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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, November 26, 1952, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albee, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger, Jordan and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilman Coddington.

#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend L. B. Washington.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on November 19th, were approved as submitted.

#### OBJECTIONS FILED TO PROPOSED ROUTE OF WEST FIFTH STREET EXTENSION AND REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.

Mr. Francis Clarkson, representing Johnson C. Smith University, appeared before Council and filed objections to the proposed routing of West Fifth Street Extension because of the damage it will cause to the University property in isolating a portion of the land from the property. Property owners on Flint Street were also present and expressed objections to the proposed route because of the damage it will have on their residential property. Following the discussion, Councilman Boyd recommended that the Council in a body look over the area and consider all routing proposals submitted. The Council also concurred in the recommendation of Mayor Shaw that the City Manager study the matter and if possible recommend another route that will less seriously effect the property in question.

#### APPEAL FROM RULING OF ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT THAT RESIDENCE AT 1220 EAST BOULEVARD CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE USED AS A DRESS SHOP SUBMITTED AND REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY FOR RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. John Newitt, representing Mrs. E. S. Fayssoux and daughter, Mrs. Thelma F. Nabors, residents of 1220 East Boulevard, appeared before Council and filed an appeal from the ruling of the Zoning Board of Adjustment that his clients cannot continue the sale of dresses, at their residence, because of it being located in a Residence - 2 zoning district. Mr. Newitt requested that the petitioners be granted relief under the hardship provisions of the Zoning Law, Section XI(5), which gives the Council the authority to grant relief in such cases. He advised that the residence is located at the intersection of Charlotte Drive and Kenilworth Avenue and a large number of business establishments operate within this and adjoining blocks. Councilman Boyd moved that the request be referred to the City Manager and City Attorney for investigation and recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

#### RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON DECEMBER 17, 1952, ON AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF WEST BOULEVARD AND REMOUNT ROAD.

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 165 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 on property located at the northeast corner of West Boulevard and Remount Road", was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a resolution entitled: "Resolution providing for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance", on December 17, 1952, was presented and read. Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 44.

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RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON DECEMBER 17, 1952, ON AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE PLAZA AND NANDINA STREET.

An Ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 166 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 on property located on The Plaza and Nandina ", was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a resolution entitled: "Resolution providing for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance", on December 17, 1952, was presented and read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albee, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 45.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF HEARING ON DECEMBER 17, 1952, ON AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND WASENA STREET.

An Ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 167 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the Building Zone Map from R-1 to B-1 on property located on the North side of Independence Boulevard and Wasena Street", was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a resolution entitled: "Resolution providing for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance", on December 17, 1952, was presented and read. Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 46.

PLAT OF WOLFE ACRES SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Plat of Wolfe Acres Subdivision was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

SMALL TRIANGLE OF AIRPORT PROPERTY, WEST OF JACKSON HOMES, DEDICATED FOR STREET PURPOSES AT REQUEST OF A. T. WITHROW.

Councilman Jordan moved that a small triangle of Airport property west of Jackson Homes be dedicated for street purposes, in accordance with the request of Mr. A. T. Withrow. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for Maintenance:

- (a) Woodland Avenue, from Eastway Drive to Dresden Drive West.
- (b) Dresden Drive West, from Woodland Avenue 580 feet south.
- (c) Dresden Drive West, from Woodland Avenue 980 feet north.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS IN PARKWAY AVENUE APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan, moved that the construction of 1,150 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer mains in Parkway Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$2,520.00, to serve Glenwood School Cafeteria, 17 family units and 9 vacant lots be authorized with all costs to be borne by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH CHARLOTTE INVESTMENT COMPANY GRANTING PERMISSION TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY'S SYSTEM, TO SERVE BROADMOOR SUBDIVISION.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Charlotte Investment Company be granted permission to connect private sanitary sewer lines, to be constructed outside the city, to the City's sewerage system to serve the Subdivision known as Broadmoor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT WITH THE BRISTOL COMPANY FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING TWO ELEVATED TANK WATER LEVEL RECORDERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded to The Bristol Company for furnishing and installing 2 elevated tank water level recorders, as specified, at a net delivered installed price of \$1,345.00.

CONTRACT WITH THE SCHOOL PRINTING SERVICE FOR WATER BILL FORMS.

Councilman Jordan moved the award of contract to the School Printing Service for printing 500,000 Water Bill Forms, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$1,610.91. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations was approved:

- (a) One 10 ft. driveway entrance at 308 E. Fourth St.
- (b) Three 30 ft. driveway entrances at 1501 South Boulevard.
- (c) One 30 ft. driveway entrance on Baldwin Circle.
- (d) One 20 ft. driveway entrance on Baldwin Avenue for 803 Baldwin Circle.
- (e) One 30 ft. driveway entrance on W. Morehead St.
- (f) One 30 ft. driveway entrance on W. Dunbar St. for 225 W. Morehead Street.
- (g) One 20 ft. driveway entrance on Ideal Way.
- (h) Two 30 ft. driveway entrances on South Boulevard for 2301-2307 South Boulevard.

CONTRACT AWARDED PYRAMID MOTOR COMPANY FOR AUTOMOBILE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the Pyramid Motor Company for one custom Chevrolet, black, Tudor Sedan equipped with tinted glass, electric clock and windshield washer, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$1,530.00.

INCREASE GRANTED IN SALARY OF C. A. HELMS, RADIO TECHNICIAN.

Councilman Jordan moved that the salary of Mr. C. A. Helms, Radio Technician, be increased from \$3,766.56 to \$4,454.64 annually, effective December 1, 1952, in order that his salary be in line with that paid for similar work in the Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried.

SOUTHERN FLIGHT EXECUTIVE TERMINAL, INC. GRANTED PERMISSION TO SUBLET THEIR LEASE DATED AUGUST 15, 1952, COVERING AIRPORT BUILDING TO ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

Councilman Jordan moved that permission be granted Southern Flight Executive Terminal, Inc. to sublet to the Esso Standard Oil Company certain airport properties leased to them by the City under date of August 15, 1952. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every and unanimously carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE RELATIVE TO FIREMEN'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM ACCEPTED AS INFORMATION AND CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT AND GENERAL CITY EMPLOYEES WITH REGARD TO SAID SYSTEM.

Councilman Baxter moved that the report of the Council Committee appointed to make a study of the Firemen's Retirement System be accepted as information and that the City Manager be requested to confer with representatives of the Fire, Police and General City Employees relative to ways

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and means by which the retirement system of the Fire Department may be strengthened. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR WIDENING SELWYN AVENUE TO BE PRESENTED AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Boyd advised that in May, 1951, he presented a recommendation that Selwyn Avenue, together with certain other streets, be widened. That the increase in traffic on Selwyn Avenue due to large residential developments, in his opinion, now makes it imperative that some action be taken. He advised that at next Council meeting he will present a resolution recommending the widening of the street from the presently widened area to the end of the street and suggested that the Council drive over the street and be familiar with its condition.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILMAN S. R. JORDAN FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman S. R. Jordan submitted his resignation from the City Council by the following statement:

"This is the day that I have regretted to see because it is my last with you in this official capacity.

Having removed my residence from the City of Charlotte to the County, and am no longer a qualified elector it becomes necessary for me to relinquish my place on the City Council.

After nearly six years as a member of this panel, it isn't an easy thing to say goodbye. It's especially hard for me because - - well, I've enjoyed it. There were, of course, minor irritations. There have been days when the telephone rang with constant complaints, and nights when many an hour had to be given over to the group meetings or the visiting delegation. I've worried and wrestled with many an official problem - - and sometimes, even, with my own conscience - - and on more than one occasion I've wondered just what in the world impels a man to run for public office.

And now that it's all about to become, for me, just a memory - - I think I know what it is. It's the other times -- the pleasant, satisfying times when you know that you've helped make a right decision or joined in performing a useful service. It's the time of the deed accomplished - - the policy set, the contract awarded, the street opened, the duty done.

It's the time, too, of grateful acknowledgement - - the friendly greeting of a colleague, the approving nod of a department head, the warm smile of a City employee or an occasional taxpayer who knows, as the others know, that you've done your level best to do what was right, and what was just, and what was essential.

We've made a lot of what the newspapers call "progress" during the last six years. We've done a lot to upset the older pattern of a sit-still economy and catch up on a backlog of accumulated needs. Much of that progress can be credited to the foresight of the planners, the courage of the recent Mayors, the co-operation and assistance of local leaders and municipal department heads, the support and encouragement of the people themselves, and certainly - - to the zeal of the governing boards. I like to think that I, in some small way, contributed a useful share.

So, in this moment - - and looking back at the results - - I liked it. It was, in many respects, the revelation that makes the rounded life. In leaving it, I do so reluctantly but from a certain necessity, knowing that I leave it in exceedingly competent hands. I am grateful to all of you for the help you have given me, and for the strength you have lent in the tougher spots along the way. From here on out, you can be sure at least of one constant supporter - - Sandy Jordan, Citizen.

Mr. Mayor, I present this to you as my formal resignation from the City Council of the City of Charlotte."

S. R. Jordan

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TRIBUTE PAID TO COUNCILMAN JORDAN UPON RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Shaw expressed deep regret at the retirement of Councilman Jordan from the City Council. He commended him for the splendid services he had rendered the City of Charlotte during his three terms of office on the City Council. The Mayor removed from the Council table Councilman Jordan's name plate and presented it to him and wished him much success and happiness.

Tribute was paid Councilman Jordan by each of the Councilmen present, the City Manager, the City Clerk, the City Treasurer speaking for the employees, and the City Hall Reporters for the Charlotte News and the Charlotte Observer, spoke feelingly of their association with Mr. Jordan and expressed their appreciation for his fine co-operation and their regret at his leaving the City Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk