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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on Wednesday, January 25, 1956, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Dellinger, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Brown.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 18, 1956 were approved as submitted.

THIRTY FEET OF CITY PROPERTY FRONTING ON SEIGLE AVENUE FOR A DEPTH OF 130 FEET, LYING BETWEEN THE SEIGLE STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AND THE BRANCH, ON THE NORTH SIDE, AUTHORIZED SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION AT A STARTING FIGURE OF \$600.00.

Messrs. Beaumert Whitton and C. W. Allison, representing the Mecklenburg Presbytery appeared before Council requesting the purchase of City property fronting 30 feet on Seigle Avenue for a depth of 130 feet, and adjoining the Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church property on the north side, on which they wish to erect an addition to the Church to be used as a Recreational Building.

Mr Whitton stated that in 1945 Mecklenburg Presbytery purchased the property on which the Church was erected from the City and the Church was erected in 1949. He spoke of the great need for the Recreation Building in the area and explained that the present Church facilities are used also for a Daily Bible School, Vacation School and the Sunshine Day Nursery.

Mr. Allison stated the proposed Recreational Building will cost approximately \$50,000.00 and will be staffed by the Presbytery, thereby being of no cost to the Park & Recreation Commission. He stated he had discussed the proposed building with Lieut. Neal Forney of the City's Juvenile Bureau and with Chief Littlejohn, both of whom expressed appreciation of the work of the Church among the young people of the area. He stated they had also discussed the project with the City Engineer and City Manager and received their blessing, and the City Manager states that the property in question, lying between the Church and a branch, is not suitable nor needed for the City's use.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the City's property fronting 30 feet on North Seigle Street, between the Seigle Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Branch, for a depth of 130 feet, be sold at public auction, at a starting figure of \$600.00, and that the City Engineer furnish a plat of the property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF TREE COMMISSION.

Councilman Albea moved the appointment of the following persons, whom he stated were selected by the members of the Council, to the Tree Commission:

Mr. J. E. Dowd, Chairman
Dr. Frank C. Smith
Mr. Harry T. Orr
Mr. H. E. Surles
Mr. Henry Swanzey
Mr. H. D. Lisk
Miss Sarah Nooe
Mrs. John A. Nichols

The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

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TRAFFIC COUNT REQUESTED AT INTERSECTION OF WESTFIELD ROAD AND HILLSIDE AVENUE DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

Councilwoman Evans requested that a traffic count be made at the intersection of Westfield Road and Hillside Avenue during school hours, to determine whether the accident hazard could be eliminated by the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPRECIATION OF COUNCIL TO THOS. C. RUFF FOR SERVICE ON CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Council express their appreciation to Mr. Thos. C. Ruff for his long service on the Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment, Mr. Ruff having stated he will be unable to serve on the Board after the expiration of his present term on January 28, 1956. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF C. C. MCGINNIS TO CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilwoman Evans moved the appointment of Mr. C. C. McGinnis to the Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term of three years, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Mr. Thos. C. Ruff. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF J. C. CHALMERS TO CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the reappointment of Mr. J. C. Chalmers to the Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term of 3 years from the expiration of his present term on January 28, 1956. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

YEAS: Councilmen Dellinger, Albea, Baxter and Wilkinson.

NAYS: Councilwoman Evans and Councilman Smith.

APPOINTMENT OF H. S. STRAWN TO CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AS ALTERNATE MEMBER.

Councilman Smith moved the appointment of Mr. H. S. Strawn as an Alternate Member of the Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the following Subdivision Plats, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Plat of J. A. Jones Construction Company Industrial Property on Greensboro Street.
- (b) Plat of Scaleybark Subdivision No. 1.

PERMISSION GRANTED DUKE POWER COMPANY TO INSTALL GRATINGS IN SIDEWALKS ON SOUTH CHURCH AND EAST SECOND STREETS.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, granting Duke Power Company permission to install gratings in the sidewalks at the following locations, over their underground transformer vaults:

- (a) Install gratings on the west side of Church Street just north of Addison Building.
- (b) Install gratings on the south side of the 100 block of East 2nd Street next to the Federal Reserve Bank Building.

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RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AUTHORIZED CO-SIGNED BY CITY, FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN ON WEST SIDE OF SUGAW CREEK ROAD.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to co-sign an agreement between The State Highway Commission and J. A. Jones Construction Company, for right-of-way for the installation of an 8-inch water main in the west side of Sugaw Creek Road, outside the city.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH RIDGEWOOD SERVICES, INC. FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN ASHWORTH ROAD, OUTSIDE THE CITY.

Councilman Smith moved approval of a Supplementary Contract with Ridgewood Services, Inc., to contract dated February 25, 1953, for the installation of 1,970 feet of water mains in Ashworth Road, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$3,400.00. All costs to be paid by the applicant, who will own the mains until the area is taken into the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN MORETZ AVENUE, AND IN MILES COURT AND ORVIS STREET AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewer mains as follows:

- (a) Construction of 670 feet of sewer mains in Moretz Avenue, to serve 20 family units and 12 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$1,550.00. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (b) Construction of 1,880 feet of sewer mains in Miles Court and Orvis Street, to serve 31 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$4,600.00. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of the entire amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 8-ft. driveway entrance at 5243 Addison Drive.
- (b) One 8-ft. driveway entrance at 1401 Ferncliff Road.

BIDS FOR FURNISHING AND ERECTING CHAIN LINK FENCE AROUND STREET DEPARTMENT LOT ON NORTH SEIGLE STREET REJECTED, AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS ON REVISED SPECIFICATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that all bids received on January 20, 1956 for furnishing and erecting a chain link Fence around the Street Department lot on North Seigle Street be rejected, as recommended by the City Manager, and that he be authorized to advertise for new bids on revised specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY FOR TWO INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY CHASSIS AND CABS, WITH GARWOOD LOAD PACKER BODIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded International Harvester Company for Two International Harvester Company Chassis and Cabs, Model R-192, with Garwood Load Packer Bodies, as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$16,283.14.

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TRANSFER OF \$5,464.48 FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO EQUIPMENT DEPOT (CODE 1508 G-21) TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF TWO LOAD PACKERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the transfer of \$5,464.48 from the Emergency Fund (Code 110) to Equipment Depot (Code 1508 G-21) to supplement funds on hand for payment of Two International Load Packers.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO A. A. ALLEN ON PREMISES OF HIGHLAND PARK MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to Mr. A. A. Allen, for use on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF UNFIT HOUSING PROGRAM.

The City Manager submitted the following Quarterly Report of the Unfit Housing Program, for the period ending December 31, 1955:

Number of Housing Units brought up to Standard	91
Number of Property Owners cited for Hearings	19
Number of Housing Units Condemned	16
Number of Bathing Facilities Installed	49
Number of Housing Units Demolished	38

Progress since the beginning of the Program in August of 1948:

Number of Housing Units Brought up to Standard to date	10,881
Number of Houses Demolished to Date	1,543
Number Houses Demolished in 1955	172 Units
Number of Houses Brought up to Standard in 1955	412 Units

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs C. W. Teague, for Graves #1 and #2 in Lot 110, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. Frazer C. Sealey, for Lot 217, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$126.00.
- (c) Deed with Mr. M. J. Henry, Sr. for Graves #4 and #5, in Lot 111, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (d) Deed with Mrs. Harriet Doggett, for Lot 215, Section 4-A, in Evergreen Cemetery, at \$126.00.
- (e) Deed with Mr. H. R. Cunningham, Sr., for Lot 279, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.

J. E. RITCH COMMENDED FOR WORK ON UNFIT HOUSING PROGRAM, AND PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THEIR COOPERATION WITH THE PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Evans moved that the Council commend Mr. J. E. Ritch for the work being done under his supervision on the Unfit Housing Program and the property owners affected be commended for their cooperation in the program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

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CONSENT AND AGREEMENT OF CITY WITH RESPECT TO LEASE BETWEEN SOUTHERN FLIGHT SERVICE AND ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY ON OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT AIRPORT, AUTHORIZED EXECUTED.

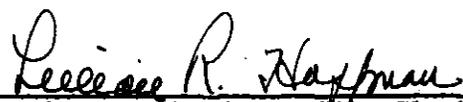
Councilman Baxter moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Consent and Agreement with respect to the lease between Southern Flight Service, Inc., and Esso Standard Oil Company, with reference to the old administration building at the Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONSENT OF CITY WITH RESPECT TO LEASE BETWEEN ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY AND SOUTHERN FLIGHT SERVICE, INC., ON OLD ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AT AIRPORT, AUTHORIZED EXECUTED.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized execute the Consent of the City to the lease between Esso Standard Oil Company and Southern Flight Service, Inc. with respect to the old administration building at the Airport. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk