

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock p.m., on Friday, March 3, 1950, having been duly called by the Mayor, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

PURPOSE OF MEETING.

Mayor Shaw stated the meeting was called for the purpose of considering and possibly authorizing a Contract with Mecklenburg County regarding the Revaluation of Real Property.

APPEAL BY BEASLEY & BEASLEY FOR RECONSIDERATION OF REVALUATION SURVEY BIDS.

Mr. John Cansler, Attorney representing the firm of Beasley and Beasley, one of the two bidders for the Mecklenburg County Property Revaluation Survey, addressed the Council with regard to the award of contract for the Survey by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners on March 1st to the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, at a price of \$338,400.00, in view of the six bids submitted by Beasley & Beasley, five of which, Mr. Cansler stated, were lower than that of Cole-Layer-Trumble Company.

Mr. Cansler requested that before the City contracts with Mecklenburg County to participate in the Survey in the amount of \$101,520.00, for map making and procedure relative to listing of property, that the Council reconsider the matter and have a more thorough understanding of the quality of the maps that would be furnished by the two companies, inasmuch as only the two Councilmen and two County Commissioners serving on the Committee to receive bids, had any knowledge of the technical points of the Survey.

Mr. Cansler stated the substantial difference in the two bids are, first, the question of price, secondly, the time of performance, and third, the permanent and highly accurate maps.

He confined his discussion to two of the bids by Beasley and Beasley, one bid in the amount of \$306,000 and the other at \$330,000, both lower than the Cole-Layer-Trumble bid of \$378,059.55, either of which, he stated, would render more accurate maps than those of the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company.

Mr. Cansler explained in detail the difference in the scale of the maps by the two companies. He stated the Cole Company bid would provide for uptown Charlotte on a scale of 1-inch to 50-feet, the Beasley bid being 1-inch to 100-feet, the Cole Company bid for the balance of the county would be 1-inch to 100-feet, the same as the entire Beasley Company's bid. The Cole bid is 1-inch to 200-feet for suburban property, and 1-inch to 400-feet outside the City. He stated the Beasley Company's bid of 1-inch to 200-feet for the entire County far outweighs the Cole Company's bid. He advised the Beasley Company's maps would be made by the photogrammetric method of aerial mapping, so that the pictures overlap, which results in not getting distorted pictures but one of guaranteed accuracy. He further pointed out that the accuracy of the Beasley Company's maps, and the scale on which they are made, would result in their being usable by Engineers in projecting highways, streets, rights-of-way, water and sewer lines, etc., without an on-the-ground survey. He stated he understands that no one knows the exact area of Mecklenburg County, that on the basis of the present County Maps there are approximately 450 square miles, that the Beasley Company's maps would assure the knowledge of the exact acreage because of their absolute accuracy.

Mr. Cansler stressed the element of time in completion of the appraisal of the two companies; the Beasley Company's guarantee completion within 14 months would permit having the new valuations for the tax books of January 1, 1952, whereas the Cole Company's bid is for 22-months.

He urged the Council to secure the expert advise of local engineers as to the comparable accuracy of the maps of the two companies; or that both bids be rejected and new bids received on the basis of the use of photogrammetric mapping equipment.

Mayor Shaw stated that the opinion of Councilmen Aitken and Wilkinson and the other members of the Committee has the confidence of the Council and is acceptable to them. He further stated he has discussed the matter with two local engineers who advised him to go ahead and accept the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company's bid.

Mr. J. H. Quigley, speaking for the Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, stated their maps are highly accurate, with a plus or minus tolerance of only 2 percent. He further stated that topographical maps would be furnished if desired, and photogrammetric maps can be furnished if the City and County so wish.

Mr. John F. Wallace, President of the Air Survey Corporation, who would make the aerial photographs for Beasley and Beasley, expressed keen disappointment at not receiving the contract; he stated he was astounded that in open bidding the lowest competent bid would be rejected in favor of a bid \$3,200.00 higher. He expressed the opinion that this action would hurt this area of the State in that reputable companies will not bid where competition is not fair.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR THE MAPPING, LISTING, DISCOVERING, DESCRIBING AND MAKING RECORDS WITH RESPECT TO REAL PROPERTY AND TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The following resolution was introduced. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the Resolution. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY FOR THE MAPPING,  
ETC.

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County proposes to enter into a contract with Cole-Layer-Trumble Company, a co-partnership, having its principal office in Dayton, Ohio, with respect to the mapping, listing, discovering, describing and making records with respect to all real property and tangible personal property in Mecklenburg County, referred to in said contract, and, also, for an appraisal of said property; and

WHEREAS, said data will be a part of the permanent records of the Tax Supervisor's office of Mecklenburg County, which said office is jointly maintained by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for such services under said contract shall be \$338,400.00, of which \$253,800.00 represents all services to be performed under said contract, except appraising said property after the mapping, listing, etc. have been completed; and

WHEREAS, under said contract \$84,600.00 shall be paid the Company for giving its appraisal of all property in said county; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the City of Charlotte that such listings of property should be made and other data prepared, as provided in said contract; and

WHEREAS, Mecklenburg County has requested the City of Charlotte to bear a part of the cost of work to be performed under said contract by said

Company other than that of appraising and fixing values of said real and personal property;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

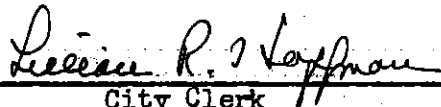
That, it is hereby found as a fact and in the public interest that such mapping, listing, discovering, describing and making records with respect to all real property and the tangible personal property referred to in said contract be done, the Council well recognizing any inaccuracies in the Tax Supervisor's office, to the end that the services to be performed and the data to be furnished under said contract should be undertaken; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED and it is, hereby found as a fact that it is in the public interest that the City of Charlotte agree by and with Mecklenburg County to pay Mecklenburg County on account of its said contract with said Company the sum of \$101,520.00, in installments as provided in said contract.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, the Mayor and City Clerk be, and they are, hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into a contract with Mecklenburg County for the payment of said sum of \$101,520.00 in payment for the services to be performed by said Company to said County, exclusive of appraising and fixing the financial value of said property, when said contract between the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has been approved as to form by the City Attorney, and there shall be attached to said contract as a part of the permanent records of the City of Charlotte, a copy of Mecklenburg County's contract with Cole-Layer-Trumble Company.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
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City Clerk