to vote for another nickle until something more adequate than it is now has been worked out. That this is his position on the question.

Councilman Dellinger stated he wonders if the Hospital Authority would be willing when the Duke Endowment Report is received, to bring it to the Council along with their breakdown for operations for January and February and also tell the Council how much money will be needed to bring the Hospital up to an A-grade hospital? He stated further he thinks we are going to have to find out where we are going and if there is a goal have it set out and see

if we can reach it; that he does not like to be putting \$30,000 into something that we know no more about than we do this; that he feels the Authority is doing a good job but he thought this would be a consolidated operation and he supported the move thinking it would be operated as a unit and he feels that we are going to have to have better communications if we are going to continue to put funds into this institution unless we go back to the people and let them back us up or turn the thing down themselves.

Councilman Whittington stated he agrees with what Mr. Smith has said, that he thinks the Council has discussed this very thoroughly with the Authority or their Representatives who are here today, but he would like to get into the record that the City is spending for the fiscal year of 1963-64, \$1,040,000 for hospitals and that we as representatives of the citizens of Charlotte must have a more direct line of communication with the Authority because, to a degree, they are representing the Council, who in turn are representing the citizens. That he would like to ask if Mr. Harris, Chairman of the Authority, would agree that Mr. Thomas, Executive Director, come forth now and enter into the records the progress report of purchasing, intergrated personnel from Charlotte Memorial Hospital to the Charlotte Community Hospital, and also the progress of purchasing. That those are three things that all of us realize there is a need for and if it is going to be a consolidated effort where Charlotte Memorial Hospital is going to operate Charlotte Community Hospital, then he would like to have this in the record and make sure it is done.

Councilman Jordan stated he is sure it is the intention of the Council that the City does not plan, nor do we want to get into the business of running the hospital under any circumstances, and certainly he feels until we get the Duke Endowment Report we have no other alternative than to furnish this \$31,000.00 to keep the Community Hospital open until then, as we have already put in so much money he thinks it would be ridiculous to let it be closed at this time just for this amount of funds, and since the City Attorney says it is legal to do so his motion still stands that we appropriate this amount.

Councilman Albea stated he agrees with most everything that has been said here wholeheartedly, however, it looks to him like the chips are down and there is nothing we can do today but vote this \$31,000.00 or close the hospital and we can't afford to do that.

Councilman Bryant commented that Mr. Smith said he hoped this would be all, that he would like to point out that \$36,530.00 will have to be expended and come out of operating funds from the City in order to purchase the equipment that is being deferred in order to get out with only a payment of \$31,351.00, so that is already in front of us; and also to point out that it has been stated in our previous meetings that even operating at 75% capacity most likely there is going to be a subsidy that is necessary for operating expenses annually.

Councilman Smith stated to Mr. Bryant if he made that statement "he hoped that would be all", he is not that inane, that it will be considerably more; that the only thing he was talking about was before we vote on any more that we strengthen our ground as to how it is operated in the future; they owe \$120,000.00 and \$30,000.00 is not going to pay off \$120,000.00, that this is a stop-gap, but the reason that he was qualifying his vote for this \$31,000 is that we have a lot to do between now and the next time we appropriate any money, especially after we get the Duke Endowment Report.

Councilman Dellinger stated this is an explosive thing, a controversial matter, and most of the citizens in Charlotte have been interested in this hospital one way or another, and lot of people criticized the Council for

beginning the program when we did and he, for one, would have to take into consideration what people think about the hospital from here on.

Mr. Zack Thomas, Executive Director of Charlotte Memorial Hospital, stated he would like to take one moment of liberty to point out a couple of positives - the new hospital, the new rooms, clean look is appreciated by the patients, the doctors, and the employees more than the Council knows; the fact that they got \$150,000.00 granted to them by Duke Endowment and were enabled to buy the Graham and Hill Streets corner and convert it from a dilapidated thing into a beautiful lot has added to the beauty of the area; that things are not all negatives, there are many positives and many good things that have happened at Community Hospital for which we are grateful and he thinks its future is assured; he agrees that we are in a trough of difficulty at the present time and he agrees with Councilman Smith that the \$31,000.00 will be only a portion of settlement of the current problem. That he is to speak on the consolidated basic services as outlined in the Rankin Survey that was made; the Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority adopted the Rankin Report, as did the Mecklenburg County Medical Society, the City Council and all as a guide for master planning in hospital development in the community. That this Report envisioned the centralization of certain basic services at Memorial Hospital, which is logical, and this they agree with and this they are doing. To cite a few - laboratory facilities very expensive to duplicate need not be duplicated as Memorial Hospital can furnish them to the outlying other three institutions, this they are doing; such complicated procedures as Chemistries, Teacher Examinations, autopsies, and the like are being performed at Memorial Hospital for all four institutions, and the same thing in X-ray Services, these are consolidated. Bookkeeping to a partial extent has been standardized and centralized, more is to be done when Memorial Hospital completes the procurement of additional bookkeeping equipment. They hope not in the too distant future all central bookkeeping and payroll services can be centralized at Memorial Hospital. Purchasing - for the past several weeks they have concluded a rather extensive study on the centralization of purchasing, and find that some of their hopes were dimmed in that one hospital being too far removed to affect too many economies in Huntersville might not benefit as much as the other hospitals closeby; with the completion of the tunnel connecting Charlotte Rehabilitation and Charlotte Memorial Hospital, the issuing of supplies from central stores will be feasible. The drop shipment supplies from manufacturer to the other institutions has been worked out and they will get a good purchasing price then. We are buying lower than the State Purchasing Department in some instances; laundry can be consolidated if economically feasible, whether or not it will cost more to deliver a sheet to Huntersville than they can have it delivered to them is the question. The most important thing he thinks the Council is primarily interested in is the possibility of consolidating and centralizing the house-staff, that is interns and resident physicians and they hope that training programs at the three outlying units will be of sufficient value that interns and resident physicians can have a gainful experience by rotating through these institutions. The build-up of the staff at Memorial Hospital should be within a period of 18 to 24 months sufficient to make this a real possibility. That there are other areas such as personnel files that they can do some consolidating in and are attempting to do so; they had not intended for Memorial Hospital per se to run any other hospital, they had intended under the Rankin Report for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority to consolidate and coordinate the operations of the four institutions into something that would be beneficial to all.

Mr. Thomas stated in closing that he has no particular apprehension about Community Hospital doing a good job because he has sat with these citizens who form the Board of Managers down there until midnight many times wrestling with the problems, and they are doing a splendid job.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Thomas what his opposition is to consolidation? Mr. Thomas asked if he means making one hospital subservient to the other? Councilman Dellinger replied that is correct. Mr. Thomas stated the Community Hospital is large enough to have its own independent operation and would operate more efficiently as such. If the Director of Community Hospital is removed that is not as efficient an operation as if he were right on the ground. Councilman Dellinger asked if Mr. Thomas does not think it would cost more to operate each hospital separately? Mr. Thomas replied he does not if they can get these services consolidated; they would be accomplishing the very same thing.

Councilman Smith said to Mr. Thomas that he agrees with him 100% on the private citizens who are on the Board, that the Council has no fuss with them at all, they are doing a service to the community that is very fine. That he believes when the communications are built up, a lot of the problems we have will dissipate. Mr. Thomas stated they do not want to make nuisances of themselves but with Mr. Harris' approval, he publically reiterates the invitation to any of the City Officials to attend any of their Board meetings, to sit with them at any time on any official function; that they will be happy to send periodic communications as matters of information to the Council if this be indicated as wise, progress reports, monthly if they will not clutter your desks. Councilman Jordan stated he thinks this would be an excellent idea, because frankly he does not believe any of the Council knew the doctor situation as was explained today. Mr. Thomas stated the doctors situation is a recent occurrence, of course, but one perhaps that could have been anticipated through some of the communications. Councilman Dellinger asked how many doctors were down there and refused to work longer without pay? Mr. Thomas stated there are 13 negro physicians on the Medical Staff about 11 of whom are active, and he thinks 10 or 11 negro physicians had agreed to the rotation program; they were the ones who worked for two months without any pay and then they just decided they could not spend any more time away from their private practice, at no gainful employment, so as of February 1st they said something had to be changed.

The City Manager indicated that in his opinion this will take care of the emergency situation in a sense, and once the Duke Endowment Report is in all parties in interest will have an opportunity to grabble with the problem as it will be unfolding in the months ahead. The third point that occurs to him is the fiscal relationships between the City and the Authority and its member institutions is in need of a better understanding, and he thinks this will be advantageous to all bodies concerned if this be considered, how this could or should be done he would not pretend to have any comments at this stage, but he thinks it is something that will be helpful.

Councilman Dellinger asked if this gives these gentlemen \$67,000.00 to pay on past due accounts? Mr. Veeder stated that is correct.

Councilman Bryant asked if our Contingency is not now very low and the City Manager again stated that is correct. Councilman Jordan stated even if we were to decide to go ahead and close the hospital we would be obligated for these expenses, and Mayor Brookshire stated that is correct.

Mr. Rich, Chairman of Board of Manager, Charlotte Community Hospital, stated he thinks the situation has been fairly well covered. He would like to be sure there is no misunderstanding or breakdown in our communications up to this time. The money that has been referred to will pay only through November 30th, and they are continually getting behind a little each month. That he wants to point out that it is possible they will be back to the Council real quick. The Duke Foundation Report that has been referred to is a report prepared by Duke and the Staff of the Community Hospital together,

and there are eight or nine hospitals of similar size that they are studying and the report will really tell you what the City of Charlotte can expect in order to run a first-class hospital, properly staffed, etc.

Councilman Dellinger asked if on Accounts Payable Mr. Rich means they are running up more, that he said in the Conference Session they were paying cash? Mr. Rich replied they have Receivables they are constantly building up, their cash flow does not match their monthly operating expenses; as an example they had in the neighborhood of \$65,000 in December and their cash flow was about \$48,000. They have Receivables they can collect but that is their problem in collecting them. In addition to that they have talked about Working Capital, which they are going to need and it must be recognized.

Councilman Whittington asked if the Emergency Room is open at Community Hospital and serving the public? Mr. Rich replied it is open; as of the moment there is not an attending physician in the emergency room. Councilman Dellinger asked if he is going to put one down there with this money, and Mr. Rich stated they are and can assure the physicians that they will be adequately compensated along their plan. Mr. Rich stated he will explain however, there is a nurse there and if an emergency came in the nurse would make every effort to contact a doctor to adequately take care of the emergency, but there is no doctor responsible for being in the emergency ward at the moment. Councilman Dellinger urged that a physician be placed on duty in the hospital tonight.

Mr. Harris, Chairman of Charlotte Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, stated he will be brief since they have already spent two hours here today, and he thinks the Council is now familiar with all the facts regarding the hospital. He does want to say during the past 25 years the Council has not seen much of Memorial Hospital Board because it was not in the difficulties it has been in in recent months, that the Council liked them when they operated well and did not ask for anything and didn't care whether they saw them or not. Now with the changing times and the way things have to be operated they no longer can appeal to the public and get the necessary funds to balance out the budget of the hospital; there was a time when the City of Charlotte had to invest a little money in Charlotte Memorial Hospital, the citizens gave plenty of their time and money to run the hospital, likewise Good Samaritan Hospital was run the same way, but through the changing in the ways of financing that has been changed and now as the City has grown considerably they do have to find the foundation and where the burden lies as we get into charity and who pays the deficit.

Mr. Harris thanked the Council for their time and stated they have dedicated men on the Boards of their four hospitals, and he would like to say he thinks it would be a mistake to consolidate them all together because you have more interest in the various Boards that are running these hospitals that you do not know about. They contribute so much of their time to the various projects which the Council never hears about; that the overall expenses of the Hospital are considerable and the money being contributed, we must pay our reverence to Duke Endowment for the money they have given us in the past.

Councilman Smith stated what he was getting at was not so much the actual consolidation as the facto consolidation, as Mr. Thomas was saying, if you had the staff to run them interchangeably that would be a great help today.

Mr. Harris stated the Community Hospital is 85% occupied, there is no available hospital beds in town of any degree; you could not possibly close Community Hospital, you can lock the doors and you are not going to do that and he knows it and everybody else knows it, and they are all wrestling with the same facts.

The vote was taken on the adoption of the resolution introduced by Councilman Jordan, and it was unanimously adopted.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT REGARDING DIVERSION OF WATER ONTO PRIVATE PROPERTY FROM DITCH AT REAR OF 3845 SHEFFIELD DRIVE.

Mr. Wayne H. Traywick, 3837 Sheffield Drive, again appeared before Council relative to the dry weather ditch or common stream leading from the undeveloped area of the City's Evergreen Cemetery property immediately to the rear of 3845 Sheffield Drive. He stated the City recently erected a fence around the perimeter of the property and he thought it would be the solution to their problem, but the ditch or stream is still being filled up and as recently as February 2nd trash was thrown over the fence into the ditch, causing a diversion of water from its natural flow onto private property.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the complaint be turned over to the City Manager to have it investigated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, who stated he is wondering if it could not be corrected by erecting "no dumping" signs on the property.

Mr. Traywick stated he feels he should get a directive from the Council, that he talked with Mr. Haas, Supt. of Cemeteries, last week, and he admitted to him that he saw it. Councilman Dellinger stated the Council is hearing Mr. Traywick today and when the City Manager's report is made, the Council will have both sides of the question and can then consider the matter.

Councilman Jordan stated it is his understanding that the Council had a fence erected at this location and Mr. Traywick says trash is being thrown over the fence, and he thinks it should be looked into to see who is doing it, and that Mr. Haas should be asked to the meeting next Monday to verify what Mr. Traywick has said.

Mayor Brookshire stated Mr. Veeder will have the matter checked into and give Council a report next week and have Mr. Haas present.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST THAT PARKING BAN ON BOTH SIDES OF SEIGLE AVENUE BE REMOVED POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

Miss Julia Amon, 409 Seigle Avenue, appeared before Council in regard to the ban placed on parking on both sides of Seigle Avenue by the Traffic Engineer, and asked why it was done. She explained in detail the hardships and inconveniences it is causing the residents of the street who have no driveways and are having to park their cars two blocks from their homes. She stated they do not understand why the ban was placed on their street when parking is permitted on more heavily traveled streets. Miss Amon said the statement by the Traffic Engineer that 5,000 cars move over this street every 24 hours is absolutely in error, that this would mean some 200 cars per hour and there are not that many even during peak hours, and in fact it is a very quiet street, practically deserted at times. Miss Amon stressed the fact that it is an old neighborhood, very orderly, the residents having lived there for many years, most of whom are elderly and have to rent rooms for an income and the ban has seriously affected them as it takes away places for their roomers to park their cars.

Councilman Jordan stated he has had several calls from these people, as well as letters, and he would like the matter postponed until next week so that he may go out and look over the situation, which other Council members would no doubt also like to do, in which the Council concurred.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF ALBERT Z. PRICE.

Councilman Dellinger introduced the following resolution, and following the reading thereof moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried:

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY ON
THE DEATH OF ALBERT Z. PRICE

WHEREAS, the loss of Albert Z. Price by accidental death on February 2, 1964, has shocked and saddened the community; and

WHEREAS, Albert Z. Price rendered valuable public service to the citizens of his city as a member of the City Council from 1941 to 1945, serving as Mayor Pro Tem from 1943 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, he took an active interest and part in church and civic affairs and gave freely of his time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, that this Council hereby expresses its sorrow at the death of Albert Z. Price and extends its sympathy to the members of his family; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his family, and that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

CONTRACT FOR SALE OF TIMBER LOCATED ON SUGAW CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT PROPERTY TO MCCLURE LUMBER COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with McClure Lumber Company, the highest bidder meeting the specifications, for the sale of 307,500 f.b.m. of hardwood timber located on the Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant property, as specified, in the amount of \$9,010.00.

The following bids were received:

McClure Lumber Company	\$ 9,010.00
Love Lumber Co. of Stanfield, Inc.	8,151.00

Bids received not meeting specifications:

C. G. Fox Lumber Company, Inc.	
Alternate No. 1	\$ 9,887.50
Alternate No. 2	10,187.50
Craven W. Rogers Sawmill jointly with Abernethy Lumber Company	9,727.50

PETITION FOR CHANGE IN NAME OF REECE ROAD TO KIMBERLEE PARK DRIVE DENIED.

A Petition for Council consideration was presented for a change in the name of Reece Road to Kimberlee Park Drive, filed by Mr. Robert T. Godley, a Director of The Kimberlee Corporation who has erected an Apartment Building at 1100 Reece Road, and signed by 21 residents of the street of which 11 residents are property owners representing 5 tracts of land on Reece Road. A second Petition opposing the change in the street name, signed by 9

residents of which 7 are property owners representing 4 tracts of land on the street, was also presented for consideration. The Planning Commission having analyzed the two petitions recommended that the street name be changed as requested, Kimberlee Park Drive not being a duplication of an existing street name, while Reece Road is similar to two existing streets named Reeves Court and Reid Road. The Opponents called to Council attention an existing street named Kimberly Road, which is practically a duplication of Kimberlee Park Drive.

Mr. Robert T. Godley stated the Kimberlee Corporation represents over a million dollars in property investment, also about a \$20,000 to \$30,000 tax contribution to the City and County, and 88 to 95 future residents as that is the number of apartments to be in our Apartment Building. The Kimberlee Corporation is widening and curbing the street at Company expense, at no expense to the City. That their landscaped area will be designed as Kimberlee Park, therefore the reason for the name Kimberlee Park Drive. By taking into consideration the reasons stated, the fact they have a simple majority on their petition and that 88 future residents plus the signatures on the petition total 111 residents against 9, they do not think they are being unreasonable in their request. Mr. Godley stated they own all of the property on one side of the street.

Councilman Bryant moved that the Petition be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Mr. Byers stated he owns property on Reece Road and they have tried several times to get the City to do certain things to Reece Road - it is full of pot holes and things of that kind, and tried to get a traffic light at Reece Road and Park Road and did not accomplish very much, and Mr. Godley's Company has promised them a whole lot. They own half of the property on the street and he thinks when the Company can build a street and put in curbing and a million and half into an Apartment that their name should be applied to the street.

Mr. T. H. Mangum asked Mr. Byers what they had been promised? Mr. Byers replied that Mr. Godley here owns the Apartment and knows more about that than he does. He would like to know what objections the opponents have?

Mr. Mangum called attention that the Planning Board does not take into consideration there is a street named Kimberly Road, and he would like to know why?

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Bryant of the Planning Board to discuss Kimberly Road referred to by Mr. Mangum. Mr. Bryant stated in 1960 when the Duplication of Street Names Committee was fulfilling its duties, in their ground works of what constituted a duplication, there were a number of streets in the city like "Forest Drive" and "Forest Park Drive" and "Grove Street" and "Grove Park Drive" and others and the committee decided this was not sufficient similarly to cause a great deal of difficulty and would not be considered a duplication in names. He stated it is true we have a "Kimberly Road" and the request is for "Kimberlee Park Drive", and following that Committee's theory, they have not considered cases of this nature a duplication, and that is the reason they did not consider this a duplication. Mr. Bryant stated further that the Petition in favor of the change in name was signed by 21 people, 11 of these actual property owners, representing 5 separate tracts of land, in this count they counted the Apartment area as one tract of land; as far as the opposition is concerned, there were 9 names on that petition, 7 were property owners, representing 4 tracts of land; when you start comparing the amount of property each owns, including the Kimberlee Corporation, it is a different picture.

The vote was taken on the motion and unanimously carried.

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE TO OPERATE DANCE HALL POSTPONED AND APPLICANT REQUESTED TO APPEAR AT COUNCIL MEETING NEXT WEEK TO GIVE INFORMATION,

Councilman Whittington moved approval of the Application of Mr. Lloyd H. Raye for privilege license to operate a Dance Hall at 4308 South Tryon Street to be named The King & Queen, which had been approved by the Chief of Police. the motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Councilman Smith commented that Council has not had the classification of "Dance Hall" before, and the City Manager explained that all applications for Dance Halls as such must be brought to Council for its approval prior to the issuance of the license, and we had one about four months ago.

Councilman Smith asked about the type of place this license will cover and the City Attorney stated Section 11-3 of the City Code pertaining to Licenses, required that certain types of businesses come before the City Council for approval before the license is issued, and Dance Halls is one of them.

Following the discussion of the types of public places where dancing is permitted, Councilman Smith stated he is still not clear what he will be voting for.

The City Manager advised that under the provision of the Code, the Council has the option to require the applicant to come in and provide whatever facts the Council deems necessary.

Councilman Dellinger offered a substitute motion that the applicant be requested to come to the Council Meeting next week and furnish the Council the information desired. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT FOR APPRAISALS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, approving the following contracts for the appraisal of rights-of-way for the Northwest Expressway:

- (a) James L. Varnadore, for appraisal of 6 tracts of land on Stephens Street, Seigle Avenue and 10th Street.
- (b) Harry G. Brown, for appraisal of 6 tracts of land on 9th Street and McDowell Street.
- (c) O. D. Baxter, for appraisal of 7 tracts of land on 9th Street and McDowell Street.
- (d) Lionel D. Bass, for appraisal of 10 tracts of land on 9th Street, 10th Street and Myers Street.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH ARCHIE L. HARGETT TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN WILKINSON BOULEVARD.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of a contract with Mr. Archie L. Hargett, 5110 Wilkinson Boulevard, to connect private sanitary sewer lines to the City's Sanitary Sewerage System in Wilkinson Boulevard, outside the city limits, to serve three residential lots; said lines to become the property of the City of Charlotte when the area is annexed. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF WATER MAINS FROM J. L. SIDES IN HOWIE ACRES SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the purchase of water mains in Howie Acres Subdivision, from Mr. J. L. Sides at a net purchase price of \$11,861.60, under the City's policy of acquiring water mains installed prior to January 1, 1949 and retained in service, at the replacement cost of the mains as of January 1, 1960 less 2% per year depreciation from the date of installation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN SPRINGVIEW ROAD AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, the construction of 755 ft. of sanitary sewer main was authorized in Springview Road, inside the city limits, at the request of Nance-Trotter Builders, at an estimated cost of \$3,700.00. All costs to be borne by the Applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR READY-MIX CONCRETE.

Councilman Bryant moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Concrete Supply Company, for 1,700 cubic yards of Ready-mix Concrete, at their bid price of \$24,774.40, on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED STEWART & RAMSEUR, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROOF ON NOS 1 AND 2 DIGESTERS AT IRWIN CREEK DISPOSAL PLANT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Stewart & Ramseur Inc. for the construction of roof on Nos 1 and 2 Digesters at the Irwin Creek Disposal Plant, at a price of \$4,300.00.

The following bids were received:

Stewart & Ramseur, Inc.	\$ 4,300.00
Interstate Roofing Company	4,750.00
G. G. Ray Company	5,160.00

CONTRACT AWARDED NOLL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN WENDOVER WOODS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Noll Construction Company, for the construction of 2,390 feet of Sanitary Sewers in Wendover Woods Subdivision, at a price of \$25,472.50.

The following bids were received:

Noll Construction Company	\$25,472.50
Boyd & Goforth, Inc.	26,121.50
C. D. Spangler Construction Co.	26,775.00
Howie Crane Service	31,826.25
A. P. White & Associates	33,334.50

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO OBSTRUCTIONS TO CROSS VISIBILITY AT INTERSECTIONS POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the proposed amendment to the ordinance relative to cross-visibility at street intersections was postponed for one week.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COURT CLERK POSTPONED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Smith moved that consideration of the appointment of an Assistant Clerk of City Recorder's Court be postponed for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, the acquisition of the following rights-of-way for the Northwest Expressway was authorized:

- (a) Acquisition of 7,500 sq. ft. of property at 417 Seigle Avenue from Samuel E. Buff and Ethel S. Buff, at a total price of \$6,950.00.
- (b) Acquisition of 5,850 sq. ft. of property at 520-522 Jackson Avenue from Paul H. Moore and Melba R. Moore, at a total price of \$7,950.00.
- (c) Acquisition of 12,544 sq. ft. of property at corner of N. Graham Street and West 12th Street, from S. W. Craver and May P. Craver, at a total price of \$20,100.00.

COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, AT 3 P.M. IN LIEU OF MONDAY, THE 24TH.

Mayor Brookshire called attention that Monday, February 24th will be a City holiday and asked the Council's wishes about holding the Council Meeting on that date?

Councilman Whittington stated he thinks we should meet on Monday. Councilman Albea stated he does not know about meeting when the City Hall is closed, even if the doors are open the public might not know that the Council Meeting would be held.

Councilman Bryant moved that the Council Meeting be held on Tuesday, February 25th, at 3 o'clock, in lieu of on Monday, the 24th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE REQUESTED DRAWN FOR CONSIDERATION PROHIBITING PARKING ON ALL SIDEWALKS.

Councilman Dellinger called attention that right much money is being spent for improvements to temporary sidewalks, some \$18,000.00 having been budgeted for this purpose in the current budget. That he has now been informed we have no law regarding parking on sidewalks unless there is a curb and gutter, and he has had several complaints recently about people parking on the sidewalk in front of their homes. That he thinks the ordinance should be changed to restrict parking on all sidewalks in the city, and he asked the City Attorney to draw such ordinance

REQUEST OF RESIDENTS OF WELLSLEY AVENUE REGARDING PARKING BAN ON BOTH SIDES OF STREET REFERRED TO TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR REPORT.

Councilman Smith called attention to the Petition received by the Council from the residents of Wellsley Avenue regarding parking having been taken off of both sides of the street. The City Manager advised he has asked the Traffic Engineer for a report on it and will present it for Council consideration when it is received from Mr. Hoose.

REQUEST OF RESIDENTS OF SUNNYSIDE AVENUE FOR BETTER STREET LIGHTING REFERRED TO TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR REPORT.

Councilman Jordan asked the City Manager if he is handling the request of the residents of Sunnyside Avenue for better street lighting, and the City Manager advised he has referred it to the Traffic Engineer for a report, which he will give to Council when received.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK VERNON DRIVE AS TO STREET LIGHTING.

Councilman Smith requested the City Manager to have Vernon Drive checked as to the need for better street lighting.

REQUEST OF RESIDENTS OF COMMERCIAL STREET FOR STREET LIGHTS REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Whittington advised he has had a phone call from a resident of Commercial Street saying there were no street lights on the street and requesting that some be installed, he referred the request to the City Manager for handling.

CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND SUPT. OF MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPT. PLAN TRIP TOMORROW TO KINGSTON, JAMAICA FOR INSPECTION OF COMPOST OPERATION.

The City Manager advised that Mr. Morrissey, City Attorney, Mr. Davis, Supt. of Motor Transport, and he now plan to leave tomorrow for Kingston, Jamaica to look at their compost operation. That he has made a number of contacts with people there he wishes to talk with and the number of different points of view they hope will be reflected in these conversations and they hope to be able to have some more complete thoughts on this operation after seeing it.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his hope for a pleasant and fruitful trip.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk