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A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 22, 1950, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor pro tem Aitken presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON CENTRAL AVE. FROM THE SAL RY. CROSSING EAST TO THE PLAZA.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Central Avenue from the Seaboard Railway Crossing East to The Plaza" was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted on its final reading. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 343.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING APPRAISERS IN CONNECTION WITH IMPROVEMENTS ON CENTRAL AVENUE FROM THE SAL RY. CROSSING EAST TO THE PLAZA.

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A resolution/entitled, "Resolution Appointing Appraisers in Connection with Improvements on Central Avenue from the Seaboard Railway Crossing East to The Plaza." Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 346.

PROTEST SALE OF LOTS 14, 15 AND 16 IN BLOCK 7 FACING ON HARDING PLACE AND GREENWOOD CLIFF OWNED BY CITY, WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. Thomas C. Ruff and Mr. Paul C. Whitlock appeared for the neighbors in the immediate vicinity of Harding Place and Greenwood Cliff and contended that the sale of Lots 14, 15 and 16 in Block 7 for the erection of apartments would reduce surrounding property values and make the neighborhood a less desirable place to live; that, it is the obligation of the Council to protect the present property owners. They pled with the Council to either withdraw the lots from the market and dedicate them to park and recreation purposes or restrict the sale of the property to single family residences to cost not less than \$10,000.00, or duplex residences to cost not less than \$22,000.00 and that they consider the peace and happiness of the neighborhood, a community of old residents of the city.

Mr. Benjamin S. Horack spoke for his client, stating that the City possessed these lots through foreclosure proceedings; that they were deeded to the City in lieu of taxes and special assessments. He contended that the City should continue the sale of the lots as advertised and on the same condition as the rest of the lots on the street had been sold. Mr. Horack stated that the sale of these lots, with the improvements proposed to be made by his client, would produce an annual revenue in taxes of possibly from \$420.00 to \$600.00 a year.

He pleaded with the Council not to freeze competitive bidding by writing in restrictions which would make the property valueless to his client. Mr. Horack stated that most of the property in the neighborhood is zoned R-1 but that the property immediately across from the lots to be sold is zoned B-1 and "if these folks want to keep the lots vacant, there is a perfectly legitimate way in which they can do it - let them bid higher than my client

and buy the property. Then they can put any kind of restrictions on it they want to."

Councilman Boyd moved that the sale of the property be called off, withdrawn and declared null and void; and that the property be re-advertised for sale according to law, and that the advertisement contain the original restriction set forth by the Council, and further restriction added providing for duplexes on any of the three lots to cost not less than \$20,000.00 each; that no warranty will be given and that the bidding start at \$2,044.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and the votes cast were -

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Boyd and Jordan.

NAY: Councilmen Coddington, Daughtry and Wilkinson.

Mayor pro tem Aitken cast the deciding vote for the motion and it was passed.

SALE OF TAXFORECLOSED PROPERTY AT 1843-45 HILLSIDE DRIVE CONFIRMED.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the sale of tax foreclosed property at public auction on November 6, 1950, located at 1843-45 Hillside Drive, be confirmed to the high bidder, Ernest Dixson, at \$935.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following subdivision plats were approved, as recommended by the Planning Board:

- (a) Plat of Part of Wendover Hills Subdivision, bounded by Churchill Road, Ridgewood Ave. and Wendover Hills, being the property of Mr. Sam McDonald.
- (b) Plat of Portion of Pharr Acres, bounded by Pharr Acres, Sharon Road and undeveloped portion of Pharr Acres, and being the property of Mr. Sam McDonald.

RESOLUTION ABANDONING PART OF FAIRWAY CIRCLE.

Action was deferred by Council for one week on a resolution to abandon part of Fairway Circle, running to a dead-end at Myers Park Golf Course.

APPLICATION OF WILLARD SMELTING CO. TO CONSTRUCT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 101 GRIFFITH STREET APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, approving the application of Willard Smelting Company to construct an industrial building at 101 Griffith Street, approximately 1000 feet off South Boulevard at the old city limits.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Beverly Place, from East Ford Road to Alabama Avenue.
- (b) Mathis Drive, from Bigham Street to Rogers Street.
- (c) Rogers Street, from Gaston St. to 225 ft. east of Mathis Dr.
- (d) Cyrus Drive, from Central Avenue to Cyrus Road.
- (e) Cyrus Road, from Central Ave. south 2 blocks to dead-end.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR LIMITED MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, taking over the following streets for limited maintenance:

- (a) Vanderburg Street, from E. 10th St. north 1 block to dead-end.
- (b) Boyd Street, from Oregon Street to Lander Street.

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CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT OF PARKING AUTHORITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the appointment of the following persons to the Parking Authority by Mayor Shaw was confirmed:

David Craig, Jr., Chairman
George W. Dowdy
G. Duffie Bruns
Robert L. Chapman
Robt. Sidney Abernathy

TREE REMOVAL AT 737 WEST TRADE STREET AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved that permission be granted Brown-Glenn Co., to remove a tree at 737 West Trade Street. Motion was seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers, at the City's expense, at the following locations:

- (a) 260-ft. of 8-inch sewer in Wig Street, at an estimated cost of \$440.00, to serve 6 family units and 5 vacant lots, at the request of J. W. Rosebro and E. L. Vinson.
- (b) 3,391-ft. of 8-inch sewer and trunk line in Washburn and Chipley Avenues, at an estimated cost of \$6,880.00, to serve 30 family units, at request of Rev. J. A. Carriker.
- (c) 4,995-ft. of 8-inch sewer in Basin Street, Brookhill Road, Remus Road and Village Court, at an estimated cost of \$11,665.00, to serve 241 family units, at request of C. D. Spangler Company.
- (d) 80-ft. of 8-inch sewer in Draper Avenue at an estimated cost of \$200.00, to serve one house and 3 vacant lots, at request of E. S. Creech.

CONTRACTS FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the following contracts were authorized for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Sam H. McDonald, for construction of 350-ft. of main in Wendover Hills Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 4 lots. The City to finance all construction costs and applicant will guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of said cost.
- (b) Contract with Sam H. McDonald, for construction of 1,070-ft. of main in Wendover Hills Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00, to serve 13 residential lots. All costs to be borne by applicant, who will own mains until territory taken into city limits, when mains will be dedicated to the City without cost or further agreement.
- (c) Contract with Della Nashy and J. Boyd Wike, for construction of 535-ft. of 2-inch main in Hoskins Area, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$536.00, to serve two or more residences on Honeywood Street and Darby Avenue. All costs to be borne by applicant, who will own mains until territory is taken into city limits, when mains will be dedicated to the City without cost or further agreement.

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CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was authorized:

- (a) One 9-ft. driveway at 1121 Seigle Ave.
- (b) One 12-ft. driveway at 1701 Dilworth Road West.
- (c) One 9-ft. driveway at 1301 East 4th St.
- (d) Two 30-ft. driveways on West Boulevard and Two 25-ft. driveways on South Tryon St. for Service Station at northwest corner of West Boulevard.

CONTRACTS FOR PURCHASES AWARDED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, awarding contracts for purchases, as follows:

- (a) Contract awarded Crawford Sprinkler Company, for Four 8-inch Viking Model A Automatic Detector Check Valves, as specified, at a total price of \$1,688.00 for the Water Department.
- (b) Contract awarded Carolina Spastics Assoc. Inc., for Schedule of all equipment and supplies, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$12,443.89 for the Spastic Hospital.

L. L. LEDBETTER, CITY TREASURER, APPOINTED ACTING CITY MANAGER DURING ABSENCE OF CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Coddington moved that Mr. L. L. Ledbetter, City Treasurer, be authorized to act as City Manager during the absence of Mr. H. A. Yancey, City Manager, while on vacation and attending the International City Manager's Association Convention. Motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, holidays were granted City Employees on November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving Day, and on December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas.

SALARY ADVANCE GRANTED REGULAR CITY EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER 15th.

Councilman Albea moved that salaries be advanced to regular City Employees on December 15th for period December 15th through 31st, and that any employee not desiring such advance be paid at the regular time, on December 31st. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

SALVATION ARMY GRANTED PERMISSION TO PLACE KETTLE HOUSE AT INDEPENDENCE SQUARE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, the unanimous consent of Council was given Mayor pro tem Aitken to present a letter from the Salvation Army requesting permission to place their Kettle House at Independence Square to be opened on November 25th for the purpose of soliciting money for the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Fund. Councilman Wilkinson moved that the request of the Salvation Army be granted. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, the meeting was adjourned.


Deputy City Clerk