

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, March 28, 1951, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF SANITARY SEWERS NEAR CAROLYN DRIVE.

The hearing in connection with the condemnation of Lots 9 and 10 in Block 3 of Douglas Acres for the extension of a sanitary sewer trunk line near Carolyn Drive was called, and no objections were registered. A resolution entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Extension of Sanitary Sewer Lines near Carolyn Drive" was introduced and read. Councilman Aitken moved the adoption of the resolution, which motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 381.

REQUEST OF W. J. CROSBY FOR PERMISSION TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF CAFE BUILDING IN GRIERTOWN REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR REPORT.

The request of Mr. W. J. Crosby for permission to complete the construction of a cafe building in Griertown was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report at the next Council Meeting.

Mr. Crosby stated that a building permit was issued to the former owner of the property by Mecklenburg County prior to the annexation of the area to the city; that he purchased the property in 1949 and upon continuing the construction of the building was advised by the City Building Inspector that the construction cannot be permitted under the City's Zoning Laws.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 18th ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THE REVISION OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance No. 130 Amending and Rewriting the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read, following which a Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on April 18th in connection therewith was presented and read. Councilman Aitken moved the adoption of the resolution fixing the date of hearing on April 18th. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, beginning at Page 383.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 25th ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING ON PROPERTY AT ELLIOTT AND WEST FIRST STREETS.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance No. 131 to Amend the Zoning Ordinance" to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to Industrial on property located at the intersection of Elliott and West First Streets was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on April 25th in connection therewith was presented and read. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 382.

ACTION DEFERRED ON ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY PROPERTY FROM HARRY P. MURRAY, JR. FOR THE EXTENSION OF HILLSIDE AVENUE.

Action was again deferred on the acquisition of the property from Mr. Harry P. Murray, Jr., necessary for the extension of Hillside Avenue. Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, advised that the matter is in the process of being adjusted.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE EMERGENCY FUND TO STREET LIGHTING AND TRAFFIC DIVISION.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the transfer of funds from the Emergency Fund to the Street Lighting and Traffic Division for the following purposes was authorized:

- (a) \$1,200.00 for maintenance of Traffic Signals and Signs, (Code 518, B-57).
- (b) \$2,000.00 for Traffic Signals, (Code 1518)

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER IN FORT STREET AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Coddington moved that the construction of 263 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer in Fort Street be authorized at an estimated cost of \$400.00, at the City's expense, to serve two family units. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

RITCH STREET TAKEN OVER FOR LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Albea moved that Ritch Street, from end of present maintenance 300 feet north of Benard Avenue, be taken over for limited maintenance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AWARDED GENERAL ELECTRIC SUPPLY CORP. AND PETTIT MOTOR COMPANY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, awarding contracts for purchases as follows:

- (a) Contract with General Electric Supply Corp. for 106 Each Cable Assemblies, and 54 Each Ground Plate and Receptacle Clamps, all as specified, at a net delivered price of \$4,400.00, for use in renovating and relocating lighting land strips at the Airport.
- (b) Contract with Pettit Motor Company for Two Ford Deluxe 2-door sedans, as specified, at a net exchange delivered price of \$2,700.00, for the Police Department.
- (c) Contract with Pettit Motor Company, for One 3/4-ton Chassis and Cab with special built patrol body, as specified, at a net exchange delivered price of \$2,640.00, for the Police Department.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, 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. Harold Myers, for east-half of Lot 130, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. H. Edwin Stanley and wife, for Lot 230, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (c) Deed with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hughes, for Lot 141, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.
- (d) Transfer from Mr. Fred A. Ward and wife, to Mrs. Nell Cave Cansler of south-half of Lot 83, in Section X, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for transfer deed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, and seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, the unanimous consent of Council was given for the presentation of the following three undocketed items.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF ELECTION OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO HOLD AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE ENLARGEMENT OF BOUNDARY LINES OF THE CHARLOTTE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT, UPON PETITION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

A resolution adopted by the Board of School Commissioners petitioning the City Council to call an election to be held at the time of the 1951 municipal election on the question of the enlargement of the boundary lines of the Charlotte school administrative unit as therein set forth, was presented.

Following the reading thereof, a Resolution was introduced and read Authorizing the Board of Elections of Mecklenburg County to Hold the Requested Election on the 8th day of May, 1951. Councilman Aitken moved the adoption of the resolution authorizing the election. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The two Resolutions are recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, beginning at Page 393.

SALARY OF COUNSELOR OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND JUVENILE COURTS INCREASED JOINTLY BY CITY AND COUNTY.

Councilman Daughtry moved that the City jointly with Mecklenburg County increase the salary of Mr. Walter C. Benson, Counselor of the Domestic Relations and Juvenile Courts, to \$4,800.00 per year effective April, 1951, and that funds for the City's portion be transferred from the Emergency Fund. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

SALE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 351 TO ST. PAUL METHODIST CHURCH.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the sale of Airport Building No. 351 to St. Paul Methodist Church for the sum of \$500.00 was authorized, as recommended by the Council Real Estate Committee.

ELECTION OF MESSES. J. H. MURNICK, R. P. STEFFEY, D. L. LEFEVEERS AND JOE GRIER, JR. TO THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, the unanimous consent of Council was given to consider the appointment of members to the Park and Recreation Commission to fill the four vacancies.

Councilman Aitken moved that the votes for the election of the members to the Commission be by written ballot, and those persons receiving a majority vote of the entire Council be declared elected. That in the event it becomes necessary for a run-off ballot, the Council then consider the elimination of the low men in declaring who will be voted upon on the second ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, and the procedure was adopted.

Mayor Shaw then called for nominations to fill the vacancies.

Councilman Jordan moved the nomination of Mr. Joe H. Murnick.

Councilman Daughtry moved the nomination of Mr. R. P. Steffey.

Councilman Coddington moved the nomination of Mr. D. L. LeFevers.

Councilman Jordan moved the nomination of Mr. Joe Grier, Jr.

Councilman Boyd moved the nomination of Dr. J. F. Wertz.

Councilman Albea moved the nomination of Mr. Ernest Sifford.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the nominations were closed.

A poll of the ballots was made by the City Clerk and the following results were announced:

For Mr. Joe H. Murnick	7 votes
For Mr. R. P. Steffey	6 votes
For Mr. D. L. LeFevers	6 votes
For Mr. Joe Grier, Jr.	5 votes
For Dr. J. F. Wertz	1 vote
For Mr. Ernest Sifford	3 votes

Councilman Coddington moved that the four nominees receiving the majority votes be declared elected unanimously. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, and Messrs. Joe H. Murnick, R. P. Steffey, D. L. LeFevers and Joe Grier, Jr., were elected members of the Park and Recreation Commission for terms of three years each.

REMOVAL OF PARKING METERS ALONG NORTHSIDE OF EAST TRADE STREET TO PERMIT BUS STOPS AT THE SQUARE.

Councilman Boyd called attention to the previous agreement during the discussion of the bus situation that bus stops would be established on the north-east side of The Square. He moved that the City Manager be requested to have the parking meters removed from along the north side of East Trade Street from College Street to The Square, and that Duke Power Company be advised that the change has been made so that busses can load and unload at The Square as was contemplated in their agreement with the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Steffey
City Clerk