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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, September 25, 1957, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: Councilman Albea.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Herman A. Brown.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on September 18, 1957 were approved as submitted.

WIDENING OF EAST 5TH STREET REQUESTED BY DELEGATION OF UPTOWN MERCHANTS.

Representatives of uptown merchants appeared before Council to request the widening of East Fifth Street to facilitate the movement of traffic in and out of the business area. Mr. David McConnell, Attorney for Belk Brothers Company, spokesman for the delegation, stated that there is a congested core in the city, with a restrictive ring around it - the fast growing suburban shopping area, and the uptown merchant is facing an impending crises because of traffic congestion, which will eventually discourage shoppers from the outside areas. He stated this was definitely proved in the gain of 24.5% in business uptown last year while the suburban area showed a gain of 64.3%. That more than half of the customers are from out of the city and if the uptown area is allowed to become blighted by inaccessibility, then Charlotte will suffer from lack of its present cosmopolitan market. Mr. McConnell stated that these merchants have spent millions of dollars providing parking space - while Durham, N. C., for example, has used municipal funds for this purpose. Mr. McConnell stated that the answer is the opening and widening of feeder streets, and that they are here today to urge that Fifth Street be widened and opened to Independence Boulevard. He presented a map of the property owners along the first three blocks of East Fifth Street and stated that the great majority of them favored the widening of the street and would cooperate in providing the increased right-of-way.

Mr. Bill Tate of the Tate-Brown Company, Mr. Chappell, representing Ivey's, Mr. Alfred Smith of M. B. Smith Jewelers spoke in support of the request. Mr. Anderson, of Anderson Electric Company, N. Brevard at E. 5th Street, stated they were ready to remodel their building at this location and wished some information as to how soon the widening program would begin.

Mayor Smith stated that the City is sympathetic with the problem being faced by the uptown area and will cooperate in relieving the situation. That the widening, and eventual opening of East 5th Street to Independence Boulevard, has been considered by the Council and it has been agreed that the work will be done as soon as possible, however, the first phase will be the widening from Tryon to McDowell, which has been included in the list of street improvements to be made as funds are available.

DR. NATHANIEL TROSS REQUESTS THAT CITY URGE MODERATION BY CITIZENS IN MATTER OF INTEGRATION.

Dr. Nathaniel Tross appeared before Council and stated, that, in his opinion, a word from the City Fathers to the citizens urging moderation in the matter of integration would steady their thinking and chart a course by which all citizens of the city would be benefitted.

Mayor Smith thanked Dr. Tross for his timely interest in government, and stated that the Council commends moderation in our city government and in the moderation of those in charge of other phases of government operating in our city, and urge a continuation of moderation upon our people in their demands for services upon those in authority in our city and county.

PETITION FOR THE WIDENING OF ROSWELL AVENUE AND OPENING OF BUCKNELL AVE. FROM ROSWELL AVENUE TO QUEENS ROAD EAST.

Mr. Lauer Williams presented petitions requesting the widening of Roswell Avenue, from one end to the other, and requesting that Bucknell Avenue be opened between Roswell Avenue and Queens Road, East. Mr. Williams was advised that the widening of a portion of the street had been included in the street improvement program, and that consideration would be given his request.

SURVEY REQUESTED ON BUCKNELL AVENUE FROM ROSWELL AVENUE TO QUEENS ROAD, EAST.

Councilman Brown requested the City Manager to have a survey made of Bucknell Avenue, from Roswell Avenue to Queens Road, East.

REQUEST THAT CITY BUILDING CODE BE BROUGHT UP TO DATE.

Councilman Baxter moved that the City Manager have the Building Inspection Department bring the Building Code up to date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Foard, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO CITY COUNCIL BUDGET, TRAVELING EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, \$500.00 was authorized transferred from the Emergency Fund to the City Council Budget, Traveling Expense Account.

AERIAL TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY AUTHORIZED FROM STREET BOND FUNDS.

Councilman Dellinger stated that the City Manager has advised that an aerial topographical survey will cost approximately \$85,000.00, and he moved that the City Manager be instructed to have the survey made and that the said funds be allocated from the Street Bond Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF LOT AT CORNER OF MORETZ AVENUE AND BANCROFT STREET AUTHORIZED FROM REALTY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the purchase of lot at the corner of Moretz Avenue and Bancroft Street from Realty Development Company at a price of \$25,000.00.

THE RESIDENTS OF PERIMETER AREA TO BE ANNEXED ASSURED THAT PROMISES OF SERVICES WILL BE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO DATE OF ANNEXATION.

Councilman Brown asked that the City Manager proceed full speed ahead with the water and sewer extensions to serve the perimeter area to be annexed in 1960, and that the newspapers say to the residents of the area that there will be no broken promises made to them.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that the authorization today of the aerial topographical survey will greatly assist in expediting the work; that the survey for the extension of the water and sewer lines should be completed within eight or nine months and the City will then be in position to call for the bond issue, and that the work should be completed well before the area comes into the city.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM EMERGENCY FUND TO POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR EXPENSES OF FIVE OFFICERS ATTENDING NATIONAL ACADEMY RETRAINING PROGRAM.

Councilwoman Evans moved that \$500.00 be transferred from the Emergency Fund to the Police Department for expenses in connection with five Officers attending the National Academy Retraining Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Foard, and unanimously carried.

STREET IMPROVEMENT TENTATIVE PRIORITY LIST.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following Street Improvement Tentative Priority List is included in the Minutes:

"TENTATIVE PRIORITY LIST
OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS APPROVED BY THE CITY
Council, September 24, 1957

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| 1. Morningside Drive, from Central Avenue to Commonwealth | \$ 50,000 |
| 2. Roswell Avenue from Queens Road West to Colony Road | 67,000 |
| 3. Widening of East Morehead Street and Kings Drive from Harding Place to Brunswick Avenue | 60,000 |
| 4. Widening Hutchinson Avenue from Moretz Avenue to City Limits | 60,000 |
| 5. Opening and Improving Third Street from Independence Boulevard to the intersection of Caswell and Providence Road | 100,000 |
| 6. Baxter Street from Cecil Street to Hermitage Rd | 170,000 |
| 7. East Fifth Street | 250,000 |

Estimated cost of topographical map	85,000
Estimated cost of making a study of street systems of Charlotte and the vicinity in cooperation with the State Highway Commission	35,000

TOTAL \$877,000

Total Available Bond Funds \$1,209,775.54

Remaining Unallocated Bond Funds \$332,775.54"

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON WILKINSON BOULEVARD,
FROM END OF PRESENT WIDENING NEAR BERRYHILL ROAD TO GREENE STREET.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Wilkinson Boulevard, from end of Present Widening near Berryhill Road to Greene Street" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, passed on its final reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 137.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON CRESCENT AVENUE, EX-
TENSION, FROM COLVILLE ROAD TO SOUTH DOTGER AVENUE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Crescent Avenue Extension, from Colville Road to South Dotger Avenue" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, passed on its final reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 136.

DISCUSSION OF ADJUSTMENT OF CLAIM OF GASTON GALLOWAY FOR IMPROVEMENTS
ON STONEWALL STREET DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Councilman Baxter moved that the discussion of the adjustment of the claim of Mr. Gaston Galloway in connection with the benefit and damages to his property on Stonewall Street, be deferred for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED GEORGIA VITRIFIED BRICK AND CLAY COMPANY FOR VITRIFIED
CLAY PIPE.

Councilman Baxter moved that contract be awarded Georgia Vitrified Brick & Clay Company, one of the two lowest bidders, for 30,000 linear feet of #1 Vitrified Clay Pipe, 8" diameter, 3 ft. lengths, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$13,500.00, subject to cash discount of \$675.00, or a net delivered price of \$12,825.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Georgia Vitrified Brick & Clay Co.	3' pipe	\$13,500.00
Less cash discount		675.00
Net delivered price		\$12,825.00
Columbia Pipe Company	3' pipe	\$13,500.00
Less cash discount		675.00
Net delivered price		\$12,825.00
<u>ALTERNATE BID</u>	4' pipe	\$14,400.00
Less cash discount		720.00
Net delivered price		\$13,680.00
Tucker-Kirby Company	4' pipe	\$14,370.00
Less cash discount		287.40
Net delivered price		\$14,082.60
Oconee Clay Products Company	4' pipe	\$15,000.00
Less cash discount		300.00
Net delivered price		\$14,700.00

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Pomona Terra Cotta Company	4' pipe	\$15,090.00
Less cash discount		301.80
Net delivered price		<u>\$14,788.20</u>
Pine Hall Brick & Pipe Company	5' pipe	\$15,120.00
Less cash discount		302.40
Net delivered price		<u>\$14,817.60</u>

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Foard and un-animously carried, the construction of sanitary sewers was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 4,147 feet of sewer trunk and main in Darby Acres, to serve 8 family units, at an estimated cost of \$13,640.00. All costs to be borne by the City and deposit in the amount of \$8,840.00 to be refunded to the applicant, F. C. Davis, as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 153 feet of sanitary sewer in Lincoln Heights, at request of Marsh Realty Company, to serve one family unit, at an estimated cost of \$300.00. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (c) Construction of 1,695 feet of sanitary sewer in Colonial Village, at request of John Crosland Company, to serve 29 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$5,440.00. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of the full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (d) Construction of 965 feet of sewer trunk and main in Davis Avenue and Celia Street, to serve 6 family units, at estimated cost of \$3,385.00, requested by J.E. Ritch, Slum Clearance Engineer. All costs to be borne by the City.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO PAUL A. HOWELL ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Brown moved approval of the renewal of Special Officer Permit to Mr. Paul A. Howell, for use on the premises of Southern Railway Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST OF GROCERY STORE OPERATORS FOR OPERATION OF STORES ON SUNDAY CONTINUED AT REQUEST OF COUNCILMAN ALBEA, ABSENT FROM MEETING.

Mayor Smith stated that Councilman Albea, who is absent from the meeting today, requested that the request of the Grocery Store Owners for the operation of their stores on Sunday, be continued until the entire Council is present.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk