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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 22, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Johnston, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman Hinson.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend F. C. Deble, Pastor, Commonwealth Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Newson, the minutes of the meetings on April 15th and 17th, 1947, were approved as read.

COMMUNITY CRUSADERS PROGRAM.

Dr. Nathaniel Tross and Mr. Henry Houston spoke on the work being done by the Community Crusaders organization for the improvement of negro life in Charlotte. They requested the endorsement of Council of their "Go to Church - Go to Sunday School Program" for negro youths.

Councilman White moved that the program be endorsed by the Council. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

CROSSTOWN BOULEVARD.

Mr. John A. McRae, Attorney for a Committee of citizens opposing the construction of a highway through Charlotte, requested that action be taken on their request for the abandonment of the highway route.

Councilman McIntyre stated that he opposed the route selected, and moved the unanimous consent of Council to reconsider the matter. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and did not carry.

ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY FIRE REGULATIONS.

The City Attorney was requested to review the emergency fire regulations to promote safety to life, to eliminate any overlapping provisions with the recently passed State Laws, and to draft an ordinance pertaining thereto for consideration of Council.

CONFIRMATION OF SALE OF TAX FORECLOSED PROPERTY TO W. M. HOUGH.

Councilman McIntyre moved that the sale of tax foreclosed property at 808-10 East 18th Street, on March 3, 1947, be confirmed to W. M. Hough at \$400.00. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT 714 WEST TRADE STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Puette, permission was unanimously granted Southern Electric Service Company to removed an oak tree from the planting strip at 714 West Trade Street.

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CONTRACT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY IN WILKINSON BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Newson, contract was unanimously authorized with the State Highway Commission for right-of-way encroachment in Wilkinson Boulevard, for the construction of a water line to serve a subdivision in Crest Avenue.

CONTRACT WITH MOREBILT HOMES, INC. FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION.

Motion was made by Councilman Childs, seconded by Councilman Puette, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Morebilt Homes, Inc., for water mains construction in Morebilt Homes Subdivision (Melbourne Court, Melbourne Circle and Marsh Road) for a distance of 3,045 feet, and the installation of four fire hydrants, at a total cost of \$6,243.75, to be financed by the applicant.

CONTRACTS AND PURCHASES.

Upon motion of Councilman Johnston, seconded by Councilman Puette, the following contracts and purchases, and the allocation of funds therefor were unanimously authorized:

- (a) Contract with Boyd & Goforth for 1,000 feet of 2 inch wrought iron pipe, in the sum of \$580.00, for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract with International Harvester Company for One 1/2 ton pick-up truck, less body, in the sum of \$1,037.75, for use by the Traffic Signal Division.
- (c) Purchase of Body and Fenders for Pick-up Truck, from West-side Used Auto Parts Company, at \$135.00, for the Traffic Signal Division.

MAYOR URGED SUPPORT OF CITY LIMITS EXTENSION ELECTION.

Mayor Baxter stated he wished to urge the support of the citizens for the city limits extension election on April 28th. He stated the inclusion of the area outside the city was necessary to provide proper water and sewer services. Also, that the City should have the benefit of these residents as citizens of Charlotte, as they enjoy the privileges of the City, and in order that new business concerns may be attracted to Charlotte by reason of its large population.

ENDEAVORS OF AIRPORT COMMITTEE TO SECURE ADDITIONAL AIRPORT FACILITIES FOR CHARLOTTE ENDORSED.

Councilman McIntyre moved that a letter be addressed to the Airport Committee assuring them of the unanimous support and endorsement of Council in their endeavors to obtain additional air facilities for Charlotte. Motion seconded by Councilman Puette, unanimously carried, and was concurred in by Mayor Baxter.

CEMETERY DEEDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Puette, seconded by Councilman Johnston, Council unanimously consented to the presentation of the following cemetery deeds for transfer:

- (a) To Mrs. Polly L. Helms, Lot 239, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (b) Duplicate deed to L. A. Earley and wife, for Lot 69, Section 2, Elmwood Cemetery, at a charge of \$1.00.

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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 29, 1947, with Mayor Baxter presiding, and Councilmen Childs, Hinson, McIntyre, Newson, Puette and White present.

Absent: Councilman Johnston.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Robt. F. Boyd, Pastor of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman McIntyre, seconded by Councilman Newson, the minutes of the meeting on April 22nd were approved as read.

HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE AND DEFERMENT OF ACTION.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted on April 8, 1947, providing for a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, and Notice of said hearing having been advertised in The Charlotte News on April 11th and 18th, 1947, the Mayor announced that interested persons would now be heard.

There being no comments either for or against the amendment, the following ordinance was introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 12. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
THE CITY CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE ZONING  
ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

Section 1. That Chapter 21, Section 2 of the City Code of the City of Charlotte (Ordinance Book 10) be amended by having "Building Zone Map, City of Charlotte, North Carolina" amended by changing from R2 Residence Districts to an Industrial District, the following described area:

"That area on the west side of South Tryon Street from the south boundary of Lot 1 in Block 12, according to a map of Wilmore, recorded in Book 332, page 96, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County, to the presently zoned Industrial area, including all of Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12 in Block 12, as shown on said map; and also including the area on the east side of South Tryon Street from the South boundary of Lot 11, in Block 6, of Wilmore, as shown on Map recorded in Book 332, page 96, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Mecklenburg County to the presently zoned Industrial area, including Lots 28 and 29, in Block 6, as shown on said map."

Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption after a public hearing in connection therewith.

Councilman Hinson moved that action be deferred for one week. Motion seconded by Councilman Childs, and unanimously carried.

Mayor Baxter referred the matter to the Real Estate Committee for investigation.