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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Wednesday, November 19, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Childs, DeLaney, Jordan, Lambeth, McKee and White present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman McKee, the minutes of the meeting on November 12th were unanimously approved with the following addition thereto: " with Mayor pro tem Lambeth presiding until the arrival of the Mayor, following the vote on the item entitled 'Contracts for Purchases'."

ACCEPTANCE OF DEED TO TRACT OF LAND FOR PARK PURPOSES FROM MIDWOOD PARK CORP.

On behalf of the Midwood Park Corporation, Mr. Richard L. Young, President, formally presented to the City of Charlotte a deed to a six and one-half acre tract of land, lying between Chamwood Drive, Tippah Avenue and Mecklenburg Avenue, in Midwood Section, to be used as a public park, conditioned upon the provision, contained in the Deed, "that within six months from the date hereof, the City of Charlotte shall have proceeded with the development of said premises for park and recreation purposes, and provided further that said premises shall be used and maintained by said City of Charlotte as a park and recreational area for the benefit of the public; otherwise, the property shall revert to and become the property of said Midwood Park Corporation."

Mr. Young stated that at a meeting on November 14th, the Park and Recreation Commission adopted a resolution approving the acceptance of the land for park purposes by the City, and approving the conditions set forth in said deed.

Mr. Young advised that the purchase of the land had been made possible with contributions by citizens, solicited by members of the Midwood Men's Club, who realizing the great need for a park in the Midwood Section, had conducted the public solicitation of funds for the purchase of said land.

Councilman Albea moved the acceptance of the deed to the tract for park purposes. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Baxter formally accepted the Deed on behalf of the City of Charlotte, and expressed his deep appreciation and congratulations to Mr. Young, and to Mr. Allen White and Mr. Maurice Weinstein who were present, and other members of the Midwood Park Corporation for their interest in the expansion of park and recreational facilities in Charlotte and for their splendid efforts in securing this property for a park in the Midwood Section.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 961 SEIGLE AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Childs, the sale of tax foreclosed property at 961 Seigle Avenue, at public auction on November 3, 1947, was unanimously confirmed to the high bidder, C. W. Hill and wife, Margarete M. Hill, at \$450.00.

## CONTRACT WITH B. L. BLACKWELL FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN MONA DRIVE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with B. L. Blackwell 722 North Graham Street, for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Mona Drive, for a distance of 240-feet, to serve one house completed, at an estimated cost of \$482.90, and the refund of applicant's deposit of \$282.90 when two additional houses have been erected and connected to said sewer.

## CONTRACT WITH JOHN H. VICKERS FOR SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION IN WARD 9.

Upon motion of Councilman McKee, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with John H. Vickers, Carolina Delivery Service Company, for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Ward 9, from Dowd Road, and on the Southern Railway right-of-way and Winona Street, to near South Graham Street, a distance of 963-feet, at an estimated cost of \$2,687.08, to serve three business buildings under construction, and the refund of applicant's deposit of \$1,487.08 when four additional buildings are erected and connected to said sewer, together with the refund of the \$150.00 for right-of-way across the property of B. N. Richburg.

## CONTRACT WITH EDGECOMB STEEL COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN ATANDO AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Edgcomb Steel Company for the construction of water mains in Atando Avenue, for a distance of 880-feet, at an estimated cost of \$2,650.00, at the Company's expense.

## PLAT OF MORNINGSIDE HILLS SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried, the plat of Morningside Hills Subdivision, being developed by D. L. Phillips, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

## CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES.

Councilman Albea moved that the following contracts for purchases and the allocation of funds therefor, if necessary, be authorized. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Contract with City Chevrolet Company, for One 1/2-ton, One 3/4-ton Pickup and One 1-ton Chassis and Cab, at a total net delivered price of \$3,708.08, for the Water Department,
- (b) Contract with Pyramid Chevrolet Company, for One 1-ton Chassis and Cab, One 1/2-ton Pickup and One 3/4-ton Pickup Chevrolet Truck, at a total net delivered price of \$3,701.08, for the Water Department.
- (c) Contract with Stockton Motor Company, for One 2 1/2-ton Diamond T Truck complete with Dump Body, at a net delivered price of \$2,700.00, for the Water Department.
- (d) Contract with E. J. Smith Company, for One Power Driven Lawn Mower complete with Sulkey, at a net delivered price of \$758.15, for the Cemetery Department.
- (e) Contract with Pomona Terra Cotta Company, for 600-feet of 12-inch Terra Cotta Pipe, at a net delivered price of \$415.80, for the Street Division of the Engineering Dept.

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- (f) Contract with Summerville & Brooks, for 1,000 printed booklets of the Plumbing and Heating Codes, at a net delivered price of \$220.00, for the Inspection Department.
- (g) Purchase of Eight S & W 38 Special Pistols and 27 Used Colt 38 Special Pistols, from the War Assets Administration at a net delivered price of \$783.00, for the Police Dept.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED RENEWED TO J. A. BUSBY.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman DeLaney, and unanimously carried, authorizing the renewal of a Special Officer Permit to J. A. Busby, for use on the premises of the A & P Tea Company.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Employees be granted a holiday on Thursday, November 27th, in observance of Thanksgiving. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS.

The City Manager reported the leasing of the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

<u>BUILDING NO.</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>MONTHLY RENTAL</u>	<u>DATE AND TERM OF LEASES</u>	
102	A. Hamilton	\$36.00	8-1-47	1 year
88	Piedmont Mop Company	86.40	11-1-47	5 years
244	Howard Motor Lines	47.95	11-1-47	1 year

CEMETERY DEEDS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Ellen Joyce LaFoy and J. J. Thomas, for Lot #70, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed with James E. Brown, for Lot #374, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$35.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Paul E. Parrish and J. C. Parrish, for Lot #35, Section L-Annex, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$180.00, and Perpetual Care Deed therefor, at \$100.00.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN FOR PRESENTATION OF ITEMS NOT ON DOCKET.

Upon motion of Councilman Lambeth, seconded by Councilman Childs, the following items, not included in the Docket, were presented with the unanimous consent of Council.

RESIGNATION OF ALEXANDER F. SCHENCK FROM ZONING COMMISSION.

Mayor Baxter presented a letter from Mr. Alexander F. Schenck requesting that he be relieved from serving as a member of the Zoning Commission in connection with the zoning of areas under the City Limits Extension program, due to his now serving as a member of the Planning Board.

Councilman White moved the acceptance of the resignation with regret. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF HENRY G. NEWSON TO THE ZONING COMMISSION.

Motion was made by Councilman White, that Mr. Henry G. Newson be appointed as a member of the Zoning Commission to succeed Mr. Alexander Schenck, resigned. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

EMPLOYMENT OF ENGINEER TO DRAW PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR UNDERPASS ON WEST TRADE STREET APPROVED.

Mayor Baxter recommended that funds be appropriated for the employment of an Engineer, familiar with railroad construction, to draw plans and specifications for an Underpass on West Trade Street, adjacent to the Southern Railway and in cooperation with the Southern Railway Company, and to study similar projects requiring the joint action of the City and Railway Company, and that if and when the contract with said Engineer is negotiated, the amount paid thereunder shall not exceed six percent (6%) of the funds to be expended on the project.

Councilman Childs moved the acceptance and approval of the recommendations. Motion seconded by Councilman McKee, and unanimously carried.

REPORT WITH REGARD TO ADDITIONAL STREET BUSES BY DUKE POWER COMPANY.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, reported that Mr. E. C. Marshall, President of the Duke Power Company, had advised by telephone that the General Motors Corporation had advised that production on street busses for Charlotte would start on November 20th, be completed November 26th and shipped on December 3rd.

Mayor Baxter requested the Council Committee, appointed to study the need for additional bus service, to continue their investigation.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, the meeting was adjourned until 4 o'clock p.m., on Monday, November 24, 1947.

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk