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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 Friday, January 7, 1955, at 5 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 delivered by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 29, 1954, were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE, BETWEEN ANNE STREET AND THE END OF THE EXISTING PAVEMENT ON COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE TOWARD MATHESON AVENUE.

The scheduled hearing in connection with the "Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Country Club Drive, between Anne Street and the end of the existing pavement on Country Club Drive toward Matheson Avenue" was held. No objections to the proposal were expressed. Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution on its final reading, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 256.

REPORT OF "THE STATE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE" PRESENTED BY COUNCILMAN BAXTER.

Councilman Baxter extended New Year's Greetings to the assembly at this the first meeting of the Council in 1955, and he stated since we have been hearing so much of late about the "State of The Nation" and "The State of the State of North Carolina" he wished to present the following report of his version of "The State of the City of Charlotte":

"1954 was a great year for Charlotte. Our City has grown tremendously during the last five years due to proper relationship of our church, home, and school life, supported by our industrial and political efforts as to the needs of the individual and the community as a whole. Co-operation and the harmonious relation of these factors in life's cycle have paid dividends to all Charlotte citizens.

Let us see what we have done for the past few years as a guide to our obligations for the next five years. I submit a set of comparative figures for your examination and guidance, which is very informative.

	<u>1950</u>	<u>Today</u>
Our population	134,042	160,000 (est.)
Our school attendance	21,037	26,784
Our assessed valuation	\$203,132,370.00	\$382,532,020.00
Our bonded indebtedness	\$ 14,585,500.00	\$ 27,054,000.00
Net property worth per person	\$ 1,515.44	\$ 2,390.83
Our debt per person	\$ 108.81	\$ 169.09
Our tax rate	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.65

During the past five years we have invested our money as follows:
(excluding water, sewer, and street extensions)

New school buildings	\$ 7,755,623.00
New church buildings	\$ 7,673,375.00
New residences	\$ 58,291,077.00
Commercial buildings	\$ 39,896,238.00

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A break down of the money spent for new residences per dwelling unit is interesting and forms a basis for the estimated population of today of 160,000.

Year 1950	3,046 new dwelling units
Year 1951	1,294 new dwelling units
Year 1952	1,475 new dwelling units
Year 1953	1,206 new dwelling units
Year 1954	<u>1,053</u> new dwelling units

Total new dwelling units for five years - 8,074

Using this five year record as a guide for the next five years, it should form a pattern of what is before us and challenge us to get ready for 1960 (only five years off) by doing something with our problems. While our debt per person has increased only \$60.00, our net property worth per person has increased over \$800.00, which should prove that we are really a growing concern and is a good percentage in any banker's credit ratio. It appears to me that this City Council has a tremendous responsibility to keep pace with this growth by providing facilities to keep abreast of the times. Unless we seriously consider our needs, the competition between cities will draw people elsewhere which will mean loss of income and jobs to our citizens and we will become stunted in our growth. It is the right policies and future planning that I am concerned with - not the mere mechanics of City Government so ably handled by our department heads and employees under the guidance of our City Manager.

I congratulate the City Council and the Mayor for our major progressive achievements, namely:

- The organization of our new Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Board
- The sale of our Duke Power busses
- The completion of Selwyn Avenue
- The completion of 11th Street bridge

We have five months more to run as a City Council and those of us who plan to run for re-election will be asked by the voting public:

1. "How are you planning to meet this unprecedented growth that is at our door step?"
2. "What have you gentlemen done for the City of Charlotte and its citizens besides the mere operation of our City Government?"
3. "What are you going to do to equalize taxation and hold the tax rate at a minimum?"
4. "Are you going to do anything definite with our major problems, namely?"

- Off-street parking
- Set back requirements
- Zoning our perimeter areas
- The extension of our city limits
- The suggested authority for water and sewer
- The cleaning up of Sugaw Creek
- The duplication of street names
- The consolidation of tax departments

Most of these items will save us money and will help our tax rate in the future and I urge your co-operation as each item is presented and hereby request your support of same. These projects have been suggested in my fourteen points of progress before, but I need your help in starting them, so that this Council will be remembered as a "promoter for a bigger and better city."

When I took the oath of office a year and one-half ago, I suggested -- --

"Let's be Doers of the Word and not hearers only." "

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TIME FOR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS CHANGED BACK TO WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK, AT 4 O'CLOCK P.M.

Councilman Smith moved that the time for the regular Council Meetings be changed back to 4 o'clock p.m., on Wednesday of each week, in deference to the wishes of the other members of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY OF ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND DAVID B. CLARK AND WIFE ON JANUARY 28th RESCINDED.

Councilman Baxter moved that action of the Council on December 29th fixing the date of hearing on January 28th on the petition of Ervin Construction Company and David B. Clark and wife be rescinded, due to the change in the time of the Council Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE WITH REFERENCE TO PETITION OF ERVIN CONSTRUCTION CO., INC., AND DAVID B. CLARK AND WIFE, AILEEN B. CLARK, FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OR TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution of the City Council of the City of Charlotte with Reference to Petition of Ervin Construction Co. Inc., and David B. Clark and Wife, Aileen B. Clark, For the Annexation of Certain Property or Territory to the City of Charlotte" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, the resolution was unanimously adopted, fixing the date of hearing on the petition on February 9, 1955 and the advertisement of Notice thereof in The Charlotte News on January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 259.

REAPPOINTMENT OF W. T. COVINGTON, JR. TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

Councilman Albea moved that Mr. W. T. Covington, Jr., be appointed to succeed himself as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

AGREEMENT WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 FOR RAILWAY LINE CONSTRUCTION FROM GRIFFITH STATION TO THE MAIN LINE SOUTH OF THE AIRPORT.

Councilman Smith moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the State Highway & Public Works Commission, covering their contribution of \$500,000 for the construction of a railway line from Griffith Station to the main line south of the Airport, commonly called the Cross-line. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following Subdivision Plats were approved, as recommended by the Planning Commission:

- (a) Plat of Brookgreen Subdivision, property of F. B. Garrison.
- (b) Plat of Callahan Subdivision, property of J. W. Callahan.
- (c) Plat of Love Property, property of Carolina Estates, Inc.

DEED WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY OVER EVERGREEN CEMETERY PROPERTY FOR EXTENSION OF POWER LINES TO EASTWAY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

Councilman Boyd moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed with Duke Power Company for a right-of-way over Evergreen Cemetery property for the extension of the Company's power lines to provide service to the new Eastway Junior High School. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

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TREE REMOVALS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the removal of trees at the following locations:

- (a) Request of Hardware Mutual Fire Insurance Company for permission to remove two trees from the planting strip at 1350 East Morehead Street, that interfere with the construction of a driveway to their new building.
- (b) Request of C. W. Allison for permission to remove one tree from the planting strip at his residence, 818 Henley Place, that interferes with the construction of a driveway entrance.

JENNINGS STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Jennings Street, from Russell Street to Hunter Street be taken over for city maintenance, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN CREST STREET APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the construction of 361-feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main was authorized in Crest Street, at an estimated cost of \$790.00, to be borne by the City.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AUTHORIZED WITH N. G. SPEIR ET AL AND ATANDO INDUSTRIES, INC.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with N. G. Speir and others for the construction of 222-ft. of 6-inch water mains in Hartford Avenue, outside the city limits, to serve residential property, at an estimated cost of \$750.00. The applicant to pay all costs and own the mains until the territory is taken into the City.
- (b) Contract with Atando Industries, Inc., for the construction of 7,360-ft. of 8-inch mains and 7 hydrants in the property of Charlotte Homes, Inc. outside the city, to serve industrial sites which abut on the northern city limits and on the west side of Hutchinson Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$27,900.00. The applicant to pay all costs and own the mains until the territory is taken into the city.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED CO-SIGNED BY CITY WITH STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND N. G. SPEIR ET AL, AND WITH J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to co-sign right-of-way agreements as follows:

- (a) Agreement between the State Highway Commission and N. G. Speir and others, for the construction of 6-inch water mains in Hartford Avenue, approved by Council today.
- (b) Agreement between the State Highway Commission and J. A. Jones Construction Company, for the construction of 2" and 8" water mains in Sardis Road Circle and Nottingham Road, approved by Council today.

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CONTRACT AWARDED CHICAGO PUMP COMPANY FOR TWO REFRIGERATED SEWAGE SAMPLERS FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTE PROGRAM.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Chicago Pump Company for Two Refrigerated Sewage Samplers, for use in the Industrial Waste Program, as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$5,155.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED LEEDS & NORTHRUP COMPANY FOR TWO SETS pH INDICATING AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN INDUSTRIAL WASTE PROGRAM.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Boyd, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the only bidder, Leeds & Northrup Company, for Two Sets, pH Indicating and Recording Equipment, for use in the Industrial Waste Program, as specified, at a total net delivered price of \$2,036.70.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE AT 1525 HAWTHORNE LANE APPROVED.

Councilman Alba moved approval of the construction of a 10-ft. driveway entrance at 1525 Hawthorne Lane, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. H. McCLAIN, ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF REVENUE, FILED.

The City Manager submitted the Annual Report of Mr. J. H. McClain, Assistant Collector of Revenue, which was filed with the City Clerk on January 5, 1955.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF UNFIT HOUSING PROGRAM FILED.

The City Manager gave the following Quarterly Report of the Unfit Housing Program, for the period October through December, 1954:

Number of Housing Units brought up to Standard	133
Number of Property Owners cited for Hearings	17
Number of Housing Units condemned	23
Number of Bathing Facilities installed	82
Number of Housing Units Demolished	34

Progress since the beginning of the Program in August 1948:

Number of Housing Units brought up to standard to date	10,419
Number of Houses Demolished to date	1,371

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO A. A. ALLEN.

Councilman Brown moved that the Special Officer Permit held by Mr. A. A. Allen for use on the premises of Highland Park MFG. Company be renewed for one year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
City Clerk