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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, May 13, 1953, at 4 o'clock p.m. with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting on Monday, May 11, 1953 were approved as submitted.

CONGRATULATIONS EXTENDED THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL BY THE CHAIRMAN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND JOINT CITY-COUNTY MEETING REQUESTED ARRANGED.

Mr. S. Y. McAden, Chairman of Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners extended the congratulations of the Board to Mayor Van Every and the City Council on their election, and wished for them a successful administration.

He requested that a Joint Meeting of the Council and Board be arranged to consider appropriations for joint accounts for the coming fiscal year.

Councilman Baxter moved that the meeting be held subject to the call of the Mayor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF HENRY A. YANCEY AS CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Dellinger moved the reappointment of Mr. Henry A. Yancey as City Manager, at the present salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MRS. LILLIAN R. HOFFMAN AS CITY CLERK.

Councilman Boyd moved the reappointment of Mrs. Lillian R. Hoffman as City Clerk, at the present salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN D. SHAW AS CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Brown moved the reappointment of Mr. John D. Shaw as City Attorney, at the present salary, and an allowance of \$1,190.64 for the salary of a Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF L. L. LEDBETTER AS CITY TREASURER.

Councilman Smith moved the reappointment of Mr. L. L. Ledbetter as City Treasurer, at the present salary, and that his bond be fixed at \$25,000.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF GEORGE D. LIVINGSTON AS CITY ACCOUNTANT.

Councilman Wilkinson moved the reappointment of Mr. George D. Livingston as City Accountant, at the present salary and that his bond be fixed at \$10,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANK N. LITTLEJOHN AS CHIEF OF POLICE.

Councilman Baxter moved the reappointment of Mr. Frank N. Littlejohn as Chief of Police, at the present salary, and that his bond be fixed at \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF DONALD S. CHARLES AS CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. Donald S. Charles as Chief of the Fire Department, at the present salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JAMES E. WALKER AS SOLICITOR.

Councilman Smith moved the appointment of Mr. James E. Walker as Solicitor, for a term of two years, at the salary paid the present Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JUDGE J. C. SEDBERRY AS RECORDER.

Councilman Boyd moved the reappointment of Judge J. C. Sedberry as Recorder, for a term of two years, at the salary presently paid him as Recorder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF JOHN A. McRAE, JR. AS VICE-RECORDER.

Councilman Dellinger moved the reappointment of Mr. John A. McRae, Jr., as Vice-Recorder, for a term of two years at the salary presently paid him as Vice-Recorder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL DIRECTED INSTALLED AT THE PLAZA AND BELVEDERE AVENUE.

Councilman Boyd moved that the City Manager be requested to have installed a Traffic Signal at The Plaza and Belvedere Avenue, and that funds to pay the cost thereof be allocated from the Emergency Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN EASTWOOD DRIVE AND CHURCHILL ROAD AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer mains were authorized at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 693-feet of 8-inch sewer main in Eastwood Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,890.00, to serve 10 family units, and 6 vacant lots, at request of Mr. Fred J. Wiggins. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (b) Construction of 328-feet of 8-inch sewer main in Churchill Road, at an estimated cost of \$960.00, to serve 2 family units, at request of Mr. D. R. Earnhardt, 3916 Churchill Road. All costs to be borne by the City, with a required deposit of \$760.00 by the Applicant, not subject to refund.

CONTRACT WITH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA HOMES, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS APPROVED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that contract with the Central Pennsylvania Homes, Inc., be authorized for the construction of 1,435 feet of water mains and one fire hydrant, in Bolling Road, at an estimated cost of \$3,080.00, to serve 21 residential lots. The City to finance all construction cost, and the said Company to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10-percent of the total cost. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

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SUBDIVISION PLAT OF PORTION OF MYERS PARK APPROVED.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Subdivision Plat of a Portion of Myers Park, submitted by the John Crosland Company and recommended by the Planning Board, be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Two 30-ft. entrances at 300 East Stonewall Street.
- (b) Two 40-ft. entrances and One 20-ft. entrance for loading docks and Two 35-ft. entrances for Parking Lot, for Good-year Rubber Company at 1000 Jay Street.

TIME FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FIXED AT 4 O'CLOCK P.M. ON WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Regular Council Meetings be held at 4 o'clock P.M. on Wednesday of each week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 19th AT 4:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

Councilman Albae moved that the next Council Meeting be held at 4:30 o'clock P.M. on Tuesday, May 19th, as a holiday had been declared by the Council for Wednesday, May 20th, in observance of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 AUDITORIUM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES.

Councilman Dellinger introduced a resolution, entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 AUDITORIUM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES". Following the reading thereof, Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Smith.

Councilman Boyd inquired as to why the \$200,000 Notes should be issued; that he was under the impression that the existing Note is for \$100,000, and if the Notes are issued what will be the result if the Bond Election on June 6th fails to carry?

The City Attorney explained that \$100,000 has been spent on the project for the purchase of land, architect's fees, core drilling, et cetera, for which the City, by proper resolution adopted by the Council, advanced \$125,000 from the General Fund. That the Notes mature on May 25, 1953 and it is necessary to now issue Notes in the amount of \$200,000 to repay the \$100,000 outstanding Notes and the \$125,000 advanced from the General Fund.

In reply to Councilman Boyd's further inquiry if any part of the \$200,000 will be spent on the project prior to the Bond Election, the City Manager replied that no additional funds will be paid from the funds with the exception of the election costs, and it is expected that there will be a small balance remaining.

The vote was then taken on the motion by Councilman Dellinger for the adoption of the resolution, entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 AUDITORIUM BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES", and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Albae, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson.

Nays: None

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, beginning at Page 93, and ending at Page 96.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 LIBRARY BONDS.

Councilman Baxter introduced the following resolution, which was read, entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 LIBRARY BONDS". Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, the foregoing resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$800,000 LIBRARY BONDS" was passed by the following vote:

Yeas: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson.

Nays: None.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, beginning at Page 97, and ending at Page 102.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED BY H. A. YANCEY FOR REAPPOINTMENT AS CITY MANAGER.

Mr. Yancey expressed his appreciation for the vote of confidence evidenced by the Council in reappointing him City Manager, and pledged his cooperation and best efforts in the interest of the City.

NEEDED PROJECTS FOR BETTER LIVING IN CHARLOTTE REQUESTED PRESENTED BY COUNCILMEN FOR CONSIDERATION.

Councilman Baxter recommended that each Councilman give thought to some needed project that will promote better living in our city and present their recommendations to the Council for consideration.

REQUEST FOR RESURFACING OF PLAZA ROAD BY STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AFTER JULY 1st.

Councilman Boyd referred to the action of the Council at the meeting on April 1, 1953, in petitioning the State Highway Commission to hold-up their plans for resurfacing Plaza Road from Mecklenburg Avenue to the city limits until sometime after July 1st, in order that the City Council could budget funds for widening this street to 45-feet and that the Highway Commission be requested to resurface this section of the street after the widening by the City. He asked the City Manager what the status of the matter is at this time? Mr. Yancey advised that he has discussed the matter with the Highway Commission, and will again discuss it with the newly appointed Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Graham.

CITY AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE NO. 2 PRESENTED TO MAYOR PRO TEM BY MAYOR.

Mayor Van Every presented to Mayor pro tem James S. Smith the No. 2 City Automobile License Plate which was issued to him as the former Mayor pro tem. Mr. Smith expressed his appreciation of the Mayor's thoughtfulness.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 4:30 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, May 19th.

City Clerk