

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 Wednesday, January 8, 1958, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 18, 1957, were approved as submitted.

17TH ANNUAL REPORT OF CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY FILED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Harold Dillehay, Executive Director, Charlotte Housing Authority, filed on behalf of the Authority members their 17th Annual Report, for 1957.

INQUIRY BY R.M. JAMES AS TO INCREASE IN CHARGES BY WRECKER COMPANIES FOR TOWING CARS TO CITY'S STORAGE LOT.

Mr. R. M. James appeared before Council and stated he was interested in going into the Wrecker Business and asked if the charges for towing wrecked cars to the City's Storage Yard cannot be increased? The Mayor advised that a Committee has been appointed to discuss the matter with Mr. Henry Fisher, Attorney representing all Wrecker Companies in Charlotte, and the report has not yet been filed. Councilman Baxter, Chairman of the Committee, stated they would make a report within 30 days.

MAYOR PRESENTS OBJECTIVES FOR 1958.

Mayor Smith presented the following list of Objectives for 1958, and stated he hoped it would be the City's program for the year and would be completed during the year or shortly thereafter. Councilman Wilkinson congratulated the Mayor on the program and expressed the hope that each objective would be completed. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the List of Objectives was accepted as the City's Program for the Year:

MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTIVES FOR 1958

1. Push vigorously Grade Separation Program with Southern Railway.
2. Complete plans for extending facilities into the territory to be annexed January, 1960.
 - (a) Contract let for topo map.
 - (b) Financing - bond issue planned for early spring

3. Expand Airport facilities as soon as funds can be made available--only non-tax funds can be used, together with Federal aid from C.A.A.
4. Push vigorously origin and destination survey in cooperation with State Highway Commission and Bureau of Public Roads. \$35,000 approximately.
5. Take full advantage of any and all State and Federal Funds for improving road and street system of the City and expressways.
6. Complete new City-County Health Building as rapidly as possible with the aid of Hill-Burton Funds.
7. Cooperate fully with Memorial Hospital Authority in the completion as rapidly as possible the \$6,000,000 expansion of Hospital.
8. Give full cooperation to the Park and Recreation Commission in expanding the recreational program to meet the needs of the territory to be annexed.
9. Exert all efforts to the continuation and expansion of the building set-back program, and the completion of plans for the widening of additional streets for the relief of traffic in the mid-town area.
10. Cooperate fully with the City Coach Lines for the purpose of extending bus service into the territory to be annexed, as well as other growing areas where the service is needed.
11. Emphasis on good public relations, with particular reference to courtesy.
12. We pledge our best efforts to aid and further the work of the Urban Redevelopment Commission.
13. Complete revision of City Building Code and add new heating code.
14. Work for better understanding and closer cooperation between the City Council and all Boards and Commissions appointed by that Body.
15. Make every effort to find new sources of revenue which will provide for a better distribution of the tax burden and afford some tax relief to real estate.

FIFTEEN POINT PROGRAM FOR 1958 PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN BAXTER.

Councilman Baxter stated:

"Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council, as this is our first meeting of the New Year, 1958, let me wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

As has been my custom many times since I have been privileged to be at City Hall, I offer you a few suggestions known as my "14 Points of Progress" for the New Year.

A sort of guide, if you please, to help us get going. If we are wise enough in our judgement and have enough daring in our decision, I feel that we can really do something this year for our City of Charlotte.

We have passed the point in the growth of Charlotte where we have to put all our money in water, sewer and streets. We must allocate in each bond election a percentage for education, recreation, and culture. The following ideas are not all original, but as elected officials, we have the authority to 'call the turn.'

I'm going to break a precedent--instead of 14 points--I'm going to suggest 15 points. I think our 'ideas' need a little stretching anyway, as we continue to grow and prepare for the future.

1. We should:
Push 'urban redevelopment' and co-operate with our new citizens committee to take full advantage of its opportunities.
2. We should:
Insist that our school committee make definite plans for a school administration center and move its offices out of City Hall as requested to give us more room for our expanding services and thereby better facilitate their own operation. I am much enthused about our Civic Center and suggest to the School Board to consider joining us in a real center of government under the urban redevelopment program. If our School Committee is afraid of parking facilities, we will provide enough in our planning.
3. We should:
Expedite our grade elimination project for the west side of our city with co-operation of State and Federal Government as Charlotte's biggest project for the year.
4. We should:
Allocate \$500,000.00 in the next bond election to the Park and Playground Commission for recreation in the perimeter area for our new citizens at the same time we provide funds for water and sewer expansion. Might I suggest that they include money for 5,000 more seats at our Legion Stadium to encourage high school and college football and other sports, and better take care of the Shrine Football game, which is oversold each year. In the expansion program I would recommend that they include enough money to provide better and more toilet facilities.
5. We should:
Prepare a bill for the next Legislature to consolidate our tax departments, our local courts, and our schools as a move toward consolidation of our overlapping agencies.
6. We should:
Encourage Mayor Smith in his efforts to find new sources of revenue to equalize taxation.
7. We should:
Request the Mayor to appoint a Legislative Committee of 7 members composed of the City Council and Chamber of Commerce members to work with our Legislators for more Home Rule.
8. We should:
Apply to the State Highway for approval of funds to provide a 'thru way' from the new Federal by-pass on Route 29 to Independence Boulevard near our Coliseum, thereby providing cross town traffic to our main thoroughfare to the south.
9. We should:
Provide a Legal Department with offices at City Hall with a full time staff.
10. We should:
Support and promote the bond election for Charlotte College where proper training can be had locally for skilled trades to create trained workers for the future, and thereby begin plans for a big University for Charlotte with a four year course.
11. We should:
Continue to support our Planning Board in its planning activities for the growth of Charlotte keeping in mind always that a change should not be prejudiced by the past when changes should be made for a more orderly growth for the future.
- 12.. We should:
Promote and provide more traffic co-ordination and specifically speaking more left turns on red lights and 8 to 10

block connection on Tryon and Trade Streets so that our motorists do not have to stop at each traffic light to get where they are going. As you know, our automobile registration in Mecklenburg County has increased in 10 years from 48,500 to 106,826 today.

13. We should:
Again consider up town rest rooms for the convenience of our people.
14. We should:
Encourage the League of Women Voters to hold more public meetings to discuss civic problems with City Councilmen and the public. The League of Women Voters has done such a good job that I think we should organize a 'League of Men Voters' - a sort of committee of 100 to further encourage public discussion of all municipal problems to keep the public informed.
- 15.. And now No. 15, and a most important one -- I would suggest more co-operation with the press and radio as our only media to give the public the facts of how their government is run day by day."

Councilman Albea stated he would have to take issue with Councilman Baxter on Point 5 regarding consolidation, that if departments are going to be consolidated it would be better to just consolidate the City and County Governments.

Councilman Brown congratulated Councilman Baxter on the Program presented.

2400 BLOCK OF SUMTER AVENUE, BETWEEN WEST FOURTH AND WESTBROOK STREETS, AUTHORIZED ADDED TO LIST FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the widening and resurfacing of the 2400 block of Sumter Avenue, between West 4th and Westbrook Streets, be added to the Street Improvement List. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY ON BANCROFT STREET FOR SITE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SHOP.

Councilman Wilkinson moved the purchase of a lot 60' x 180' on Bancroft Street as the site for the Fire Department Maintenance & Repair Shop, which is at the rear of and adjoining the property on which a new Fire Station will be located, at a price of \$2,200.00. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT CITY OWNED PROPERTY ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD ACROSS FROM COLISEUM BE RETAINED FOR GOVERNMENTAL USE.

Councilman Brown called attention to Point #2 of Councilman Baxter's Program regarding the plans for the School Board moving from City Hall, and he moved that the city owned 23 acres on Independence Boulevard, across from the Coliseum, not be allowed to get into private hands but that it be retained for use by the School Board, Park & Recreation Commission or City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

COUNCILWOMAN EVANS ASKED IF CONTRACT WITH FRANK T. MILLER HAS BEEN SIGNED FOR GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION WORK.

Councilwoman Evans called attention to the first objective of Mayor Smith, the Grade Crossing Elimination Program, and she asked the City Manager if the contract with the engineer, Mr. Frank Miller, has ever yet been signed?

Mr. Yancey replied that he sent a copy of his letter to Mr. Miller to Mrs. Evans, and he has not had a specific reply, but that consultations have been held with him and he feels sure it will be settled within a short time.

SICK LEAVE EXTENDED TO JOE SMITH, STREET DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE.

Upon motion of Councilman Foard, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, the sick leave of Mr. Joe Smith, Street Department employee, was extended 30 days, beginning January 3, 1958.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEED CONVEYING TITLE TO ALEXANDER GRAHAM SCHOOL PROPERTY TO JAMES J. HARRIS AND WIFE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Execution of Deed Conveying Title to Alexander Graham School Property to James J. Harris and Wife", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 157.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER WITHIN LIMITS TO AUTHORIZE SERVICES OF SPECIAL ATTORNEY IN CONNECTION WITH CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD HEARING AFFECTING SERVICE AT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing City Manager within Limits to Authorize Services of Special Attorney in connection with Civil Aeronautics Board Hearing Affecting Service at Municipal Airport", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 158.

LEASE AUTHORIZED WITH D. MORGAN HEATH AND WIFE FOR SMALL TRACT OF LAND OFF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, TO BE USED FOR PARKING PURPOSES.

Councilman Foard moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a Lease with D. Morgan Heath and wife, to a small tract of land off Independence Boulevard, for a period of 15 years, at a monthly rental of \$12.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM WATER & SEWER SURPLUS TO ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Foard, and un-animously carried, the following funds were authorized transferred from the Water & Sewer Surplus to the Engineering Department, Sewer Construction Account (Code 1621) for the construction of sewers outside the city limits:

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- (a) \$7,775.00 to be transferred for construction of 1,874-ft. of sanitary sewer main in Churchill Road and Melchor Avenue, on request of R. B. Hanes, 1106 Johnston Building.
- (b) \$655.00 to be transferred for construction of 212-ft. of sanitary sewer main in McManaway Road.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF WATER WORKS LAND AT EAST 5TH AND EAST 7TH STREETS TO ALSON GOODE CORPORATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, confirming the sale of Water Works property at East 5th and East 7th Street to Alson Goode Corporation at \$20,900.00 on December 16, 1957.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 9-ft. driveway at 1644 Union Street.
- (b) One 30-ft. driveway at 512 East Trade Street.
- (c) One 10½-ft. driveway at 1015 Greenleaf Avenue.
- (d) Two 11-ft. driveways at 1428 Independence Boulevard.

CONTRACT AWARDED NORTHERN BANK NOTE COMPANY FOR PRINTING \$4,750,000 BOND NOTES.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Northern Bank Note Company, for printing City of Charlotte \$4,750,000 Bond Notes as specified, for the sum of \$1,490.00, plus an additional charge of \$15.00 for each change of interest rate within each issue, f.o.b. New York, NY. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

The bids received were those of:

Northern Bank Note Company	\$1,490.00
Plus an additional charge of \$15.00 for each change of interest rate within each issue.	
Columbian Bank Note Company	\$1,635.00
Plus an additional charge of \$22.50	

CONTRACT AWARDED CITY CHEVROLET COMPANY FOR 1958 CHEVROLET CAR FOR JUDGE OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, City Chevrolet Company, for One 1958 Chevrolet Delray, 2-door, Model #1241, equipped as specified, at a total net exchanged delivered price of \$1,136.24.

Bids submitted were as follows:

City Chevrolet Company	\$1,136.24
Don Allen Chevrolet Company	\$1,238.48
Courtesy Motors, Inc.	\$1,320.05
Young Motor Company	\$1,406.65

CONTRACT AWARDED FOR 142 GATE VALVES FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Foard, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Grinnell Company, Inc., for 100 6", 20 8" and 12 12" Gate Valves, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$9,083.38, subject to cash discount of \$1,206.39, or a net delivered price of \$7,876.99.

The following bids were submitted.

Grinnell Co., Inc.	\$7,876.99
Industrial Piping Supply Co.	\$8,487.21
M & H Valve & Fitting Co.	\$8,628.39
A P Smith Mfg. Company	\$8,631.53
Eddy Valve Co.	\$8,631.53
H. E. Pennigar Company	\$8,632.62
The Ludlow Valve Mfg. Co.	\$8,632.62
Crane Company	\$8,632.63
Darling Valve & Mfg. Co.	\$9,171.90
R. D. Wood Company	\$9,292.50

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr. Francis J. Beatty, for Lot 144, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. E. M. Hudson, Lot 92, Graves #5 and #6, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$80.00.
- (c) Deed with Mr. Wm. H. Stegall, Lot 56, Section 7, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$440.00.
- (d) Deed with Miss Josie Henderson, for south half of Lot 13, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for new deed.
- (e) Deed with Mrs. W. H. Belk, for north half of Lot 13, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for new deed.
- (f) Deed with Mr. C. J. Savarese, for Perpetual Care on southeast quarter of Lot 28, in Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.

RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,750,000 CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS AND RESOLUTION FIXING THE FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1958 AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION THEREOF AND RESOLUTION RATIFYING APPLICATION OF CITY TREASURER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1958 AND RATIFYING ACTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IN ASKING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR SAID BONDS.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 WATER BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 SANITARY SEWER BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed by the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 HOSPITAL BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION FIXING THE FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION OF \$4,750,000 BONDS TO BE ISSUED UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1958, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION THEREOF" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, the resolution was passed on the following vote:

YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION RATIFYING APPLICATION OF CITY TREASURER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF \$4,750,000 BONDS TO BE ISSUED UNDER DATE OF JANUARY 1, 1958 AND RATIFYING ACTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IN ASKING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR SAID BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Dellinger, which was read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea

the resolution was passed on the following vote:

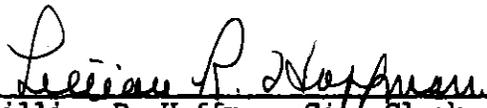
YEAS: Councilmembers Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard
and Wilkinson.

NAYS: None

The resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, beginning
at Page 159 and ending at Page 173.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk