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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, October 29, at 4 o'clock p. m., with Mayor pro tem Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger and Jordan present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilman Coddington.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on October 22nd were approved as submitted.

DECISION RELATIVE TO ALLOWING INCREASE IN TAXICAB FARE DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK.

Mayor pro tem Van Every advised the Attorney for the Four Taxicab Companies requesting an increase in cab fares, that Council has not had time to study the financial statements submitted by the said Cab Companies, and the Council would like to withhold their decision for one week. Mr. Barkeley advised that this would be entirely satisfactory.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OF VINSON ARNOLD AUSTIN, COVERING VICTORY CAB #136, REVOKED AND CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO JULIUS THOMAS HORNBACK FOR SAME CAB.

Mr. Vinson Arnold Austin requested permission to sell his cab, being Victory Cab #136, to Mr. Julius Thomas Hornback at a price of \$1,450.00, as he is unable to continue the operation of the cab due to his health. The City Manager advised that the transaction meets the approval of Mr. H. G. Cleveland, Taxicab Inspector, who has investigated the matter. Councilman Albea moved that the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued to Mr. Vinson Arnold Austin be revoked as requested, and a Certificate be issued to Mr. Julius Thomas Hornback, for the operation of Victory Cab No. 136. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST OF A. T. WITHROW FOR USE OF TRIANGULAR PIECE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY FOR STREET PURPOSES DEFERRED FOR SURVEY AND MAP.

Mr. A. T. Withrow advised that he wished to obtain the use of a triangular piece of property, consisting of approximately one-half acre, at the southwest corner of Jackson Homes Subdivision and being a part of the Airport property, to be used for street purposes. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that he had discussed the matter with the Airport Manager who advised that the property is low and swampy and not usable for airport purposes. Councilman Albea moved that Mr. Withrow submit a detailed map and survey report of the property and the Council would then consider dedicating the land for street purposes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 159 AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE PROVIDING FOR THE THICKNESS OF WALLS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS NOT IN EXCESS OF NINE FEET WITH AN ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR GABLES.

An ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE NO. 159 AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE PROVIDING FOR THE THICKNESS OF WALLS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS NOT IN EXCESS OF NINE FEET WITH AN ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCE FOR GABLES, was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted as presented. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 257.

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REMOVAL OF THREE TREES FROM PLANTING STRIP IN 2200 BLOCK OF CENTRAL AVENUE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, the request of Mr. John Parker was granted for the removal of three trees from the planting strip in the 2200 block of Central Avenue.

NAME OF PULMAN AVENUE CHANGED TO BASCOM STREET.

Councilman Boyd moved that the name of Pulman Avenue, from Weddington Avenue north to Bascom Street, be changed to Bascom Street, same having been recommended by the City Engineer and Planning Board at request of property owners. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

The following streets were taken over for maintenance, upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried:

- (a) St. Luke Street, from Mitchell Street to Welch Place.
- (b) Cobbway Street, from E. Hill Street to Plum Street.
- (c) E. 26th Street, from Davidson Street west 400 feet.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewer mains was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) 275 feet of 8 inch main in Cosby Place, at an estimated cost of \$525.00, to serve 2 family units and 3 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$125.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) 223 feet of 8 inch main in Bungalow Road, at an estimated cost of \$275.00, to serve 1 family unit. All cost to be borne by the City, and no refund of applicant's deposit of \$75.00.
- (c) 200 feet of 8 inch main in Eastway Park, at an estimated cost of \$340.00, to serve 2 family units and 1 vacant lot. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (d) 395 feet of 8 inch main in St. Mark Street, at an estimated cost of \$700.00, to serve 2 family units and 12 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$300.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contracts for the construction of water mains were authorized as follows:

- (a) Contract with George S. Goodyear Company for the construction of 13,792 feet of 8, 6 and 2 inch mains and 10 fire hydrants in Selwyn Park Subdivision Nos. 1 and 4, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$43,400.00, to serve 282 residential lots. All cost to be borne by the Applicant, who will dedicate same to the City upon completion; this action will eliminate paying of tapping fees - all in accordance with ordinance adopted by the Council on April 26, 1950.

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- (b) Contract with George S. Goodyear Company for the construction of 3,505 feet of 8 inch main in Selwyn Park Subdivision Nos. 1 and 4, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$14,350.00, to serve as a feeder line to the 282 residential lots being constructed outside the City. All cost to be financed by the City, and applicant will guarantee a revenue equal to 10% of the cost.
- (c) Contract with Sharon Water Company for the construction of 13,385 feet of 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1½ inch mains and 10 fire hydrants in Foxcroft Hills, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$41,750.00, to serve residential property in Blocks A and G. All cost to be borne by the applicant, who will own mains, and the City will operate same in consideration of revenue received from water sales.

NOVEMBER 11TH DESIGNATED AS HOLIDAY IN OBSERVANCE OF ARMISTICE DAY.

Councilman Albea moved that November 11th be designated as a holiday for City Employees in observance of Armistice Day. Motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

The Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots, upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Deed with J. B. Quinn, for Lot 390, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$204.75.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Sadie M. Nalle, for Perpetual Care of south half of Lot 68, in Section C, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$72.00.

REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK THIES TO PLANNING BOARD.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. Frank Thies to the Charlotte Planning Board, for a term of three years from June 5, 1952. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH DAVID CLARK FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with Mr. David Clark, for the construction of 2,895 feet of sewer trunk and 3,365 feet of sewer mains in Country Club Heights, at a total estimated cost of \$23,510.00. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$23,510.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 160 AMENDING THE CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO TAXICAB STANDS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PASSENGERS SELECTING CABS.

An ordinance entitled: ORDINANCE NO. 160 AMENDING THE CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO TAXICAB STANDS SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PASSENGERS SELECTING CABS, was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted as presented. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 21, at Page 258.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST FIFTH STREET.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST FIFTH STREET", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, was adopted on its first reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 40.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON WEST FIFTH STREET.

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HEARING HELD RELATIVE TO ADDITIONAL OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES.

The scheduled hearing relative to additional off-street parking facilities was held with an estimated twenty private parking-lot operators present. Mr. F. T. Miller, Jr., Attorney representing Myers Auto Service, voiced the opposition of Mr. Dennis Myers to publicly owned parking lots. He presented a lengthy and detailed criticism of the recommendations of the Parking Authority for the establishment of off-street parking facilities. Mr. Miller stated that when a municipality seeks to compete with private business, serious consideration must be given the promotion of such, that such competition can put the present parking-lot operators out of business, thereby increasing the parking-space problem. He presented a three-point sound program as the solution to the question: 1. That a survey of the parking needs be made - which, he stated, has been done, 2. seek to more fully utilize existing parking space, and 3. full cooperation of the merchants, the City and private parking-lot operators.

Mr. Bob Alexander and Mr. Robert Mitchell, Jr., spoke relative to the proposal for off-street parking on the fringe of the business area, stating that such lots are now available but people will not use them and continue into the business area on foot or by bus. Mr. John Tate stated that in his opinion there is no parking problem in Charlotte and that given a period of time the problem will work itself out; that he had contemplated building a parking garage uptown but will certainly not do so if the City is going to compete.

Mr. Coleman Roberts, President of the N. C. Automobile Association spoke in favor of the recommendations of the Parking Authority for off-street parking; that adequate parking facilities must be provided for the future growth of Charlotte, otherwise uptown business will be killed; that he favors the City acquiring property and offering it to private enterprise for use as parking-lots. That trade will not come into Charlotte unless proper facilities are provided.

Mayor pro tem Van Every thanked the parking-lot owners for coming down and expressing their opinions, and advised that the Council would continue to consider the problem.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


City Clerk