

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 26, 1950, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Daughtry.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

DRIVEWAY OPENING IN PLANTING STRIP IN THE PLAZA DENIED.

Representatives of the Midwood School P. T. A., and residents of The Plaza area appeared before Council in protest of the proposed 24-foot opening in the planting strip in The Plaza and of two 30-foot entrances at 1300 The Plaza and two 30-foot entrances on Central Avenue, both for driveways to Dixie Home Store now under construction at 1300 The Plaza.

Mrs. R. C. Howie and Mrs. K. A. Gelpke stated the driveways would endanger the lives of small children of the Midwood School, and the proposed opening in the Planting Strip on The Plaza would create further traffic congestion at the intersection of The Plaza and Central Avenue.

Councilmen Albea and Boyd expressed opposition to the opening in the Planting Strip in particular, and to the width of the driveway entrances, except that proper driveways must be provided for business concerns.

Councilman Boyd moved that the request of the Dixie Home Store for the 24-foot opening in The Plaza planting strip be denied. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AT 1300 THE PLAZA AND IN CENTRAL AVENUE TO SERVE DIXIE HOME STORE AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, two 30-foot driveway entrances at 1300 The Plaza and two 30-foot entrances on Central Avenue, to serve Dixie Home Store, were authorized.

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF TAXICABS FROM RED TOP CAB COMPANY AND FRANCHISE TO OPERATE OWN COMPANY BY E. R. BAKER DEFERRED.

Mr. W. C. Davis, Attorney, representing Mr. E. R. Baker, requested that Mr. Baker be permitted to withdraw his five cabs from operation under the Red Top Cab Company and that a franchise be issued to him for the operation of his own Cab Company. Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Baker is a Veteran of World War II, with two years experience in taxicab operation, that he would operate under a two-way radio system and comply with all City regulations. The City Manager presented a communication from Mr. Davis dated April 13th outlining his proposed method of operation and requesting the franchise.

Following the discussion, Councilman Jordan moved that the matter be deferred for further consideration of the Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Shaw assured Mr. Davis that the matter would be studied and he would be advised when action is taken by the Council.

ORDINANCE (NO. 100) AMENDING SECTION 385 OF THE SMOKE ABATEMENT ORDINANCE.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance (No. 100) to Amend Section 385 of the Smoke Abatement Ordinance of the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read. Councilman Boyd moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 114.

ORDINANCE (No. 101) TO PROVIDE FOR NO TAP FEES WHEN AN OWNER CONNECTS A WATER MAIN TO A CITY-OWNED WATER MAIN OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance (No. 101) To Provide for no Tap Fees when an Owner Connects a Water Main to a City-Owned Water Main Outside the City Limits" was introduced and read. Councilman Aitken moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 115.

MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF MEETING.

Mayor Shaw left the meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Aitken presided for the remainder of the session.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO PETITION OF D. L. PHILLIPS AND WIFE AND JACKSONVILLE HOUSING COMPANY, INC., FOR ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY, IN SCOTLAND HILLS DEVELOPMENT, TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

A petition was filed in behalf of D. L. Phillips and wife, and Jacksonville Housing Company, Inc., requesting the annexation to the City of all lots in Scotland Hills Development, not now included in the city limits, as shown on Map dated April 1948 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, in Map Book 6, at Page 3; said property being contiguous to the corporate limit boundary of the City of Charlotte.

Following which a resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City of Charlotte with reference to Petition of D. L. Phillips and wife, Louise E. Phillips and Jacksonville Housing Company, for the Annexation of Certain Property or Territory in the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read, fixing the date of hearing on the petition on May 31, 1950. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 274.

NEW LEASE WITH EASTERN AIR LINES, INC., APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a new lease with Eastern Air Lines, Inc., covering use of Administration Building and Airport.

SUBLEASE OF AIRPORT LAND AND BUILDING #56 BY CHARLOTTE CHAPTER AIR RESERVE ASSOCIATION TO VOLUNTEER AIR RESERVE TRAINING UNIT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the Charlotte Chapter Air Reserve Association was authorized to sublease a portion of land and Building #56, now under lease to them, to the Volunteer Air Reserve Training Unit.

PETITION TO STATE HIGHWAY & PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF STATE HIGHWAY No. 21, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing the filing of a petition with the State Highway & Public Works Commission for improvement of State Highway No. 21, adjacent to city property.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers, at the City's expense, was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) 2,797-feet of trunk sewer and 3,716-feet of sewer main in Statesville Road, Newland Road and Samuel Street, at an estimated cost of \$24,550.00, to serve 122 family units under erection and 67 additional units proposed, in Double Oaks Development. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (b) 400-feet of trunk sewer and 725-feet of sewer main in Enderly Road East, at an estimated cost of \$1,950.00, to serve 19 family units and 16 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (c) 435-feet of sewermain in Sharon Road, at an estimated cost of \$720.00, to serve 2 family units and 9 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$320.00 to be refunded according to the contract.
- (d) 276-feet of trunk sewer and 2,927-feet of sewer main in Greene Street, at an estimated cost of \$6,080.00, to serve 79 family units and 9 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City.

STREET TAKEN OVER FOR LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albaea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the taking over of the following streets for limited maintenance:

- (a) South College Street, from Bland Street south approximately one block to dead end.
- (b) Monument Street, from Greenland Avenue to Morton Street.

STREET NAME CHANGED FROM MEADOW ROAD TO HABERSHAM DRIVE.

Councilman Jordan moved that the name of Meadow Road (in Devonshire Development) be changed to Habersham Drive, as requested by the developer and approved by the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

The following driveway entrances were authorized constructed, upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albaea, and unanimously carried:

- (a) One 9-foot entrance at 814 Fugate Street.
- (b) One 10-foot entrance at 720 East Kingston Avenue.
- (c) One 20-foot entrance at Seversville School, on State Street.
- (d) One 10-foot entrance at 1514 Scotland Avenue.

TREES REMOVAL AT 1300 THE PLAZA APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the removal of two trees in the planting strip at 1300 The Plaza which interfere with a proposed driveway. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albaea, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to Albert E. Corley and Cross R. Rogers on the premises of Railway Express Agency, and the renewal of permit to E. F. Zieverink on the premises of The American Trust Company.

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED.

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

- (a) Deed to Herbert F. Alexander, for Lot 83, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sarratt, for Lot 348, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$140.40.
- (c) Deed to A. S. Brumley and wife, for north half of Lot 13, in Section BB, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.
- (d) Duplicate deed to Mrs. Carrie V. R. Beasley, for southeast quarter of Lot 64, in Section M, Elmwood Cemetery - cost of issuing duplicate \$1.00.

REAPPOINTMENT OF WALTER W. HOOK TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. Walter W. Hook to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for a period of three years from January 28, 1950. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO COOPERATE WITH THE CAROLINA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION IN ASSISTING SAID CORPORATION TO OBTAIN FRANCHISE TO BRING NATURAL GAS AS A FUEL TO THE CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given the presentation of the following undocketed resolution:

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Cooperate with the Carolina Natural Gas Corporation in Assisting Said Corporation to Obtain Franchise in Order to Bring Natural Gas to the Citizens of Charlotte", was introduced and read. Councilman Coddington moved the adoption of the resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 275.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Leecia R. Haffner
City Clerk