

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, October 12, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Council Meetings on September 28, 1949 and October 5, 1949 were approved as submitted.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT EAST BOULEVARD AND EUCLID AVENUE REQUESTED AND APPROVED.

Mrs. C. H. Talley, Safety Director of Dilworth School, presented a petition signed by 660 parents of children of the School requesting the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of East Boulevard and Euclid Avenue. Mrs. Talley stated the petition was concurred in by the School Principal, Miss Blankenship. She advised that the recently installed traffic island erected in East Boulevard was not sufficient protection for small children, as it did not reduce the speed of motorists. She also requested that a Policeman be on duty daily during given hours at this intersection until the installation of the requested traffic light.

Following a discussion of the subject, Councilman Albea moved that an investigation be made and Council action be deferred for one week. The motion lost for lack of a second.

Councilman Boyd moved that a traffic light be immediately installed at the intersection, as requested. Motion seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHT AT BEATTY'S FORD ROAD AND MATTOON STREET INTERSECTION DEFERRED FOR INVESTIGATION.

Mrs. W. R. Lovell, representative of the Charlotte Metropolitan Council of the National Council of Negro Women requested the installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Beatty's Ford Road and Mattoon Street, for the benefit of children of Biddleville School. She cited the fact that a six-year old school child was killed while crossing to the school at this intersection a few days ago. Mrs. Lovell also requested that a Policeman be stationed at the intersection during given hours until the installation of the traffic light. Other residents of the area, representing the parents, spoke in behalf of the request.

Councilman Daughtry recommended that a Policeman be stationed at the intersection immediately and an investigation be made of the necessity for a traffic light and report given at the next Council Meeting. The Council concurred in the recommendation.

REQUEST PRESENTED THAT CONTRACT BE AWARDED BLANKENSHIP BROS. COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK SEWER AND SEWER MAINS IN EDWARDS BRANCH DEVELOPMENT.

Mr. Mercer Blankenship, Attorney, representing Blankenship Bros. Company, stated this Company submitted a bid a few days ago on the construction of a trunk sewer and sewer mains in Edwards Branch Development and requested the award of the contract for said work to them. He stated the Council should be guided in awarding contracts by the firm bid, provided the contractor is a responsible bidder, and not on the time in which it will take to complete

the job. He stated the bid price of his client is \$29.00 lower than that of the next bidder, with 25 days more time estimated necessary for the completion of the work.

Mayor Shaw advised Mr. Blankenship the Council would give consideration to his request in awarding the contract today.

**ORDINANCE (No. 81) AMENDING BUILDING CODE RELATIVE TO SPRINKLER EQUIPMENT.**

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Amending the Building Code of the City of Charlotte to Provide for the Construction of any Installed Sprinkler System to Comply with the Building Code and to Provide for the Reporting of Interruption or Continuance of Service" was introduced and read. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 82.

**DEFERMENT FOR ONE WEEK OF RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO INSTITUTING CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST TEXTRON SOUTHERN, INC. FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR EXTENSION OF HAWTHORNE LANE.**

Following the introduction of a Resolution Relative to Instituting Condemnation Proceedings against Textron Southern, Inc., for Right-of-Way for the Extension of Hawthorne Lane, Councilman Wilkinson moved that the matter be deferred for one week. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

**RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH J. N. PEASE & COMPANY FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO PLANNING BOARD.**

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of contract with J. N. Pease & Company for Engineering Services to the Charlotte Planning Board for a period of one year, at a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

**MERRIMAN AVENUE, FROM WEST BOULEVARD SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 364 FEET TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.**

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Merriman Avenue, from West Boulevard south approximately 364 feet, was taken over for maintenance.

**TREE REMOVALS AUTHORIZED.**

Councilman Albea moved that the following applications for the removal of trees from planting strips be approved, as requested. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried:

- (a) One tree from planting strip in front of property of Clyde R. Mitchell, 421 North Church Street, which interferes with the erection of a Neon Sign.
- (b) One tree from the planting strip in front of the property of the First Christian Church, at 1200 East Boulevard, the roots of which are interfering with the drainage from the building.

**TREE REMOVAL AT 2200 THE PLAZA AUTHORIZED.**

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the request of Mr. B. M. Boyd was granted to remove a tree from the planting strip in front of his residence at 2200 The Plaza.

CONTRACT WITH CONDER REALTY COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS IN WINTER STREET AND WILHELMINA AND MECKLENBURG AVENUES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Conder Realty Company, Inc. for the construction of 1,185 feet of water mains and one fire hydrant, in Winter Street, Wilhelmina and Mecklenburg Avenues, at an estimated cost of \$2,337.00, to serve fifteen lots. The City to finance all construction cost and the Applicant to guarantee an annual water revenue equal to 10% of the original cost.

CONTRACT AWARDED R. J. TODD, PAW CREEK, N.C., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN EDWARDS BRANCH DEVELOPMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded R. J. Todd, Paw Creek, N. C., for the construction of a 12-inch Trunk Sewer and 8-inch Sewer Mains in Edwards Branch Development, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$14,472.20, work to be completed in 50 calendar days.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO STREET DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved that \$2,589.49 be transferred from the Emergency Fund, Code 110, to the Street Department, Machinery and Equipment Account, Code 1513-G-12, as recommended by the City Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS TRANSFERRED.

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

- (a) Deed to H. E. Austin and wife, for Lots 75 and 76, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$312.00.
- (b) Perpetual Care Deed to T. E. Austin, on Lot 26, Section S, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk