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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 18, 1953, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilman Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: None.

#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

#### MINUTES APPROVED WITH CORRECTION.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on November 4th were approved with the following correction made by Councilman Brown: On Page 126, in the item relating to the proposed Improvements on Queens Road West the statement "That it is not necessary that another vote of approval of the project be given" was made by Councilman Boyd instead of Councilman Albea, as recorded.

#### HEARING RELATIVE TO CHANGING ZONING ON PORTION OF LOT AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SELWYN AVENUE AND COLONY ROAD CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the scheduled hearing on the requested change in zoning on a portion of the lot at the northeast corner of Selwyn Avenue and Colony Road was continued for one week as requested by Mr. Fred Hasty, Attorney for the opponents to the change, which was satisfactory with the petitioner.

#### ORDINANCE NO. 191 TO CHANGE ZONING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON PROPERTY AT 1100-1130 EAST 36TH STREET DENIED.

The scheduled hearing was held on the requested change in zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property at 1100-1130 East 36th Street, requested by Mr. T. H. Freeman and Mr. D. C. Staton. Mr. Mercer Blankenship, Attorney for Mr. Freeman stated that with the widening of such streets as Thrift Road, Graham Street, Independence Boulevard and now East 36th Street, these streets have become arterial highways and unsuited for residential purposes, and unless the zoning is corrected to permit the construction of business houses, the property owners are denied the proper development of their property. He stated that during the years property valuations on East 36th Street have been held down and now that it has been widened, the property owners feel they are entitled to obtaining the full benefits of business development. Mr. Blankenship introduced Mr. Floyd Ballard who advised he wishes to purchase the property in question from Mr. Freeman and erect a retail tire plant for recapping and retreading tires, which type of business will increase property valuations within the area. He advised further that this type of business will in no way disturb the peace of the adjoining residential area as the plant will be electrically operated and there will be no excessive noise, nor any smoke from the plant. Mr. Blankenship asked if the Council does not see fit to rezone the entire portion of the requested area, then that 100 feet of the property from the corner of 36th Street and Wesley Avenue be rezoned to B-1 and they will develop this as business property.

Mr. D. C. Staton advised that the property he is requested rezoned is not owned by him but is church property, and they desire to sell it and use the funds for the development of the Y.M.C.A. property which the church has purchased. He stated they have been unable to dispose of the property for residential purposes and now that 36th Street has become a thoroughfare, it is only logical that the street be developed as business property. He advised that the blocks on either side of the property in question, and also the block across the street, contains business houses, which were erected prior to the adoption of the Zoning laws.

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Mr. Charles Knox, Attorney for the opponents, urged that the residents of the area be protected from the encroachment of business, which will decrease their property valuations, increase traffic hazards and bring disturbance to this nice residential neighborhood. He stated further that once the zoning is changed to B-1 there will be no strings attached to the type of business that may be brought into the area. Mr. Knox called the Council's attention to the petition filed by him at the former hearing, bearing the signatures of twenty percent of the property owners at the front and rear of the property in question, which under the Zoning Laws makes it mandatory that a change in the present zoning must be by a two-thirds vote of the City Council. He advised that the petition bears additional names of interested residents of the area who object to the change, other than the signatures of the actual property owners representing the twenty percent referred to.

At the question of Councilman Boyd as to exactly how many of the residents, living within one block of the property, signed the petition, Mr. Knox replied that everyone of them signed the petition objecting to the change.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the request for rezoning of the property be denied as was formerly done by the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Smith and Wilkinson.

NAY: Councilmen Dellinger and Boyd.

Councilman Brown excused himself from voting on the motion by virtue of his being engaged in a business that would be competitive with the business proposed to be constructed on the property by Mr. Ballard.

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON MORAVIAN LANE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Moravian Lane", was placed on its final reading, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 157.

#### RESOLUTION APPOINTING APPRAISERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MORAVIAN LANE IMPROVEMENTS.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Appointing Appraisers In Connection with the Moravian Lane Improvements", was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 159.

#### LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS REPRESENTATIVE EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT OVER DECISION OF CITY AND COUNTY NOT TO PURCHASE VOTING MACHINES.

Mrs. Thomas Sharpe, representing The League of Women Voters, expressed disappointment over the decision of the Council and County Commissioners not to purchase voting machines, and also that the League representatives were not permitted to attend the joint conference of the two bodies where the decision was made. Mrs. Sharpe stated the League placed on exhibit in Charlotte a voting machine in 1950, which created much interest among the voters; that they are convinced that the residents would realize a big savings in time by use of the machines in voting; that the counting of ballots would be accurate and that such practice as persons coming into the voting booths with concealed, marked ballots would be eliminated. She asked just what the League can now do that would be effective towards continuing their promotion of the purchase of the voting machines.

Mayor Van Every pointed out that a majority of the Council favored the purchase of the machines, whereas only one favorable vote was cast by the County Commissioners; therefore, he would suggest that the League endeavor to convert the County Commissioners to the idea.

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Councilman Brown stated that the Election Board members could not answer such questions as the cost of maintenance of the machines, the problem of storage and the cost, etc. That he understood that the machines must be stored in one place and the City and County would be responsible for transporting them. Councilman Wilkinson pointed out that the Election Board members stated the use of the machines would not save time in the actual voting, only in the counting.

Mrs. Sharpe advised that the Voting Machine Company representatives advised that the upkeep would be negligible, and the Election Board has arranged to have all voting places in public buildings where the machines could be stored.

Mayor Van Every expressed his appreciation of the interest of the League in these municipal matters.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED BY MR. DAN MARLEY IN CONNECTION WITH HIS REPORT OF THE POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE FILED TODAY WITH THE MAYOR. MEETING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE FIXED FOR TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 24TH TO DISCUSS REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Mayor Van Every called on Mr. Dan Marley, member of the Police Study Committee, for any comments he wished to make in connection with the Report of his work on the Committee which he today filed with the Mayor.

Mr. Marley stated that in conclusion of his report, he feels that from the national point of view there has been such publicity that a Federal Grand Jury investigation should be requested, which will be the only way to clear "our" skirts.

Councilman Baxter asked if he had found any criminal action in his investigation, to which Mr. Marley replied that he had said "due to national publicity".

Mayor Van Every stated that a few weeks ago when the matter of the national publicity arose, he expressed the opinion that in the public interest an investigation should be made by the Grand Jury and that he still advocates that this be done, but he does not know if a Federal Grand Jury would have jurisdiction in the matter; however, he still feels that an investigation should be made by whatever Grand Jury is proper in the case so that the matter may be cleared up.

Mr. Marley stated he is leaving it entirely up to the City to take whatever action is thought necessary.

Councilman Boyd stated that if Mr. Marley has any evidence whatsoever that will stand up in court he should give it to the City Council who has power to subpoena witnesses and to administer oaths, and if there are any officers in the Police Department guilty of accepting bribes, then let them be dealt with. That he thinks that it is nothing but right and proper that Mr. Marley do this rather than stand before this Council and by innuendo and insinuations cast reflections on the members of the Police Department without evidence to back it up, not one word of which has been set down in his report.

Mr. Marley advised that he said "on the assumption of the national publicity". That this is his city just as it is Mr. Boyd's and when people on the outside are looking at us critically, then some action should be taken in the matter. He stated further that he did not intend to try to prove anything to Mr. Boyd, that he is giving the Council his assumption.

Councilman Boyd then asked why Mr. Marley wants a Federal Grand Jury investigation after all the field that Dr. Snyder, Mr. Schwartz and he have covered and not given the Council one single thing to investigate? Mr. Marley replied that he did not have to prove anything.

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Councilman Brown stated that Mr. Marley is not on trial; that he has submitted a fine report on his activities on the Committee and he is merely stating that what Mr. Drew Pearson said should be cleared up.

Councilman Boyd then stated that he has previously said that Drew Pearson is a common liar when he said that protection is being paid to our policeman, or that Mr. Pearson is mistaken.

Mr. E. G. Presser, a spectator, was given the privilege of the floor and stated he would like to have Mr. Marley say whether in the course of his study if any one at any time intimated they were aware of any irregularities.

Mr. Marley stated he is not on trial and does not have to prove anything and does not intend to prove anything to anybody.

Mayor Van Every advised that he wished to request the Council, as he did several weeks ago when certain information was given him by Dr. Snyder and Mr. Schwartz from Mr. Drew Pearson, that the information be turned over to the District Attorney.

Councilman Boyd stated he thought it should be done.

Councilman Albea expressed the opinion that the matter should be taken under consideration at this time.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Mr. Marley's report be accepted, and the Council, Police Study Committee, City Manager and Chief of Police meet together on next Tuesday night, at 7 o'clock in the Mayor's office for the sole purpose of studying the Committee's reports. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Councilman Smith called attention to the fact that all of the reports on the subject have not been received; that the reports of the City Manager and Chief of Police containing their recommendations have not come in and action should be reserved until they are filed.

The vote was then taken on the motion by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

APPRECIATION OF COUNCIL EXPRESSED TO MR. DAN MARLEY FOR HIS WORK ON THE POLICE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Council express their appreciation to Mr. Dan Marley for the efforts and time he has given to the work on the Police Study Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

PETITION REQUESTING INFORMATION RELATIVE TO MEANS TO BE PROVIDED PEDESTRIANS ON SOUTH-EAST SIDE OF WEST FIFTH AND FLINT STREETS CROSSING WEST FIFTH STREET.

Councilman Boyd submitted a petition signed by twenty-five residents of Flint Street, requesting information as to what means will be provided for them and school children on the south-east side of Fifth and Flint Streets to cross West Fifth Street when it is completed. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the petition was referred to the City Manager for investigation and report.

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

Councilman Wilkinson presented a request from the Salvation Army that permission again be granted them to place their Kettle House on Independence Square to receive Christmas contributions for the needy, beginning on Saturday, November 28th. Councilman Wilkinson moved that the request be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE (1) MOVING OF FIRE HYDRANT AT 2001 RATCLIFFE AVENUE TO ANOTHER LOCATION, (2) INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT SOUTH BOULEVARD AND GRIFFIN STREET, (3) INVESTIGATE LOWERING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PLAZA AND BELVEDERE AVENUE AND (4) INSTALLING TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT KING'S DRIVE AND EAST BOULEVARD.

Councilman Dellinger requested that the City Manager have the Water Department investigate the advisability of moving the fire hydrant at 2001 Ratcliffe Avenue to another location as it has been knocked down several times.

Councilman Brown requested that the City Manager investigate the need for a traffic signal at South Boulevard and Griffin Street to operate with the Railroad signal at this location.

The City Manager was requested to investigate the lowering of the traffic signal at The Plaza and Belvedere Avenue as it is reported by Councilman Boyd as being too high to be easily seen.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the City Manager was directed to investigate the advisability of installing a traffic signal at King's Drive and East Boulevard, as requested by Mrs. Samuel Schrieber, who stated that the traffic hazard is extremely great at this location.

RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE OF CHARLOTTE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION TO SHRINE BOWL OF THE CAROLINAS, INC. FOR TRACT OF LAND FOR ERECTION OF BUILDING FOR STORAGE OF SHRINE BOWL FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution approving Lease of Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission to Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas, Inc. for Tract of Land for Erection of Building for Storage of Shrine Bowl Football Equipment," was introduced and read by Councilman Brown, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 159.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING UNITED SOCIAL PLANNING SERVICES OF UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICES TO STUDY NEGRO HOSPITALIZATION SITUATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR STUDY AND GUIDANCE.

Mayor Van Every stated he has given much thought and study to the recommendation by Councilman Baxter last June that he look into the negro hospitalization situation, and he recommends that the Council call on the United Social Planning Services, a division of the United Community Services, to perform this service for the City, as they are ably qualified to do so.

At the request of the Mayor, Councilman Smith introduced and read a resolution entitled: "Resolution Requesting United Social Planning Services of United Community Services to study Negro Hospitalization Situation and make Recommendations to the City Council for their Study and Guidance". Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF VOTING MACHINES BY CITY AND COUNTY REJECTED.

Councilman Boyd moved that the following information be recorded in the Minutes, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried:

"That the question of the purchase of voting machines by the City Council and County Commissioners was informally considered by the two governmental bodies in joint meeting this date, and the motion by himself that the machines be purchased for use in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County was lost in the joint vote".

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STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

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

- (a) Academy Street from end of present maintenance to Hampshire Place.
- (b) Anderson Street, from Meadow Lane to Boyd Street.
- (c) Clark Street, from Hillside Street to Country Club Drive.
- (d) South Dotger Avenue, from end of present maintenance north of Vail Avenue, north to dead-end.
- (e) Eastwood Drive, from Anderson Street south to end of present maintenance.
- (f) Eastwood Drive, from Anderson Street east 100 feet.
- (g) Hampshire Place, from Academy Street to Anderson Street.

CONTRACT FOR WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED WITH GOODYEAR MORTGAGE CORPORATION INSTEAD OF GEORGE S. GOODYEAR COMPANY.

Councilman Boyd moved that the contract for the construction of water mains in Selwyn Park Subdivision #5 authorized on November 4, 1953, with George S. Goodyear Company be changed to Goodyear Mortgage Corporation in lieu of George S. Goodyear Company, as recommended by the City Manager upon the request of Mr. Goodyear. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH McARN & GWYNN COMPANY FOR WATER MAIN INSTALLATION IN OLD PINEVILLE ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with McArn & Gwynn Company for the construction of 3,960 feet of water main in Old Pineville Road, at an estimated cost of \$11,880.00, to serve residential property, and that all cost be borne by the applicant who will own the mains until the territory is taken into the City, at which time they are to become the property of the City.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewer mains was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) 270 feet of sewer main in Hawkins Street, at request of Herald Press, Inc., at an estimated cost of \$680.00, to serve six business units. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (b) 2,438 feet of sewer main and trunk sewer in Queens Road East and Bucknell Avenue, at request of John Crosland Company, at an estimated cost of \$6,880.00, to serve 28 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City, and applicant's required deposit of the full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) 842 feet of sewer main in Club Colony, at request of City Engineer, at an estimated cost of \$3,700.00, to serve 23 family units and one vacant lot. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (d) 165 feet of sewer main in North Myers Court, at request of Mr. C. T. Brown, 1708 Dilworth Road West, at an estimated cost of \$640.00, to serve 8 family units and one vacant lot. All costs to be borne by the City.

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CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of driveway entrances at the following locations:

- (a) One 24-ft. driveway at 1756 Queens Road West.
- (b) One 18-ft. driveway on Bolling Road for 140 Huntley Place.
- (c) One 8-ft. driveway at 2209 Rozzells Ferry Road.
- (d) One 8-ft. extension to present 12-ft. driveway at 126 E. 6th Street.
- (e) One 30-ft. driveway on East 7th Street and One 30-ft. driveway on N. College Street, both for 127-129 East 7th Street.
- (f) One 10-ft. driveway on Berkley Avenue and One 10-ft. driveway on East Morehead Street, both for 1201 East Morehead Street.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN OXYGEN COMPANY, INC. FOR RESUSCITATORS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the Southern Oxygen Company, Inc., for Two Emerson Dual Resuscitators complete with carrying case, Two Flexible Connections for large oxygen cylinders, Two 50-foot Hose Extensions for Pole-top Resuscitator and Eight type D, Medical Oxygen Cylinders charged, as specified, at a total price of \$1,026.00, subject to 3% cash discount.

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Lynchburg Foundry Company, for 528-feet of 36-inch diameter, 96-feet of 30-inch diameter, 11,340-feet of 24-inch diameter, one piece of 24-inch, one piece of 16-inch 12-foot long, and one piece of 16-inch 3 ft. 11-15/16 inch long, Cast Iron Pipe, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$134,404.83.

CONTRACT AWARDED LYNCHBURG FOUNDRY COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Lynchburg Foundry Company for 74 Cast Iron Pipe Fittings, as specified, using Alternate Bids where specified as follows: Item 28 use Alternate No. 2; Item 29 use Alternate No. 1; Item 30 use Alternate No. 1 under alternate for Item 29; Item 31 use Alternate No. 2 under alternate for Item 30, all representing a total net delivered price on Alternate Bid basis, on a unit price basis, in the amount of \$21,587.89.

CONTRACT AWARDED S. MORGAN SMITH COMPANY FOR CONE VALVES.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded S. Morgan Smith Company (through Purser & London of Charlotte) for Five 30-inch, Four 24-inch, One 20-inch and Eight 16-inch Cone Valves manually operated, as specified on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$96,340.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED RICHLAND SHALE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR VITRIFIED CLAY PIPE.

Councilman Brown moved that contract be awarded Richland Shale Products Company for 30,000 Linear Feet of No. 1 Vitrified Clay Pipe, 8-inch diameter, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$12,600.00 less cash discount of \$635.00, or a net delivered price of \$11,965.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

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HOLIDAY GRANTED EMPLOYEES IN OBSERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING DAY.

Councilman Brown moved that a holiday be granted city employees on Thursday, November 26th, in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

PURCHASE OF TRIANGULAR PARCEL OF LAND ON INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AND SOUTH CALDWELL STREET FOR WIDENING OF SOUTH CALDWELL STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, the purchase of a triangular parcel of land was authorized on the southerly side of Independence Boulevard and northwesterly side of South Caldwell Street, from Rose E. Hawkins and Sarah A. Hawkins, at a price of \$1,200.00, for the widening of South Caldwell Street.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Mary H. Hardy, for west half of Lot 127, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. James Meena, for Lot 266, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. Ruth S. Ijames, for east half of Lot 128, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$52.00.
- (d) Deed with the Green Orthodox Community Center, for Lot 397, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (e) Deed with Mr. T. E. Gray, for east part of Lot 268, in Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Z. A. Hovis & Son, at \$1.00 for transfer.
- (f) Deed with Z. A. Hovis & Son for west part of Lot 268, in Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00, for new deed.

PURCHASE OF STRIP OF LAND AT 238-240 ARGONNE DRIVE FOR GOLD STREET WIDENING.

Councilman Alba moved the purchase of a strip of land approximately 10 feet wide and 50 feet in length off of lot at 238-40 Argonne Drive, from Johathan P. and Elsie L. Batdorf, at a price of \$1,432.70, for the widening of Gold Street, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

LOCATION OF ADDITION TO CHARLOTTE BONDED WAREHOUSE COMPANY AT 920-924 NORTH GRAHAM STREET AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the location of an addition to the Charlotte Bonded Warehouse Company at 920-924 North Graham Street, in an Industrial zone, was authorized.

PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN TRACTS OF PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, FROM WILKINSON BOULEVARD TO EAST MOREHEAD STREET, AT A COST OF \$133,279.00.

The following report of the Committee appointed to negotiate and secure the right-of-way for the widening and extension of Independence Boulevard was submitted by the City Manager, and upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the report was accepted and ordered spread upon the minutes:

"Charlotte, N. C., November 18, 1953

Mr. H. A. Yancey  
City Manager  
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:

A deed has been executed and acknowledged, or is in process of



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being executed, by the party or parties named in each group of grantors hereinafter listed in which the consideration tabulated opposite the listing is stipulated and which conveys property for use in connection with the extension of Independence Boulevard from East Morehead Street to Wilkinson Boulevard. Except as otherwise noted, all deeds have been executed to the City of Charlotte.

F. J. Heath, single,.....	\$ 45,550.00
C. D. Keith and wife, Louise F. Keith,.....	5,000.00
C. W. Kirkland Company .....	11,500.00
Ada Heath Montgomery, widow .....	25.00
B. H. Hefner and wife, Flora J. Hefner -- deed to City of Charlotte for land within extension of Independence Boulevard in which a consideration of \$17,924.00 is stipulated, deed to C. M. Cockinos and wife, Irene Cockinos, for land outside said extension in which a nominal consideration is stipulated and which was procured by the City in exchange for deed from C. M. Cockinos and wife to the City for land within said extension in which a nominal consideration is stipulated, and deed to Roy W. Davis and wife, Helen M. Davis, for land outside said extension in which a nominal consideration is stipulated and which was procured by the City as additional consideration for conveyance to City by Roy W. Davis and wife of land within said extension..	17,924.00
Roy W. Davis and wife, Helen M. Davis -- deed to City of Charlotte for land within extension of Independence Boulevard in consideration of conveyance procured by City from B. H. Hefner and wife to Roy W. Davis and wife of land outside said extension and a further cash consideration of .....	4,705.00
Birdie Clinard, Helen Clinard, Susan R. Edgerton and husband, Charles N. Edgerton, and Mildred R. Barnes and husband, W. E. Barnes, .....	40,000.00
Eugene Mitchell and wife, Wilhelmina J. Mitchell -- deed to City of Charlotte for land within Independence Boulevard extension, deed to Sarah Scott Kelly for land outside said extension in which a nominal consideration is stipulated and which was procured by City as additional consideration for conveyance to City by Sarah Scott Kelly of land within said extension, and deed to Theodore Avery and wife, Robenia Avery, for land outside said extension in which a nominal consideration is stipulated and which was procured by City in exchange for conveyance by Theodore Avery and wife to City of land within said extension in which conveyance a nominal consideration is stipulated, the consideration for the three deeds executed by Eugene Mitchell and wife being the conveyance in process of being procured by the City of Charlotte to them of land outside the extension of Independence Boulevard now owned by J. H. Oldham and wife, Mary A. Oldham, and a further cash consideration of...	1,575.00
J. M. Oldham, now incompetent, and wife, Mary A. Oldham -- execution to be procured by the City of Charlotte pursuant to order of court of deed to Eugene Mitchell and wife, Wilhelmina J. Mitchell, for land outside Independence Boulevard extension now owned by J. M. Oldham and wife as additional consideration for conveyance by Eugene Mitchell and wife to the City of land within said extension, the consideration for the conveyance to be made pursuant to order of court being .....	7,000.00
Total.....	\$133,279.00

We consider the foregoing amounts to be fair and reasonable prices for the properties described in the respective deeds and recommend approval thereof by the City Council and payment thereof to the parties entitled thereto in accordance with their respective interests.

Lee Kinney and J. E. Barrentine

BY J. E. Barrentine " (Signed)

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JOB CLASSIFICATION STUDY CONFERENCE FIXED FOR MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 23rd.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, a conference was arranged for Monday night, November 23rd, at 7 o'clock, to study the Job Classification Report, as recommended by Mayor Van Every.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hayman  
City Clerk