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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, December 7, 1938, with Mayor Douglas presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Durham, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance, Sides and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Little.

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#### HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR CHARLOTTE.

The Mayor announced that an open hearing was held at the last meeting of the Council with reference to the establishment of a Housing Authority for the City of Charlotte, at which time a motion was passed to delay action on the question for one week, and asked if the Council was now ready to consider the matter.

A full opportunity to be heard on said question, having been granted to all residents and taxpayers of the City, and to all others interested, at the last meeting, the Mayor gave further opportunity to the large delegation of interested citizens present at this time, and a number of representatives from the different labor organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor spoke on behalf of a Housing Authority, as well as one representative of real estate men who opposed the question, after which the following resolution was introduced by Councilman Albea, who moved its adoption:

A RESOLUTION  
DECLARING THE NEED FOR A HOUSING AUTHORITY TO FUNCTION IN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE,  
NORTH CAROLINA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE City Council of the City of Charlotte

North Carolina:

That a petition having been filed with the City Clerk of said City by twenty-five (25) residents thereof, setting forth that there is a need for a Housing Authority to function therein, and a public hearing having been held, upon due notice given by said City Clerk, all pursuant to the "Housing Authorities Law" of the State of North Carolina, the City Council of said City finds, determines and declares, that:

1. Insanitary and unsafe inhabited dwelling accommodations exist in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina; and
2. There is a lack of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, available for all the inhabitants thereof; and
3. There is need for a Housing Authority to function in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina; and

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4. A petition setting forth the need for a Housing Authority to function in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, has not been denied by the City Council thereof within three months of the date of filing of the aforesaid petition; and

5. The Mayor of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, be promptly notified of the adoption of this resolution; and

6. The Mayor be and he hereby is directed to file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, the necessary certificate evidencing the appointment of the Commissioners and designation of the first Chairman of the Housing Authority, pursuant to the "Housing Authorities Law" of the State of North Carolina; and

7. Said lack of safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations in the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, available for all the inhabitants thereof, at rents which persons of low income can afford, compels such persons to occupy overcrowded and congested dwelling accommodations; that the aforesaid conditions cause an increase in and spread of disease and crime; that the clearance and reconstruction of the areas in which insanitary or unsafe housing conditions exist are public uses and purposes, and that it is in the public interest that work on such projects be instituted as soon as possible in order to relieve unemployment which now constitutes an emergency; that it is necessary to the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety that this resolution become effective without delay, and, therefore, the same shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption.

8. The amelioration of the conditions enumerated above and the creation of a Housing Authority to carry out the purposes of the "Housing Authorities Law" are hereby declared to be a public purpose.

The motion to adopt said resolution was seconded by Councilman Griswold, and upon roll call the following voted Aye:

Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance and Sides.

Nay: Councilmen Durham and Wilkinson.

Thereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly adopted and passed.

Councilman Sides then moved that said resolution go into effect immediately, as provided in Section 7 thereof, which section was then read in full. The motion was seconded by Councilman Griswold and thereupon the Mayor put the question on the adoption of said motion, and upon roll call the following voted Aye: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Griswold, Hovis, Hudson, Huntley, Nance and Sides.

Nay: Councilmen Durham and Wilkinson.

Whereupon, the Mayor stated that said motion had received an affirmative majority vote and declared the same duly adopted.

The Mayor of the City of Charlotte being present at the meeting was thereupon notified of the adoption of the said resolution.

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VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS TO HAVE ARMORY WITHOUT COST.

Mr. Hood, representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who are sponsoring a "Radio Jamboree" on December 17th. asked that the Armory be granted to this organization without charge for that purpose since the proceeds are to go to local charity. Mr. Hood advised that a deposit of \$10.00 had already been made.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the request was granted.

BUS ROUTES OF DUKE POWER COMPANY.

In the matter of the proposed change in bus routes by the Duke Power Company, which was held over from the last meeting, Mr. Marshall read the following letter which had been received from the Duke Power Company:

To the Honorable Mayor and City Council  
of the City of Charlotte:

Duke Power Company respectfully requests that it be authorized and empowered to make the following changes in its Eastover-Southern Station, Fourth Ward-East Morehead Street, and Wilmore-Hutchison Avenue bus routes, said changes to be in effect on and after Sunday, December 11th. 1938:

EASTOVER-EAST MOREHEAD ROUTE

Buses to be operated East from the Square along Trade Street to Brevard Street, South along Brevard to Fourth; East along Fourth Street and Crescent Avenue to Laurel Avenue, South along Laurel Avenue to Cherokee Road; East along Cherokee Road to Cottage Place, West along Cottage Place to Providence Road; North along Providence Road and Caswell Road to Fourth Street, and thence along Fourth, Brevard and Trade Streets to the Square; South from the Square along Tryon Street to Morehead, East along Morehead to Dilworth Road, South along Dilworth Road to Mt. Vernon Avenue, West along Mt. Vernon to Myrtle Avenue, South along Myrtle to Berkley Avenue, East along Berkeley Avenue to Dilworth Road; South along Dilworth Road to Romany Road (detouring at present along Langanore Place from Dilworth Road to Romany Road); East along Romany Road to Morehead Street, West along Morehead Street to Tryon Street, thence along Tryon to the Square.

Buses to be operated over this route on a 15-minute schedule and to be operated in opposite directions on the loop beginning at Caswell Road and Crescent Avenue. All buses on this route going East to carry destination signs EASTOVER AND PROVIDENCE ROAD, or EASTOVER AND CRESCENT AVENUE.

Note: That portion of the present East Morehead-Fourth Ward route operated North from the Square along Tryon Street to Eleventh, along Eleventh to Church, along Church to Tenth, along Tenth to Pine, along Pine to Eleventh, along Eleventh to Graham, along Graham to Twelfth, along Twelfth to Pine, along Pine to Tenth and returning along Tenth, Church, Eleventh and Tryon Streets to the Square to be served by the Wilmore-Hutchison Avenue route.

Note: That portion of the present Eastover-Southern Station route operating from the Square along West Trade Street to Graham, along Graham to Fifth, Fifth to Wilkes, Wilkes to Trade and returning along Trade to the Square, will be served by the Mt. Holly Road, Wesley Heights, Biddleville and State Street routes.

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WILMORE-HUTCHISON AVENUE ROUTE.

Buses to be operated North from the Square along Tryon Street to Keswick Avenue, along Keswick to Hutchison Avenue, along Hutchison Avenue and Graham Street to Eleventh Street, along Eleventh to Pine, along Pine to Tenth, along Tenth to Church, along Church to Eleventh, along Eleventh to Tryon, and returning along Tryon to the Square. There will be no change in the operation of this route South of the Square and in the Wilmore Section.

Buses to be operated over this route in opposite directions around the loop from Eleventh and Tryon Streets on the present 20-minute schedule. Buses operating along North Tryon Street to Keswick Avenue to carry destination signs NORTH TRYON STREET, those operating along West Eleventh Street to carry destination signs FOURTH WARD.

Note: That portion of the present route along Eighth from Graham to Tryon Street to be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,  
DUKE POWER COMPANY  
By J. A. Forney

Mr. Marshall also presented a letter received from Mr. J. Louis Carter, who had appeared at the last meeting in opposition to the proposed change of the Eastover route, withdrawing his complaint since he had learned that the change would be of benefit to residents on Vail Avenue rather than the opposite.

Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, moved that the above changes, as set forth by the Duke Power Company, be approved. Motion carried unanimously after discussion.

REPORT OF FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE RE CIVIL SERVICE INVESTIGATION.

Councilman Baxter, Chairman of the Fact-Finding Committee appointed by Mayor Douglas to go into the matter of rumors regarding the Police Department, reported that his committee had met with the Civil Service Commission, the City Manager, Chief of Police and others, and that the newspaper men had also been invited to sit in on this meeting, and that the Committee wished to report as follows:

"We have found that definite facts were not presented to substantiate rumors against certain City officials.

Therefore, the accused City officials and their Departments were exonerated from any so-called rumors.

Furthermore, it was found that hereafter no charges should be made against City officials or their Departments except they be substantiated by proven facts and not rumors. "

Whereupon, on motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the above report was adopted.

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RE-ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE - SOUTH ALEXANDER STREET

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the following re-assessment ordinance on property originally assessed as a whole against S. T. Moore, was unanimously adopted on three readings:

The City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, DO ORDAIN that the special benefits to the abutting property on SOUTH ALEXANDER STREET, beginning at a point 99 feet as measured northerly from the northwest corner of the intersection of South Alexander Street and East Stonewall Street, and running thence in a northerly direction 49.5 feet, and being originally assessed as a whole against S. T. Moore, is hereby sub-divided and re-assessed on the West side only, as follows:

NEW NO.	OWNER	FRONTAGE	WATER	SEWER	STREET	WALK	TOTAL
520	S. T. Moore	24.5	-	-	78.199	20.21	\$98.40
522	W. C. Davis	25.00	-	8.70	79.79	20.55	109.04

FLOWER SHOW TO USE ARMORY-AUDITORIUM WITHOUT COST.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Nance, the Charlotte Garden Club, Mrs. Joe Garibaldi, President, was granted free use of the Armory-Auditorium for the Flower Show April 24th. to 29th. 1939.

CONTRACT FOR ELEVATOR BELT ASSEMBLY - ELGIN SWEEPER.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the Mayor and Clerk were authorized to sign a contract with the North Carolina Equipment Company, State distributors of the Elgin Sweeper Company, for one Elevator Belt Assembly for Elgin sweeper owned by the City of Charlotte, at a total delivered price of \$224.44.

PURCHASE OF CITY OWNED LAND BY MR. R. T. KEESLER.

The City Manager reported that Mr. R. T. Keesler had offered to purchase from the City a tract of land containing 2.7 acres, on the Oakdale Road, opposite the City Reservoir, for a price of \$450.00, and that the Chairman of the Real Estate Committee had approved this price. It was, therefore, the recommendation of the City Manager that this property be advertised for sale.

Councilman Huntley then moved that this property be advertised for sale, which was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR MR. R. E. HENDERSON, OF CHARLOTTE BONDED WAREHOUSE.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Griswold, the application for Special Officer permit for Mr. R. E. Henderson, on the premises of the Charlotte Bonded Warehouse Company, was approved.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT FOR MR. CHARLIE THORNBURG- J. B. IVEY & CO. PREMISES.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hovis, Mr. Charlie Thornburg was granted a special officer permit on the premises of J. B. Ivey & Company.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR CITY EMPLOYEES:

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Albea, all City employees who can be away from their duties, were granted Christmas holidays beginning at 1 P. M. Friday, December 23rd. and ending on Tuesday morning, December 27th. And by this same motion employees are to receive a half month's salary in advance on December 15th. covering the period from December 15th to January 1st.

Councilman Griswold, seconded by Councilman Hovis, then moved that Monday, January 2nd be observed as a New Year's holiday.

RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF MR. AMOS COOK.

The following Resolution was introduced by Councilman Griswold, who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Mr. Amos Cook has been called from our midst through a tragic death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook has been a faithful, loyal and efficient employee of the City of Charlotte for a long period of years, it is with deep regret that we mourn his passing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Charlotte express to his widow and children it's sincere sympathy in their great loss and bereavement;

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council and a copy be delivered to Mrs. Amos Cook, the widow.

The above motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and unanimously carried.

NEWSTAND OF MR. DEWITT BROWN AT CORNER OF TRADE AND TRYON STREETS.

Mr. DeWitt Brown, operator of the newstand at the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets, appeared before the Council with regard to his removal from this corner; Mr. Brown wanting to know if all newstands had to be removed from the City sidewalks. He was informed that wherever such newsstand occupied space on the City's sidewalks it would be necessary for them to be removed but that an operator could sell from a window of a building and stand on the sidewalk himself. Mr. Brown also submitted a record of the rents paid by him for his space on the present location, at the Liggett Building, as called for by Councilman Wilkinson.

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CEMETERY DEEDS.

On motion of Councilman Huntley, seconded by Councilman Albea, the following cemetery deeds were approved:

P. A. Stephenson, Lot No. 128, Section "Y", Elmwood Cemetery	\$105.70
Transfer of Eastern portion of Lot No. 1, Section "Y" from Mrs. Mary W. Herndon to Mrs. Ollie G. McWhirter	1.00
On affidavit of Annie Clarkson and other Heirs of William Clarkson, Sr. new deed to Lot No. 1, Section "G", to be issued in the name of Miss Annie Clarkson.	

READING OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DEFERRED.

On motion of Councilman Sides, seconded by Councilman Hovis, the reading of the minutes of the two previous meetings, was postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Durham, the meeting adjourned.

*Alice B. McNeill*  
City Clerk