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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 12, 1954, at 11 o'clock a.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Smith and Wilkinson present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings on May 5, 1954, were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 210-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CHARLOTTE BY ANNEXING THERETO 7.87 ACRES OF PROPERTY ON EASTWAY CIRCLE, IN CRAB ORCHARD TOWNSHIP.

At the hearing on the petition of Charles L. Hood and wife, William C. Thomas and wife and Shamrock Gardens, Inc., for the annexation of 7.87 acres of property located on Eastway Circle, in Crab Orchard Township, no opposition to the proposal was expressed. Whereupon, Councilman Albea moved the adoption of an ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 210-X Extending the Corporate Limits of Charlotte by Annexing thereto 7.87 Acres of Property in Crab Orchard Township, contiguous to the limits of Charlotte". The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 347-348.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR COUNTYWIDE RECREATIONAL SURVEY.

Mr. Charles Lowe, Chairman of the Recreation Division of the Social Planning Council of the United Community Services, was spokesman for a delegation who appeared before Council, and requested a \$5,000.00 contribution for a countywide recreational survey. He stated that the overall cost of the Survey would be \$12,000.00, and the County Commissioners have approved a \$5,000.00 contribution and the United Appeal would donate \$2,000.00.

Mr. Lowe stated that during the solicitation of funds for the United Appeal from residents of the County, they stated that they received very little services from the United Community Services, and that he promised if they would participate in the campaign the United Community Services would try to meet their needs. That this has been done in that a miniature Social Council has been organized in the County area, and these residents now state their great need is for recreational facilities. Mr. Lowe advised the Survey would apply to the City of Charlotte in many ways; first, that the Charlotte Park and Recreation System is operating under a plan that is several years old; that the fringe areas of Charlotte are badly in need of recreational facilities; that the Optimist Club is contemplating constructing such facilities in the Hoskins area - but what Charlotte needs is an up-to-date Plan.

Mr. John D. Shaw, City Attorney, asked if the other cities and towns in Mecklenburg County had been requested to contribute funds for the Survey? Mr. Lowe stated they had not, but if a Plan for recreational facilities in these towns is established from a Survey then he is sure that Commercial Plants, such as Mills in these towns will donate land for parks. Mr. Shaw replied that they are asking Charlotte to contribute funds and these towns, who will benefit from the Survey, should do their share. Mr. Lowe stated that to get money you have to go where there is a concentration of funds. Mr. Shaw then stated that if funds are donated by the Council they must be from non-tax money, as recreation has been declared by the law as unessential.

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Mayor Van Every stated that the other cities and towns in Mecklenburg County decrease their tax rate with AEC Stores funds, which the City of Charlotte does not do. That Charlotte residents pay 80 percent of the County taxes now, and even should the County Commissioners contribute the entire cost of the Survey, that Charlotte citizens would still be paying 80 percent of it. That, in fact, what Mr. Lowe is asking is that Charlotte contribute \$9,000.00 and Mecklenburg County \$1,000.00. He stated further that he believes in recreation and would like to see these towns have the proper facilities; however, he does not believe it would be right to spend the Citizens money for these towns for recreation when they can spend their AEC funds for this purpose. That Charlotte has voted millions of dollars for recreation in Charlotte. He stated further that Charlotte has many problems, and we are trying to do first things first for the well-being of the citizens.

Mr. Lowe stated that the North Carolina Recreation Commission recommends the Survey, and he sincerely believes it would provide Charlotte with a better knowledge of where Recreational Centers should be placed, and what types of programs are needed, and in what areas.

Councilmen Brown and Dellinger stated they would like to consider the request, and are of the opinion that there is a recreational deficiency in the fringe areas.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Council thank Mr. Lowe for bringing the matter to their attention, and that the request be received as information, and the Council consider it and give them an answer at the Council Meeting on May 26th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown.

Councilman Baxter stated that a survey of recreational facilities was made in 1944 by the National Recreation Association for approximately \$1,500.00, and he believes the Social Planning Council has its sights too high, and if the matter is seriously considered and the costs analyzed, probably a more economical figure could be arrived at.

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

REQUESTS OF CHAIRMAN OF PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION FOR WIDENING OF CECIL STREET, AND RESPONSIBILITY OF FURNISHING FINANCIAL AID TO MINT MUSEUM OF ART BE REMOVED FROM THE COMMISSION.

Mr. Ernest Sifford, Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission appeared before Council with two requests. He asked that Cecil Street, from Elizabeth Avenue to Park Drive be widened so that parking may be done on both sides of the street, as it is entirely too narrow and the parking space is badly needed by the general public attending functions at the Armory and Stadium. He stated he had requested the City Engineer to make a cost estimate of the widening, which will be submitted to Council.

Secondly, that the Mint Museum of Art was handed to them about two years ago by the Council for financial aid; that the Commission has spent \$5,400.00 this year on the Museum, which will reach \$6,000.00 by the end of the fiscal year. He stated the Commissioners feel this burden should not have been placed on them, and because of the funds that must be spent in this manner it is impossible to pay the employees of the Commission salaries comparable with other city employees. Also, that additional playgrounds are being added to the system, and funds must be provided for their operations. He stated that the people voted 8 cents for recreational purposes, not for the upkeep of the Mint Museum. Councilman Dellinger stated the Mint Museum and grounds were deeded to the Park & Recreation Commission two years ago. Mr. Sifford stated they did not have a deed to the property; that the Commission has nothing whatsoever to do with the operation of the Mint, which has its own Board of Trustees - that all the Commission does is hand them the money.

Councilman Albea moved that both requests be taken under consideration at the time the budget is made up. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

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ACTION GRANTING CITY EMPLOYEES A HOLIDAY ON MAY 20TH RESCINDED, AND HOLIDAY DECLARED ON MAY 18TH.

Councilman Brown moved that action adopted on May 5th granting a holiday to city employees on May 20th be rescinded, and a holiday be declared on May 18th in honor of the visit of President Eisenhower. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 2nd ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON PROPERTY ON SOUTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 212 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to Change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to B-1 on Property on the South Side of Independence Boulevard" was introduced and read, following which a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on the Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance" was presented and read. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution, providing for the hearing on June 2, 1954. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 205.

PLAT OF MADISON PARK SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the Plat of Madison Park Subdivision was approved, as recommended by the Planning Board.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Smith moved the approval of the construction of 38-foot of sanitary sewer main extension in Independence Boulevard, at an estimated cost of \$200.00, to be borne by the City, to serve one family unit, upon the request of G. E. Vinroot Construction Company. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

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

- (a) One 9-ft. driveway at 1835 Harris Road.
- (b) One 30-ft. driveway at 1203 South Boulevard.

CONTRACT AWARDED GRADY SIGN COMPANY FOR SIGNS FOR NEW AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Grady Sign Company for a schedule of signs, furnished and installed in the new Airport Terminal Building, in accordance with plans and specifications, at a net delivered price of \$1,097.60.

CONTRACT AWARDED ELECTRIC ICE & FUEL COMPANY FOR YEAR'S SUPPLY OF COAL.

Councilman Baxter moved that contract be awarded Electric Ice & Fuel Company, for 350 tons Stoker and 800 tons Pocahontas Stove or Egg Coal, estimated quantities, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a net delivered price of \$13,105.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

DUKE POWER COMPANY GRANTED PERMISSION TO INSTALL GRATES IN SIDEWALK AT 200 SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, granting permission to Duke Power Company to install grates in the sidewalk over transformer vaults, at 200 South Tryon Street.

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SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO JAMES WEBB LAWSON ON PREMISES OF SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized issued to James Webb Lawson, for use on the premises of Southern Railway System.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS REPORTED.

The City Manager reported that leases had been concluded on the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
68	Carolina School Supply Co.	\$99.90	6-15-44 1 yr. renewal
47	Owsley Bag Company	25.80	5-1-54 5 years
249	H. M. Hicks	30.00	4-1-54 1 yr. renewal
287	Wingate Mfg. Company	25.44	4-15-54 1 yr. renewal

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with William Yates and Clyde I. Webb, for Lot 46, in Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at a price of \$156.00.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH R. H. BOULIGNY, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL WORK ON ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR IRWIN CREEK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

Motion was made by Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing a supplemental contract with R. H. Bouigny, Inc., for additional electrical work in the amount of \$3,351.26 on contract in connection with the construction of Irwin Creek Sewage Treatment Plant.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Leicester R. Hoffman
City Clerk