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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, convened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 28, 1953, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Van Every and Councilmen Albea, Baxter and Dellinger present. The Mayor pro tem announced that a quorum was not present, and unless a quorum was present within ten minutes business of the meeting would not be presented. Councilmen Boyd and Coddington arrived in the Council Chamber and the meeting was called to order by Mayor pro tem Van Every at 4:15 o'clock p.m., with Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington and Dellinger present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on January 21st were approved as submitted.

REQUEST THAT NAME OF THIRD STREET, WEST FROM SOUTH CEDAR STREET, NOT BE CHANGED TO WESTEROOK DRIVE.

Mr. L. F. Brown, 811 West Third Street, stated that the name of West Third Street, from South Cedar Street west, has been changed to Westbrook Drive; that he has a refrigeration business which has been located on West Third Street for some twenty-five years, and the change in street name will be confusing to his customers. He requested that the name of the street remain Third Street. Councilman Albea moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager for investigation and report. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

INQUIRY AS TO STATUS OF CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM.

Mrs. John Whitescarver, Route #3, advised that she had recently been appointed as the Civil Defense organizer for the Woodlawn Community of Mecklenburg County and now understands that the office of Civil Defense is being discontinued on February 1st. She asked if she should continue her work in this connection, and stated that in her opinion an active Defense Program should continue.

Mr. Tyler L. Garris, Route #2, Mr. Ross C. Tench, Route #6, Mr. R. B. Elliott, Jr., Route #9, Mrs. Eloise McDowell, 1208 Arthurs Lane, Mr. O. N. Freeman, 2104 St. John Street and Miss Mary Davis, 714 Wallace Street, advised that they too had been appointed by their communities to work on the Civil Defense program.

They were advised that since the resignation of the Director of Civil Defense, the records from the Civil Defense Office are being transferred on February 1st to the office of the Personnel Director of the City of Charlotte, in the City Hall, and will be kept so that they are ready for immediate use if needed. Also, that when a new Director of Civil Defense is appointed, their names will be given him and he will, no doubt, contact them.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE ON FEBRUARY 25, 1953 FOR CONSIDERING PETITION BY THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 50 ACRE TRACT OF LAND FOR SITE OF WEST CHARLOTTE HIGH SCHOOL, AND OF 22 ACRE TRACT FOR SITE OF BARRINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND OF 46 ACRE TRACT FOR SITE OF EASTWAY DRIVE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

A petition was filed by the Board of School Commissioners for the annexation to the City of Charlotte of 50 acre tract of land being the site for the new West Charlotte High School, and of 22 acre tract being the site of the Barringer Elementary School and of 46 acre tract being the site for

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the new Eastway Drive Junior High School, all contiguous to the boundary of the City of Charlotte. Following the presentation of the Petition, a resolution was introduced and read, fixing the date for the consideration of the petition on February 25, 1953. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 53.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE ON FEBRUARY 25, 1953 FOR CONSIDERING THE PETITION BY MARSH REALTY COMPANY FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE OF 31 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN BERRYHILL TOWNSHIP.

A petition was filed by the Marsh Realty Company for the annexation to the City of Charlotte of a 31 acre tract of land in Berryhill Township, contiguous to the property of the Board of School Commissioners of the City of Charlotte, to be developed into a residential area. Following the presentation of the petition, a resolution was introduced and read, fixing the date on which to consider the petition on February 25, 1953. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 54.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS. H. G. LONG FOR DAMAGES TO CAR.

Councilman Coddington moved that the claim of Mrs. H. G. Long for damages to car resulting from a collision with a Fire Department Truck, be settled in full in the amount of \$64.44, as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following subdivision plats were approved, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (a) Cedar Park Subdivision, bounded by Greystone Homes and Colonial Village, and owned by Mr. N. G. Spier, 130 E. 4th St.
- (b) Graham Heights Subdivision, revised, bounded by Ennis Avenue, Virginia Avenue, Grimes St. and Hutchinson Ave. and owned by Mr. Charles Lucas, 1300 Central Ave.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN JAY STREET.

Councilman Coddington moved that contract be authorized with Goodyear Tire And Rubber Company for the construction of 860-feet of water mains and one fire hydrant in Jay Street, at an estimated cost of \$3,210.00, to serve industrial property. The applicant to finance all costs, and same to be refunded if and when the revenue derived from the mains equals 5% for a period of 12 continuous months. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CHANGE IN STREET NAMES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the names of the following streets were authorized changed as requested by the property owners and recommended by the Planning Board and City Engineer:

- (a) Change name of June Street, from Fugate Ave. to Brookshire Drive, to June Drive.
- (b) Change name of Eastway Drive, from The Plaza to Potters Road, to Shamrock Drive - one third of the distance being beyond the city limits.
- (c) Change name of Willow Oak Road, from Hillside Ave. to Avondale Ave., to Hillside Avenue - this block of Willow Oak Road is an extension of Hillside Avenue.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS IN JEFFERSON DAVIS AND BANCROFT STREETS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers as follows:

- (a) 645 ft. of main in Jefferson Davis Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,335.00, to serve 3 family units and 20 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$735.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) 200 feet of main in Bancroft Street, at an estimated cost of \$495.00, to serve 8 family units. All cost to be borne by the City.

CONTRACT AWARDED CAROLINA SASHWEIGHT COMPANY FOR VALVE BOXES.

Councilman Boyd moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Carolina Sashweight Company, for 100 No. 1 and 100 No. 2 Valve Boxes complete, as specified, at a total price of \$1,314.00, subject to 2% cash discount, for use by the Water Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Two 35-ft. entrances on Cliffwood Place and Two 35-ft. entrances on Argonne Street, all for 1500 Cliffwood Place.
- (b) One 12-ft. entrance at 2016 N. Tryon Street.
- (c) One 12-ft. One 15-ft. One 20-ft. and One 24-ft. entrance on Gesco Street.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO S. E. McCracken.

Councilman Boyd moved that a Special Officer Permit be issued to Mr. S. E. McCracken, for use on the premises of Queens College. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed to Wade S. Penninger and wife, and Mrs. Bessie Cline, for Lot 79, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed to Mrs. Stella Criswell, for Grave #5, in Lot 158, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$26.00.
- (c) Deed to Mrs. Mildred E. Aspelmeier, for Lot 188, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (d) Deed to Mr. F. M. Stephens, for perpetual care on north half of Lot 214, in Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$50.00.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO N. C. LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES FOR SERVICES RENDERED.

Councilman Albea moved that payment of \$200.00 be made to the North Carolina League of Municipalities for services rendered the City of Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

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LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO EXTENDING LIFE OF CITY BONDS AUTHORIZED SUBMITTED TO MECKLENBURG DELEGATION TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR ENACTMENT BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Attorney take the necessary steps to secure the opinion of Mitchell & Pershing, Bond Attorneys relative to the preparation of the proper legislation for extending the life of all city bonds authorized but not issued for at least five years, and to submit same to the Mecklenburg Delegation to the North Carolina Legislature for enactment by the General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

COST ESTIMATES REQUESTED PREPARED FOR WIDENING HUTCHINSON AVENUE AND ATANDO AVENUE FOR TRUCK ROUTES.

Councilman Coddington stated that the Traffic Engineer has recommended that a truck route be established by Atando Avenue, which will have to be widened and paved. He stated further that Hutchinson Avenue, which will carry the traffic from such route should also be widened. He moved that the City Manager have prepared cost estimates for the widening of Hutchinson Avenue, as well as Atando Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Leevan R. Hoffman
City Clerk