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

Absent: Councilmen Dellinger and Smith.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on October 28th were approved as submitted.

IMPROVEMENT OF SUGAW CREEK ADOPTED AS ONE OF THE CITY'S NUMBER ONE PROJECTS FROM THE 14 MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY COUNCILMAN BAXTER.

In submitting a 14-point major improvement program for Council consideration, Councilman Baxter stated that Charlotte has not achieved its position of leadership by leaving well enough alone or believing in the "let George do it attitude"; that those with vision and the courage to do things have continued to plan, promote and complete the necessary civic requirements to make Charlotte a good place in which to live and do business. He asked where Charlotte would be today if the Council had not planned and promoted extensions to water and sewer lines, slum clearance laws, the zoning ordinance, the traffic department, an auditorium, airport, hospital, etc. He stated further that the "good old days of yesterday" will not pay dividends to the new generation now coming of age; that our "pattern for the future" should be to promote the "Good old days for tomorrow"; that the human side of the tax dollar is when we, the elected representatives of the people, can make it more usable so that our citizens can live better in Charlotte, have better jobs and enjoy life better than in any other city. That in order to keep up with the unprecedented growth of Charlotte and keep abreast of the times, new ideas and new projects should be immediately put in the planning stage to prepare for Charlotte's future, as it takes from one to three years to complete any given project. He stated that the Mayor and Council took office over six months ago, and, in his opinion is doing a fine job with the mechanics of a progressive government - that is, a few streets have been fixed, the railroads have been prodded for better crossings, traffic has been improved and existing contracts for slum clearance, cross-town boulevard, etc. have been continued, but the Council has not started any major projects to keep pace with the City's growth. That the City Officials will have to do better if this Administration is going down in the records as a strong administration for a bigger and better city.

That the present projects should be continued and new ones started by the present administration. He challenged the Council to promote and put into being any one or all of the following 14 major improvement projects, which he stated should be considered as "investments" rather than "expenses", and which could be financed from the increased valuations coming in through the growth of the City:

- "1. The scope of our Planning Board should be widened to include the City and County due to the extended growth of the perimeter around our city limits. It should be one board of City and County members; it should be provided with funds to do the proper planning job with sufficient engineering help to keep pace with our growth.
2. The Zoning Ordinance should be amended to provide off street parking for new industry or business development in those particular areas.

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3. The Set-Back Ordinance now being brought to light should definitely be put into law.
4. Our City Charter should be revised and brought up to date with more home rule requirements.
5. As the health of our city should always be considered first, I recommend a new Health Building in "Municipal Square" probably to the rear of the present Health Building on 4th Street to include our City and County departments. This will allow the Police Department to expand as suggested in the new police report.
6. This Council should take a definite stand to improve Sugaw Creek and correct the continuous odors lately of a poisonous nature. It is a disgrace to have that open, smelly creek run through our City. Our new disposal system will be ready in 1954 and will partially correct the trouble. I recommend cleaning the creek from one end to the other and using a concrete bed to increase the flow of the water during dry periods similar to Rock Creek in Washington, D. C. Delayed during war and post war periods, this should be a must for this administration as it affects the health of our citizens.
7. Within two years we will need to have in operation a new filter plant and larger feeder lines to provide sufficient water for the needs of industry and our citizens. These new lines will almost be needed within a year. Plans and preparations should be made immediately to keep pace with the needs of our growing city.
8. A Traffic Court should be established so that individual citizens, business and professional people could more easily pay their traffic violation fines and not have to wait in the Municipal Court where violators are being tried for greater crimes.
9. This Council should take a definite stand to put into law perimeter zoning through the Legislature where it was defeated a year ago.
10. One of Charlotte's biggest investments is our Memorial Hospital. There are approximately 1200 people going in and out of Memorial Hospital each day - - many of them going to and from the Doctors Building for treatment. A road is needed from the Hospital to the Doctors Building to accommodate the sick and to provide another outlet for the Hospital.
11. New side walks should be put in front of our business houses on Trade and Tryon three blocks each way in an effort to prevent the tripping and falling of our citizens.
12. Our street lighting should be extended on Trade and Tryon Streets as far as the Presbyterian Hospital on the East, Morehead Street on the South, Irwin Creek on the West, and Seaboard Station on the North to make it safer for our citizens to walk after dark.
13. A new colored hospital should definitely be promoted along the lines through which Memorial Hospital was built.
14. And last but not least - consolidation of the City and County Governments should be started in a definite form by taking one or two departments at a time."

Following the presentation of the foregoing 14 Point Program, Councilman Baxter stated that he was requesting the Council today to take action on only one item of the proposed program - the Sugaw Creek Project, and he moved that the improvement of Sugaw Creek be one of the City's Number One projects in an attempt to find the solution to the problem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and following a discussion of what might be done from an engineering standpoint, the vote was taken on the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

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CITY MANAGER INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY INDUSTRIAL PLANTS EMPTYING WASTES INTO SUGAW CREEK TO BE PREPARED TO COMPLY WITH INDUSTRIAL WASTE ORDINANCE UPON COMPLETION OF DISPOSAL PLANT REVISIONS IN 1954.

Councilman Baxter moved that the City Manager be instructed to advise the officials of the industrial plants emptying waste into Sugaw Creek that the revision of the Disposal Plant will be completed in 1954 and urge them to be prepared to comply with the Industrial Waste Ordinance at that time. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO QUEENS ROAD WEST URGED BY COUNCILMAN BROWN, AS AUTHORIZED BY COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 1, 1952.

Councilman Brown again called attention to the action of the former City Council on October 1, 1952, granting a request for the re-surfacing and widening of the double-lanes of Queens Road West, from Princeton Avenue to Roswell Avenue, and the construction of curb and gutter on either side of the planting strip and the planting of said strip in grass, and that the Council voted to give this improvement first consideration from any funds available. Councilman Brown urged that the action of the former Council be carried through and the improvement be made. Councilman Baxter spoke in favor of the improvement, stating that the flow of traffic on Queens Road West has increased to the extent that the widening of the double-lanes, by decreasing the planting strip, would greatly improve the situation. Mayor Van Every stated that in his opinion if this improvement is made, it will open the door for many other similar requests. Councilman Brown stated that any street with a center planting strip that needs narrowing to aid in the flow of traffic, as well as needs to have curb and gutter installed to prevent its washing down onto the street, and as a means of beautification of the strip, will receive his favorable vote, and he urged that the Council make the improvement on Queens Road West. Councilman Albea expressed the view that since the project was formally approved by the City Council on October 1, 1952, it is not necessary that another vote of approval be given. Councilman Baxter recommended that the Council instruct the City Manager to go ahead with the project. The discussion was ended at this point.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON MORAVIAN LANE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Moravian Lane", was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the resolution passed on its first reading. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 157.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON MORAVIAN LANE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Notice of Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Moravian Lane", was introduced and read. Councilman Brown moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 158.

QUITCLAIM DEED WITH RADIATOR SPECIALTY COMPANY FOR PORTION OF DOWD ROAD TO BE USED FOR EXTENSION OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Councilman Boyd moved that a Quitclaim Deed be authorized with the Radiator Specialty Company conveying to them all rights, title and interests of the City in and to that portion of Dowd Road lying between the proposed northerly margin of Independence Boulevard and the southerly boundary line of a tract of land belonging to the said Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

*Counted at meeting on November 18, 1953
changing name of Councilman Albea to
Councilman Boyd.*

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SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following subdivision plats were approved:

- (a) Plat of section of Wendover Hills Subdivision, located outside the city limits in Wendover Hills section, in a southeasterly direction, being the property of Mr. Charles E. Myers, Sr., and Mr. Gordon P. Cherry.
- (b) Plat of portion of Stancill Property, located between Monroe Road and Old Sardis Road, west of Billingsly Road, being the property of Mr. W. T. Baugh.
- (c) Plat of Creighton Drive Subdivision, located on Briar Creek Road, between Barnhill Drive and Carolyn Drive, being the property of Mr. P. C. Rodwell.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN EXTENSIONS IN REMONT AVENUE.

Councilman Boyd moved that the construction of 90 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main extensions be authorized in Remont Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$670.00, to serve two duplex family units, with all costs borne by the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contracts for the construction of water mains were approved as follows:

- (a) Supplementary contract with Fred J. Wiggins and N. G. Spier for construction of 1,050 feet of main and 1 fire hydrant in Heather Knoll Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$2,975.00, to serve 20 residential lots. All costs will be borne by the applicant, who will own the mains until the area is incorporated into the City.
- (b) Contract with John Crosland Company for the construction of 2,105 feet of main and 3 fire hydrants in section of Myers Park located on northwestern end of land formerly used by Myers Park Club for golf course, at an estimated cost of \$5,910.00, to serve residential property. All costs to be financed by the City with the guarantee of a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the said cost.
- (c) Supplementary contract with J. A. Jones Construction Company for construction of 8,500 feet of main and 7 fire hydrants in Sherwood Forest Subdivision and adjacent areas, outside city limits, at an estimated cost of \$23,540.00, to serve residential property. All cost to be borne by the applicant. Said mains and fire hydrants to become the property of the City if and when the territory is incorporated into the City.
- (d) Supplementary contract with J. A. Jones Construction Company for construction of 200 feet of main in Raleigh Street and Sugaw Creek Road, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$900.00, to serve industrial property. All costs to be borne by the applicant. Said mains to become the property of the City if and when the territory is incorporated into the City.

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- (e) Contract with J. Caldwell McDonald, Dr. Angus McDonald, Mrs. Katherine Hays and Sam H. McDonald, for construction of 2,000 feet of main in Woodlawn Road, outside city limits, at an estimated cost of \$7,800.00, to serve industrial property. All costs to be borne by Applicant, who will dedicate the mains to the City upon completion of the installation, which action will eliminate the paying of tapping fees by persons served by the mains.
- (f) Contract with George S. Goodyear Company for construction of 1,555 feet of mains and 1 fire hydrant, in Selwyn Park Subdivision #5, outside city limits, at an estimated cost of \$4,193.00, to serve residential property. All costs to be borne by Applicant, who will dedicate the mains and hydrants to the City upon completion of the installation, which action will eliminate the paying of tapping fees by persons served by the mains.

CONTRACT AWARDED ROYER FOUNDRY AND MACHINE COMPANY FOR PORTABLE SLUDGE DISINTEGRATOR.

Councilman Boyd moved that contract be awarded the only bidder, Royer Foundry & Machine Company, for the purchase of One Model NSR-P Royer Portable Sludge Disintegrator for the Water Department, complete as specified, at a price of \$1,485.00, f.o.b. shipping point. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PLAZA ROAD PROJECT.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, Inc., for the construction of street improvements in the Plaza Road Project, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$55,256.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED HEATH MOTOR COMPANY FOR TEN FORD CARS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Heath Motor Company for Ten, 8-cylinder Ford Mainline cars, at a net delivered price of \$13,265.70, for the Police Department.

SALE OF SIX USED POLICE CARS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the City Manager was authorized to sell six (6) used Police Cars at the best possible price.

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER COMPANY FOR TWO PICK-UP TRUCKS FOR THE FIRE AND WATER DEPARTMENTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, International Harvester Company for two International Harvester 1/2-ton Pickup Trucks, as specified, at a net exchanged delivered price of \$2,350.00, for the Fire and Police Departments.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS APPROVED.

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

- (a) Deed with Mrs. John S. Hoffman, for Northwest 1/4 of Lot #30, in Section V, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$36.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Joseph F. Hudson, for Lot #122, in Section A, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$144.00.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Rebecca R. Hoffman
City Clerk