

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The Invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on September 14th, were approved as submitted.

PETITION OF CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY APPROVED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NOT TO EXCEED 400 HOUSING UNITS FOR NEGROES.

A resolution presented by Mr. Earle G. Gluck on behalf of the Charlotte Housing Authority, petitioned the City Council to approve the application of the Housing Authority to the Public Housing Administration, for a Preliminary Loan in the amount not to exceed \$330,000.00 to cover costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of not to exceed approximately 1,800 dwelling units of low-rent public housing in Charlotte. The resolution further stated there exists a need for such low-rent public housing at rents within the low income families, especially veterans and servicemen, which need is not being met by private enterprise, and such resulting conditions constitute a menace to the health, safety, morals and welfare of the citizens of Charlotte.

Mr. Kelly Alexander, representing the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People, urged the approval of the request of the Housing Authority; stating the housing needs of negroes of low-income is critical, and is not being met by private developers.

Mr. C. W. Tillett, speaking in support of the petition of the Housing Authority, stated the criminal record of Charlotte cannot be eliminated through the work of the Police Department, but only through better housing by and with the assistance of the Charlotte Housing Authority. That, in his opinion, the one thing in the south that causes the negro problem is filthy housing. That agencies such as the Housing Authority must be looked to, to fill the housing need until the present shortage is passed. He further stated he was speaking in behalf of the great lower income group, who have no voice in securing participation in Federal Aid; that Federal Aid is sought daily under such programs as RFC, FHA and others, and cited the fact that the City of Charlotte had recently applied for Federal Aid for an Airport Administration Building. Mr. Tillett called attention to the fact that in the last municipal campaign, Federal Housing was endorsed by all elected candidates with the exception of one, and he urged that the stand taken at that time now be carried through.

Mrs. M. W. Peterson, spokesman for The League of Women Voters, stated the League had supported the City's standard-house program, and was advised the program was moving slowly due to the shortage of houses in which to move families from unfit houses. She cited the City's record that 2,500 houses have been brought up to standard to date, with 10,000 more unfit. She urged the adoption of the Housing Authority's proposed program.

Mr. Jack Turner, Realtor, spoke in opposition to the proposed public housing program. He stated private enterprise can fill the need for adequate housing without government subsidy; that Charlotte slums can be eliminated and low income families, both white and negro, can be provided better homes at a fair price; that the housing program is a long-range one, that will cover from six to eight years.

Mr. J. E. Barrentine, Realtor, stated the Real Estate Asso., had fought since 1935 for slum clearance; that they proposed the adoption of the present standard-house ordinance, and the growth of slums had cleaned, under the provisions of said ordinance. That 2,300 unfit houses have been brought up to standard in one year, and the 10,000 presently reported sub-standard houses can be eliminated under the same procedure, in like time without cost to the taxpayer. He stated he was not willing to let the fine program of unfit housing elimination be crucified on the cross of public housing. He urged that the proposal of the Housing Authority not be approved.

Mr. Ben O. Dickerson, member of the Charlotte Housing Authority, stated the Authority has no legal authority to undertake a large slum clearance program; that the purpose of the Authority is to provide housing units for each substandard house that is eliminated.

Mr. Paul Guthery, Realtor, opposed the public housing program, and presented a list of residents, and their businesses, of the two local housing projects, and posed the question as to their being in the low-income bracket, for whom the public housing projects are supposed to be erected.

Mr. Ernest Sifford, Mr. Lee Heath and Mr. Dwight Phillips, Realtors, and Mr. Albert Escott, President, Charlotte Property Management Association, each spoke in opposition to Federal Housing.

Mr. C. D. Spangler, developer of a Negro Housing Project, stated he now has under construction 551 units for Negroes, and plans are in process for the construction of 500 Units for Negroes and 300 to 400 for White persons. He stated his program would have to be curtailed if the proposed Federal Aid project is carried out, as he could not compete with public housing which rents for 20 percent less.

Mrs. Lethia Jones Henderson, spoke in opposition to public housing, in that it removes the incentive of the negro race to exert the effort to own their own homes and be independent.

Councilman Boyd moved that the Council approve the Petition of the Housing Authority for the construction of not to exceed 400 Units for Colored People, to be built under the procedure prescribed by law. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington.

A substitute motion was offered by Councilman Albea, that the Council approved the full request of the Housing Authority, for 1,800 Units. The motion did not receive a second.

The vote was then taken on the main motion, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson.

NAY: Councilman Albea.

ORDINANCE (NO. 78) AMENDING TAXICAB ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR TAXICAB METERS AND ESTABLISH RATES OF FARES, ADOPTED ON SECOND READING.

An Ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance (No. 78) Amending the Taxicab Ordinance of the City of Charlotte to Provide for Taxicab Meters and Establish Rates of Fares" was presented on its second reading. Motion was made by Councilman Aitken that the ordinance be adopted as read. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Coddington, Daughtry and Wilkinson.

NAY: Councilmen Albea, Boyd and Jordan.

Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 77-78.

ORDINANCE (No. 79) AMENDING PARKING METER REGULATIONS DESIGNATING PARKING ZONES.

An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance (No. 79) Amending the Parking Meter Regulations Designating 36 Minute, 60 Minute, 90 Minute and 120 Minute Parking Zones" was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted as presented. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, beginning at Page 79.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Providing for the Issuance of \$500,000 Street Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes" was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the Resolution was adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 123.

CONTRACT WITH SEABOARD AIRLINE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR SEWER LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER TRACKS NEAR SEIGLE AVENUE UNDERPASS.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with the Seaboard Airline Railway Company for right-of-way under tracks at a point 548.7 feet west of the center line of Seigle Avenue Underpass, for sewer line construction.

CONTRACT WITH STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1949-1950.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with the State Board of Health for public health activities of the City of Charlotte, for the fiscal year 1949-1950.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF QUEEN CITY COACH COMPANY, AND OF WESLEY HOLTON.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that settlement in full be made of the following two claims, as recommended by the City Attorney. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried:

- (a) To Queen City Coach Company, \$63.00 for damages to bus, on June 16, 1949, by City Garbage Truck on Elizabeth Avenue.
- (b) To Wesley Holton, 725½ S. Caldwell Street, \$6.25 for damages to car, on July 16, 1949, by cut in street for water service connection.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Barry Street, from Catawba Avenue to Everette Place, and Everette Place, from Drummond Avenue to Pinckney Avenue, were taken over for maintenance by the City, upon motion made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAINS AND FIRE HYDRANTS CONSTRUCTION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the construction of water mains and fire hydrants, were authorized. The City to finance all costs, and the applicants to guarantee an annual gross revenue equal to 10% of the actual construction costs:

- (a) Contract with The Charlotte Builders, Inc., for 930 feet of 2-inch mains in Russell Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$1,136.00, to serve 28 residential lots.
- (b) Contract with Arthur S. Grier, for 3,177 feet of 6-inch mains and 2 fire hydrants, in Grier Heights Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$6,418.00, to serve 68 residential lots.
- (c) Contract with The Beaver Creek Development Corp., for 3,960 feet of mains and 3 fire hydrants, in Walnut Hills Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$8,165.00, to serve 90 residential lots.

PLATS OF STREETS APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY PLANNING BOARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, approving the following plats of streets, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (a) Green Street Extension, to connect the present Green Street in Marsh Estates, with Camp Greene Avenue, being developed by Marsh Land Company.
- (b) Blocks 25 and 29 of Pegram-Wadsworth Land Company property, located between 24th and 25th Streets, Pinckney Avenue and Yadkin Avenue, being developed by The Jason Company, 709 Law Building.

CONTRACT WITH LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Lynchburg Foundry Company for 33,400 feet of 6" and 8" Cast Iron Pipe, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$45,868.00.

CONTRACT WITH LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Lynchburg Foundry Company for a schedule of Cast Iron Pipe Fittings, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$2,907.40.

CONTRACT WITH GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR WROUGHT IRON PIPE.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to the Grinnell Company, Inc., for 31,000 feet of Wrought Iron Pipe, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$8,404.20, subject to 2% cash discount. **Motion seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.**

CONTRACT WITH GRINNELL COMPANY, INC. FOR HYDRANTS.

Following a discussion of the bids received for 50 hydrants, Councilman Daughtry moved the acceptance of the bid of the Grinnell Company, Inc., for the 50 Hydrants, at a price of \$4,731.00, subject to 2% cash discount. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

- AYE: Councilman Albea, Boyd, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson.
- NAY: Councilmen Aitken, and Coddington.

CONTRACT WITH BAKER-MITCHELL COMPANY FOR COPPER TUBING.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Baker-Mitchell Company, for 15,000 feet of 3/4 inch Copper Tubing, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$3,408.00.

CONTRACT WITH GRINNELL COMPANY, INC., FOR GATE VALVES.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to The Grinnell Company, Inc., for 130 Gate Valves, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$4,595.00 subject to 2% cash discount.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE NATIONAL CASH REGISTER COMPANY FOR PAYROLL MACHINE.

Councilman Aitken moved the award of contract to the National Cash Register Company, for One National Cash Register Payroll Machine, at a net delivered price of \$5,280.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. MONROE T. GILMOUR AND D. CLYDE LISK TO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Wilkinson moved the reappointment of Dr. Monroe T. Gilmour and Mr. D. Clyde Lisk to the Health Advisory Committee, for terms of five years each. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

CONFIRMATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF PAUL B. GUTHERY FROM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Aitken moved the acceptance with deep regret of the resignation of Mr. Paul B. Guthery from the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF FRED MDPHAIL AS REGULAR MEMBER OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Jordan moved the appointment of Mr. Fred McPhail, from the position as Alternate Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, to that of a Regular Member of said Board, for the unexpired term ending on January 28, 1951. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF TEN CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF WATER LINES BY THE CITY.

The City Manager reported that final settlement had been made to the following ten persons for the purchase of water lines, in accordance with the terms of the contracts approved by the City Council:

To -	M. Lee Heath	\$15,081.28
	Belvedere Hosiery Company	1,996.67
	O. E. Mathis	3,344.24
	Plaza Acres Construction Company	601.59
	W. T. Minor	10,824.77
	D. E. Drye	5,488.03
	H. G. Flemming	228.05
	The Stephens Company	3,113.26
	Ben E. Douglas	2,674.21
	C. D. Spangler	9,189.91

CEMETERY DEEDS APPROVED FOR TRANSFER.

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

- (a) Deed to Mrs. Lillian Donnell, for front of Row 18, Lot B, section A, North Pinewood Cemetery, at \$40.95.
- (b) Deed to Mrs. Frances F. Jones, Lot 85, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN FOR THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given the City Manager to present the following items not included in the Docket.

APPLICATION FOR LOCATION OF STORAGE WAREHOUSE AT 2811 CENTRAL AVE. APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, approving the application for the location of a Storage Warehouse, consisting of 1,800 square feet, at 2811 Central Avenue, in a Business-1 zone.

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UNION NATIONAL BANK AUTHORIZED TO REMOVE TREES FROM PLANTING STRIP AT
406 NORTH TRYON STREET.

Councilman Coddington moved the approval of the request of the Union National Bank to remove six trees from the planting strip at 406 North Tryon Street, which enterfere with the driveway into their Branch Bank. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


City Clerk