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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, October 1, 1952, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilmen Albea and Coddington.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Philip L. Van Every.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on September 24th were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 153 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP FROM R-1 TO R-2 ON REAR PORTION OF LOT FACING INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD NEAR FUGATE AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing was held in connection with the proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-1 to R-2 on the rear portion of a lot facing Independence Boulevard near Fugate Avenue, recommended by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

No objections were registered to the proposed change; whereupon, Councilman Boyd moved the adoption of the ordinance affecting the change, which was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 249.

ORDINANCE NO. 154 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON A LARGE LOT LOCATED AT THE NORTHEASTERLY CORNER OF WEST FIFTH STREET AND NORTH CLARKSON STREET.

The hearing was held in connection with the proposed ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance to change the building zone map from R-2 to B-1 on a large lot located at the northeasterly corner of West Fifth Street and North Clarkson Street.

There being no objections to the proposed change, Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 250.

REQUEST OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY GRANTED FOR CITY TO JOINTLY WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY CALL AN ELECTION FOR \$1,600,000.00 LIBRARY BOND ISSUE.

Mr. J. A. Mayo, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, and Dr. Roy McKnight, a Trustee of the Library appeared before Council and requested that the City Council join with the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County in calling an election authorizing the issuance of \$800,000.00 in bonds by the City and \$800,000.00 in bonds by the County.

Mr. Mayo presented a resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on September 23rd, which stated that the said Board has repeatedly urged and requested the City and County to provide a more adequate system of libraries; that the needs for these facilities have been shown in surveys and studies, including a survey by the American Library Association in 1944 which was paid for by the City and County; that the present library structure was erected in 1903 through a gift of Andrew Carnegie to serve a population of 18,091 and the present population is now ten fold greater;

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that the use of the library is now ten times greater than in 1920; that expanded public library facilities are necessary to achieve the aims of our schools in teaching children to use books; that the Charlotte Planning Board stated in a report in 1945 that modern library service bears slight resemblance to the type of service considered satisfactory when the present library was constructed soon after the beginning of the twentieth century; that the need for expanded library facilities has not been met due to repeated postponement in favor of dozens of other community development projects; therefore, the Board requested the Board of Commissioners of Mecklenburg County and the City Council of Charlotte to jointly call an election to determine the will of the people as to whether there shall be issued \$800,000.00 in bonds by Mecklenburg County and \$800,000.00 in bonds by the City of Charlotte to provide for the construction of a new main public library building and a system of branch libraries in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

At the question of Councilman Boyd as to details of how the proposed funds would be used, Mr. Mayo stated it would be used for the construction of a main library in Charlotte to meet the demands and to establish branches within Charlotte and at five locations within the County outside of Charlotte.

Mr. Mayo stated further that it is proposed to erect the main library on the site of the present library and on the adjoining property extending to East 6th Street, which has been acquired by the Library.

Councilman Boyd also stated that it is his understanding that the City's contribution is limited to \$2,500.00 and that which has been authorized by a vote of the people; he asked if the expansion is approved will it not require additional income? Mr. Mayo replied that the Board does not anticipate requesting additional income other than the four cents received from Mecklenburg County.

Dr. McKnight spoke on the great need for expansion of the library facilities, and the fire and water hazards to the present facilities which include many valuable volumes, and among the greatest textile and religious collections in the southeast.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, stated that as he understands it the City-County library serves other incorporated towns in the county and asked Mr. Mayo if the Board of Trustees was figuring on building branches there, and if these towns would be asked to participate in the bond issue?

Mr. Mayo stated that branches would be placed in other towns in the County and that the Board had not contemplated asking them to contribute to the Fund; that the Board has always requested such funds from the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council of Charlotte.

Councilman Boyd stated that he thought the people of the City of Charlotte should have the right to vote on any question, and he moved that the request of the Trustees of the Library Board be complied with. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR STREET RESURFACING, WIDENING ROADWAYS, AND INSTALLATION OF CURB AND GUTTERS ON CENTER PLANTING STRIP OF QUEENS ROAD WEST FROM PRINCETON AVENUE TO ROSWELL AVENUE.

Mr. Frank Mayhew, 1869 Queens Road West, was spokesman for a large delegation of residents of Queens Road West, advising that a petition for improvements to Queens Road West, from Princeton Avenue to Roswell Avenue, has been filed with the City Manager. He stated that the pavement is badly broken up from the heavy traffic that now passes over the street, and that due to no curb and gutter the center planting strip is badly rutted from use as passing lanes and parking cars, and the rains have washed the soil down onto the pavement, creating a dust nuisance. He asked that the entire surface of the double-lane street be resurfaced and widened, that

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curb and gutter be constructed on either side of the center planting strip and the said strip be planted in grass. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that the resurfacing of the street is included in our street improvement program and the curb and gutter installation would cost around \$10,000.00.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Council give the request first consideration for any funds available and that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried. Mr. Yancey then advised that the Powell Act Funds have been allocated for purposes other than construction of curb and gutter.

REVOCATION OF LICENSE OF JULIUS GRIFFIN TO OPERATE LOAN COMPANY.

Councilman Jordan moved that the license issued to Mr. Julius Griffin for the operation of a Loan Company be revoked as recommended by the Chief of Police. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Baxter, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every
NAY: None

Councilman Boyd recorded as not voting.

REFUND OF LICENSE FEE FOR THE OPERATION OF A LOAN COMPANY TO JULIUS GRIFFIN.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the license fee, in the amount of \$100.00 for the operation of a Loan Company, was authorized refunded to Mr. Julius Griffin, due to the license having been revoked.

CONTRACT WITH METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS TO SERVE SAID HOMES.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with the Methodist Homes for the Aged, Inc., for the construction of 5,585 feet of water mains to serve the Homes, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$19,250.00. All costs will be borne by the applicant, who will own the mains until territory is taken into the city.

CHANGE IN NAMES OF ROSS ROW TO ROSS STREET AND IN BELLINGER ROW TO BELLINGER LANE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, authorizing a change in the names of the following streets:

- (a) Name of Ross Row, from N. Johnson St. west one block, change to Ross Street.
- (b) Name of Bellinger Row, from Mint St. to Wade Terrace, change to Bellinger Lane.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan and unanimously carried, the construction of the following driveway entrances was authorized:

- (a) One 18 ft. entrance at 1019 S. Tryon Street.
- (b) One 30 ft. entrance on East Tenth Street and three 30 ft. entrances on East Eleventh Street, all for 800 East Eleventh Street at the intersection of 10th St., 11th St. and McDowell Street.

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RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO JESSIE B. FREEMAN.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Special Officer Permit held by Jessie B. Freeman for use on the premises of Whitin Machine Works, 601 Dowd Road, be renewed for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mrs. Allen Henley, for the transfer of Lot 229, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.

CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTED TO HAVE PAPERS PREPARED BY BOND ATTORNEYS FOR CALLING A BOND ELECTION IN CONNECTION WITH REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,700,000.00.

Councilman Baxter stated that the City Manager was directed by the Council on February 20th to make a survey of the needs of the City, which has been submitted by him and is as follows, and it should behoove the Council to provide bond funds to meet those needs:

- 1. For completing the work on Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant, a part of which is now under construction, and rebuilding and enlarging Irwin Creek Plant.....\$3,750,000
 - 2. For extensions and betterments to the existing sewer system.....\$1,250,000
 - 3. For extensions and betterments to the present water system including several large feeder mains..\$2,000,000
 - 4. For completing the proposed grade separation program.....\$ 500,000
 - 5. For opening new through streets for the relief of traffic, purchase of rights-of-way, and incidental street work.....\$1,000,000
 - 6. For building and equipping one new fire station....\$ 200,000
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- TOTAL \$8,700,000

The above figures are based on prices taken from contracts which have been awarded within the past year, and have been reached after careful consideration and consultation with our engineers.

It should be pointed out that additional water filter capacity will be required by the summer of 1955.

Work on the present 8 m.g.d. addition to the Vest Pumping Station was started in April 1947 and the plant was put into operation in September 1949. The plant operated at full capacity on several occasions during the summer of 1952.

The two million proposed in Item 3 will also provide for the planning and engineering on a new filter unit and provide an accurate estimate of the cost."

Councilman Baxter moved that the City Attorney be instructed to have the City's Bond Attorneys prepare the necessary papers for calling a bond election on December 5th or 12th in connection with the requirements of the City as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

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EXPENSE IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF \$75,000.00 BONDS FOR ROADWAY FROM KING'S DRIVE TO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOT TO BE INCURRED UNTIL FURTHER COUNCIL AUTHORITY.

Councilman Boyd stated for the record that after a conference with the Council, Mayor and City Manager, it is his understanding that no expense will be incurred in connection with the proposed issuance of \$75,000.00 in bonds for building a roadway from King's Drive to Memorial Hospital, until the City Manager has further authority by the Council.

He was advised by the Council, Mayor and City Manager that his understanding as stated is correct.

REQUEST OF CITY SOLICITOR TO ATTEND NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL CONGRESS APPROVED.

Councilman Van Every moved that the request of Mr. Thos. B. Lane, Jr., City Solicitor, be granted to attend the National Safety Council Congress in Chicago, on October 20th-24th, and that his expenses be remitted upon submission of an expense account. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF TWO ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the employment of an ~~additional white~~ colored school crossing guard to assist school children was authorized as recommended by the Chief of Police and City Manager.

REQUESTED PURCHASE OF SIXTEEN ACRE STRIP OF LAND FROM CITY FOR OPENING OF WOODBINE LANE TO TYVOLA ROAD REFERRED TO REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE.

The City Manager reported that Mr. J. H. Howie, Route #2, desires to purchase from the City a strip of land, being approximately 16 acres, for the purpose of opening Woodbine Lane to Tyvola Road, and the Planning Board advises that this street would relieve the traffic condition in this vicinity. Mayor Shaw referred the request to the Council Real Estate Committee for investigation and recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk