

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, September 7, 1949, with Mayor Shaw and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as submitted.

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO IDEAL WAY, WINTHROP AVENUE, AND VICINITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given to consider the request of Mr. John White for action on petition filed with the Engineering Department for improvements to Ideal Way, Winthrop Avenue and vicinity.

Mr. White stated the petition requested pavement, sidewalks, curbs and gutters. He further advised that the drainage of storm water was such that the private property, as well as the roadway, is being washed away.

The City Manager advised that many petitions for similar work have been on file for months and due to lack of funds have not been handled.

In reply to the inquiry of Mr. White as to how soon the work could be done if the residents of the area paid for it, the City Manager stated an estimate could be made immediately after October 1st, and the work started by November 1st.

CITY ATTORNEY DIRECTED TO PREPARE NECESSARY PAPERS TO AMEND TAXICAB ORDINANCE FOR PRESENTATION ON SEPTEMBER 14th.

Mr. Paul Erwin, Attorney for Red Top Cab Company and Mr. Ralph Kidd, Attorney for Victory Cab Company, again appeared before Council urging that serious consideration be given the allowance of a trial period for testing various taxicab operations, as submitted to Council on August 31st.

The Rev. Joseph Fraylon requested a reduction from 50¢ to 25¢ in cab rates, together with legalized cruising of cabs, to better serve the negro population.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, stated he had been directed by Council today to prepare a resolution which would delay the enforcement of the ordinance provision against the rental system between Taxicab Franchise holders and drivers until midnight September 30, 1949, and an amendment to the Taxicab Ordinance making effective, on or before November 30, 1949, meter fares at 35 cents for the first mile and a half and 10 cents for each half mile thereafter.

Councilman Aitken moved that further consideration of the matter be deferred for one week, and the resolution and ordinance be prepared by the City Attorney as outlined, and placed on the Council Meeting Agenda for the meeting on September 14th. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

## IMPROVEMENTS TO BURTON STREET AND BUS SERVICE THEREON REQUESTED.

Mr. Charlie Henderson, Attorney, appeared before Council in behalf of residents of the Greenville section, and requested that immediate steps be taken to improve Burton Streets and provide Bus service thereon for the benefit of the residents of the area, and in particular the school children.

A large delegation of negro residents of the Greenville section were present, and Mr. W. G. Byers, Principal of Fairview School and Mr. Mack Jurkin, former President of the Fairview School PTA, spoke to the request in behalf of the convenience and health of school children. The Rev. Greenwood spoke of the need for Bus service within the area for the residents in domestic service.

Mayor Shaw advised that an immediate investigation would be made of Burton Street, and that he would advise Mr. Henderson at once as to what can be done.

## ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES &amp; REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXCAVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS, ETC., DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Following the introduction of an Ordinance to Amend the City Code and Further Establish Rules and Regulations Governing the Excavations and Construction of Private Driveways, Etc., Councilman Coddington moved that action be deferred for one week in order that interested citizens may learn the provisions of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried.

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON CAMP GREEN AVENUE, FROM GREENE STREET TO ELON STREET, PASSED ON FIRST READING.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Camp Greene Avenue, from Greene Street to Elon Street" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, unanimously passed on its first reading. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 198.

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON CAMP GREEN AVENUE, FROM GREENE STREET TO ELON STREET.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Notice of Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Camp Greene Avenue, from Greene Street to Elon Street", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 199.

## MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF MEETING.

Mayor Shaw left the meeting at this time, and Mayor pro tem Aitken presided for the remainder of the session.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET OF PARK &amp; RECREATION COMMISSION, FOR \$490,050.00 APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the Capital Improvement Budget of the Park & Recreation Commission, <sup>which is filed with the City Clerk</sup> as submitted on August 29th, in the sum of \$490,050.00, and authorization to the City Treasurer to make available such amount of bond monies to the Treasurer of the Park & Recreation Commission to be expended in accordance with the said Budget, provided a surety bond in the amount of \$25,000.00 be furnished the City of Charlotte for faithful accounting of said funds, and the premium for same be charged to the Bond funds. Motion seconded by Councilman Daughtry and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

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

Councilman Coddington recorded as not voting.

REMOVAL OF TREES AT INTERSECTION OF PECAN AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, Mr. W. B. Cocke was authorized to remove three trees from in front of the Self-Service Laundry Company, at the intersection of Pecan and Commonwealth Avenues, which interfere with traffic into his place of business.

EXTRA ITEMS ON CONTRACT WITH HARRISON-WRIGHT COMPANY FOR HIGH INTENSITY LIGHTING SYSTEM INSTALLATION AT AIRPORT.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing extra items on contract with Harrison-Wright Company, for installation of high intensity lighting at Douglas Municipal Airport, in the sum of \$4,297.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers was authorized as follows:

- (a) Contract with John Reece for 8-inch sewer in Baltimore Avenue, at a cost of \$254.76, to serve one house and 3 vacant lots, All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$54.76 to be refunded in accordance with the contract.
- (b) Construction of an 8-inch sewer in East 26th Street, East 25th Street and Yadkin Avenue, at a total cost of \$2,604.14, to serve 21 houses and 8 vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Albea moved that Westfield Road, from Queens Road west to Sterling Road, and Dickinson Place from end of paving to Hastings Drive, be taken over for maintenance. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing contracts for the following purchases:

- (a) Contract with Matthews-Morse Sales Company, for 7,500 feet of fire hose, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$5,655.00.
- (b) Contract with Cyclone Fence Division of the American Steel and Wire Company, for One Fence 466-feet and 3 Gates, completely installed, in accordance with the specifications, at a net delivered price of \$1,676.60.
- (c) Contract with Graybar Electric Company, Inc., for 25,000 feet of Traffic Signal Cable, as specified, at a price of \$5,600.00.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to Robert H. Styron, and renewed to C. I. Hunsuck, both for use on the premises of the Southern Railway Company, Liddell Street.

## LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS REPORTED.

The City Manager reported the lease, and renewal of lease, of buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport to the following concerns:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
89	Valley Card Company	\$75.00	6-1-49 1 year renewal
259	M & G Box Company	\$35.00	5-1-49 1 year
Tanks	Shields Oil Company	\$30.00	9-16-49 1 year renewal
315	Stiwalt Furniture Company	\$20.00	10-1-49 1 year renewal
41 N.Wing	Hanover Distributing Co.	\$41.60	8-1-49 1 year renewal
102	A. A. Austin	\$20.00	9-1-49 5 years

## CEMETERY LOTS TRANSFERRED.

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

- (a) Deed to Miss Johan Entwistle Thompson, for Lot 219, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$156.00.
- (b) Deed to Mr. C. B. Blackwelder, for Perpetual Care on Lot 29, in Section H, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.
- (c) Deed to Mrs. Claire T. Vorhees for Perpetual Care on south-half of Lot 68, in Section Q, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$50.00.

## ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
City Clerk