

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Wednesday, October 10, 1956, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None.

Hearings on petitions to amend the Zoning Ordinances by changing the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte and/or the Charlotte Perimeter Area was held jointly by the City Council and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission, with Chairman Bell and Commissioners Craig, Hanks, Martin, Schwartz, Sibley and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: Commissioners McClure, Marsh and Toy.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Herman A. Brown.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on October 3rd were approved with a correction in the item relative to the proposed opening of Pierce Street on Page 431, changing the amount of the cost of the project to \$2,200.00, from \$22,000.00.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 342 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CHARLOTTE PERIMETER AREA, BY CHANGING THE ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF REID STREET NORTH OF THRIFT ROAD, FROM R-2 TO B-1, ON PETITION OF J. M. AND M. L. THOMPSON.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 342 Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to amend the Building Zone Map of the Charlotte Perimeter Area, by changing the zoning on property located on the west of the intersection of Reid Street north of Thrift Road, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of J. M. and M. L. Thompson.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property consists of 9.4 acres; is located at the intersection of Thrift and Tuckasegee Roads and new Highway No. 29; has approximately 1,300 foot frontage with 800 foot depth; is located just north of Reid Street and Cresmore Avenue; there are a number of single family homes along Reid Street and to the east the property is bordered by rear line of vacant lots fronting on South Drive; the property is not occupied and is covered with forest and all property in the immediate vicinity is also zoned R-2.

Councilman Wilkinson asked if the property is around the clover-leaf of new Highway #29, to which Mr. McIntyre replied it is to the north and east of the clover-leaf.

Mr. Jim Thompson, petitioner, stated the property was purchased from Mr. M. E. Beatty with the idea of constructing a 100-unit Motel, with two restaurants and a swimming pool. That the property has been isolated by the construction of new Highway #29 and is too valuable to let lie there undeveloped. That it appears to be an ideal location for a Motel, as it is convenient to the Airport, and as it is only 2 1/2 miles to the center of Charlotte, the Motel will supplement hotel facilities which are limited in Charlotte and high-priced. He stated further they feel the development will in no way decrease property valuations in the vicinity and residents will be well pleased with it when completed.

Mr. Hugh Lobdell, Attorney representing the residents of the area, filed a petition signed by 236 residents of the area opposing the change in zoning. He stated the objectors extend as far down as Thrift Road, and that only one person refused to sign the petition, who has a place of business on Thrift Road; therefore, both home and land owners ask the Council to allow the property to remain in an R-2 zone. He advised that Mr. Beatty, from whom the petitioners purchased the property, owns adjacent land and if this property is rezoned Mr. Beatty will most probably request the rezoning of his remaining property, which would affect a second residential adjoining area. Mr. Lobdell submitted pictures of the homes

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of the opponents and stated the area is quiet and very desirable for residential use. He stated that when the zoning ordinance was adopted these homes were already constructed; however, when the petitioners purchased the property in question in May, 1956 with the idea of speculation, it was already zoned for residential uses. He asked that these home owners be given the protection of the zoning law.

In reply to the question by Councilwoman Evans as to the location of the property, Mr. Lobdell stated it is not inside the city limits but barely outside and is within the area proposed to be annexed.

Decision was deferred by the Council until the next meeting.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 345 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, TO AMEND THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, BY CHANGING ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF CENTRAL AVENUE AND EASTWAY DRIVE, FROM B-1-A to B-1, ON PETITION OF C. M. NEWELL.

A hearing was held on Ordinance No. 345 Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to amend the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte, by changing zoning on property located at the intersection of Central Avenue and Eastway Drive, from B I-A to B-I, on petition of Mr. C. M. Newell.

The location of the property and surrounding area was explained by the Planning Director, who stated the property fronts 325 feet on Central Avenue and extends 375 feet back on Eastway Drive; is undeveloped; that a Service Station is located across the street and other business extends down Eastway Drive; that there are Service Stations on the two opposite corner lots on Eastway Drive; that the property is bounded on the west by residences and on the south by an undeveloped area, both of which are zoned B I-A.

Mr. Claude Freeman, Realtor, representing the Petitioner, stated the Newell family owns adjoining property; that they wish to develop the property in question as a Shopping Center of small businesses with the necessary parking area. That they can erect the development as it is now zoned B I-A but cannot sell beverages in such zone, which they must do to meet competition across the street.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Decision was deferred by the Council for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 346 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, BY CHANGING ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD, BETWEEN PECAN AVENUE AND THE PLAZA, FROM R-1 TO B-1 ON PETITION OF C. C. DUNHAM, MRS. EDITH H. AUTRY, EDWIN JAMES, L. S. MALLOCK, HENRY LOMAX, MRS. S. F. LOMAX, H. N. SNYDER, MILDRED G. PATTON AND W. R. HELMS.

A public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 346 amending the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte, by changing zoning on property located on the south side of Independence Boulevard, between Pecan Avenue and The Plaza, from R-1 to B-1, on petition of C. C. Dunham, Mrs. Edith H. Autry, Edwin James, L. S. Mallock, Henry Lomax, Mrs. S. F. Lomax, H. N. Snyder, Mildred G. Patton and W. R. Helms.

Factual information as to the property and surrounding area was given by the Planning Director. He stated the property is developed residentially with the exception of two lots; that a Service Station is presently being erected at the intersection, and business continues down the street to the south; that the property across from the site is zoned B-1 and behind it the property is zoned R-2.

Mr. Charles Dunham, one of the petitioners, stated the area is no longer desirable for residences and they wish to sell out and let it be developed as business.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Decision was deferred by Council until the next meeting.

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HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 347 AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, BY CHANGING ZONING ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1217, 1225 AND 1229 THE PLAZA FROM R-2 TO B-1, ON PETITION OF EDWIN L. LOMAX AND WIFE, THE METHODIST HOME, INC. AND ANNA L. MORTON.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 347 Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to amend the Building Zone Map of the City of Charlotte, by changing zoning on property located at 1217, 1225 and 1229 The Plaza, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of Edwin L. Lomax and wife, The Methodist Home, Inc., and Anna L. Morton.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property consists of three lots fronting on The Plaza at its intersection with McClintock Road, and is now used residentially; that across the street to the north is a Super-Market and a Service Station and to the south a Church and Apartment building, and there are business establishments on either side of the property, and the property is surrounded by B-1 zones.

Mr. Ben Wellons, Attorney for the petitioners, stated there is a Service Station at the corner of The Plaza and Central Avenue just above the property, next is a Hall Flooring Company, and then the three lots of his clients, Mrs. Morton, the Cole property and the Lomax property, and the adjoining lot on the south is occupied by a Fire Station, and business extends around the corner and to the rear of the lots. That the three lots in question are the only ones within the block not zoned for business. He urged that the change in zoning be granted.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Decision was deferred by Council until the next meeting.

MEETING RECESSED AT 3:45 P.M.

Mayor Van Every stated that the zoning hearings are completed and the meeting would recess until 4 o'clock.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 4 P. M.

The meeting was reconvened at 4 o'clock, with Mayor Van Every presiding and all members of the City Council present.

TRAFFIC SAFETY NEEDS OF CHARLOTTE OUTLINED IN TRAFFIC INVENTORY BY NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL.

Mr. George Grotz of the National Safety Council, stated the Council serves as an agency to provide a realistic picture as to how cities and states rate in the field of traffic, and through their Annual Inventory of Traffic Safety Activities, these governmental units can appraise their street and highway traffic programs by comparison with programs in other cities, with the accepted performance standards. Also, by which they can be recognized for commendable performance. He stated that Charlotte is one of 1,205 cities who furnished the requested information for their Inventory, and a great deal of credit is due for the work done by the Charlotte participants. Copies of the Annual Inventory of Charlotte's Traffic Safety Activities in 1955 were presented to the Council.

Mr. Grotz stated he has today discussed the information contained in the Survey with Charlotte enforcement officers, and he briefly outlined to the Council the main needs to which Charlotte should devote attention, which are covered in detail in the Survey Report, which contains 43 recommendations for improvement of traffic conditions in Charlotte.

He stated that Charlotte is one of the few cities of 100,000 population where there is no established Traffic Safety Program, participated in by the public; that public support is necessary for a successful program and can be obtained by the organization of officials and citizens as a group; that the National Safety Council strongly recommends that such organization be formed in Charlotte to stimulate and coordinate city-wide traffic safety activities.

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He stated he is meeting with a group in that connection tonight and would like to say to them that the Council approves such program and desires public support and assistance.

Mayor Van Every expressed his appreciation to Mr. Grotz for the Survey and his efforts in Charlotte's behalf.

Councilman Baxter moved that the Council congratulate Mr. Grotz on what he is doing for Charlotte and endorse his program for improvement to our traffic conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

PLAQUE PRESENTED CAPTAIN LLOYD HENKLE, CHAIRMAN OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY VEHICLE SAFETY CHECK, FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT, BY INTER-INDUSTRY HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE, NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL AND LOOK MAGAZINE.

Mr. Don E. Costa, representing the Inter-Industry Highway Safety Committee, The National Safety Council and Look Magazine, stated he is here to present a token for the outstanding achievement of Mecklenburg County in the National Vehicle Safety Check in May 1956, sponsored by the three organizations which he represents, in the 35 states in which there are no vehicle inspection laws. Mr. Costa stated that of the 900 cities that participated in the Safety Check, only 65 cities received tokens of commendation.

Mr. Costa presented the token, a Plaque, to Captain Lloyd Henkle, who served as Chairman of Mecklenburg County Vehicle Safety Check, and congratulated him on his splendid efforts in connection with the Safety Check. Captain Henkle expressed his appreciation on behalf of Mecklenburg County and introduced his Assistants who aided in setting up and carrying through the program, to whom he gave the credit for its success.

Councilman Brown moved that the Council go on record commending Captain Henkle for the very fine job he did with the program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Baxter asked the City Attorney about the possibility of requiring inspection stickers showing the date of inspection of motor vehicles. Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, stated he is sure that the County could not do so, and doubts the legality of the City having such program.

COUNCIL TO VIEW PROPERTY OF LEE WING AT WEST 11TH AND NORTH CHURCH STREETS BEFORE ACCEPTANCE OF DEED RELATIVE TO WIDENING OF 11TH STREET.

Mr. C. M. Owens appeared before Council in behalf of Mr. Lee Wing, owner of property at the northeast corner of West 11th and North Church Street, and stated he applied for a building permit and was refused because of the setback line restriction. That Mr. Wing's present business building will be demolished when the 11th Street widening project reaches that point and he wants to erect a new building and move prior to that time, and wants to remain in the same neighborhood in order to keep his present customers. He stated that Mr. Barrentine and Mr. Kinney, who were appointed by the City to secure rights-of-way for the widening project, agreed to purchase Mr. Wing's property subject to the approval of the City Council, which consists of one-fourth of the entire block, and to remove a house, for the sum of \$10,000.00, and that the Agreement or Deed is now in the hands of the City Manager.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the Council go out and look at the property before taking final action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

Yeas: Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson.

Nays: None.

Councilman Dellinger was recorded as not voting.

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RESOLUTIONS PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,240,000 CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS AND RESOLUTION FIXING THE FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION OF \$500,000 PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS AND \$190,000 SPASTICS HOSPITAL BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION THEREOF; AND RESOLUTION RATIFYING APPLICATION OF CITY TREASURER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF \$5,240,000 BONDS AND RATIFYING ACTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IN ASKING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR SAID BONDS.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,000,000 WATER BONDS, SERIES B" was introduced by Councilman Smith. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Smith moved its adoption which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 484-485.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SANITARY SEWER BONDS, SERIES B" was introduced by Councilman Smith. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Smith moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 485-486.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES B" was introduced by Councilman Smith. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Smith moved its adoption, which was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 486-487.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Smith. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Smith moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 487-489.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$190,000 SPASTICS HOSPITAL BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Smith, who moved its adoption following the reading thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 489-490.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION FIXING THE FORM AND MANNER OF EXECUTION OF \$500,000 PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER BONDS AND \$190,000 SPASTICS HOSPITAL BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION THEREOF" was introduced by Councilman Smith, and following the reading thereof he moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Pages 490-494.

A resolution entitled: "RESOLUTION RATIFYING APPLICATION OF CITY TREASURER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT AND SALE OF \$5,240,000 BONDS AND RATIFYING ACTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION IN ASKING FOR SEALED BIDS FOR SAID BONDS" was introduced by Councilman Smith who moved its adoption following the reading thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 494.

RETAINED PERCENTAGE ON REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF IRWIN CREEK SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT REDUCED FROM \$94,718.66 TO \$15,000.00.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the retained percentage on the Contract of Rea Construction Company, for the General Construction of Irwin Creek Sewage Treatment Plant was reduced from \$94,718.66 to \$15,000.00, by and with the approval of the City Attorney, Engineers and Bonding Company.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF CIVIL AIR PATROL FOR BUILDINGS 84, 85 and 87 AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Smith moved that the Lease with the Civil Air Patrol covering Buildings #84, 85 and 87, at Douglas Municipal Airport, be renewed for a period of 5 years, at a rental of \$1.00 per year, as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER MAINS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewer mains as follows:

- (a) Construction of 1,967 feet of sanitary sewer main in Clanton Park, at request of John Crosland Company to serve 44 vacant lots, at an estimated cost of \$5,905.00. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of the full amount to be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 163 feet of sanitary sewer main in Fairmont Street, at request of Helms Construction Company to serve 4 family units, at an estimated cost of \$705.00. All costs to be borne by City.

CONTRACT AWARDED REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NE-SW RUNWAY PROJECT, AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Rea Construction Company for Improvements to NE-SW Runway Project at Douglas Municipal Airport, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$84,884.25.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 10-ft. driveway entrance at 1220 West Trade Street.
- (b) One 35-ft. driveway entrance at 2511 S. Boulevard.
- (c) One 24-ft. driveway entrance at 1408 Bryant Street.
- (d) One 45-ft., One 40-ft. and One 38-ft. driveway entrances at 322 West Stonewall Street.

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO RALPH J. BEATTY AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that a Special Officer Permit be issued to Ralph J. Beatty, Belmont, N. C., for use on the premises of Federal Reserve Bank. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. DAVID G. WELTON, AND REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. HAMILTON MCKAY TO HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The City Manager announced the appointment of Dr. David G. Welton to the Health Advisory Committee to serve the unexpired term of Dr. W. L. Venning, Jr. resigned, and the reappointment of Dr. Hamilton McKay for a term of 5 years to succeed himself on the said Committee. Councilwoman Evans moved approval of the appointments, which was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED THE NORTHERN BANK NOTE COMPANY FOR PRINTING 5,240 CITY OF CHARLOTTE BONDS.

Councilman Smith moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, The Northern Bank Note Company of Chicago, for printing 5,240 City of Charlotte Bonds, at a price of \$1,875.00, plus \$15.00 additional for each rate change per issue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PARS H. LEMMOND TO VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the appointment of Mr. Pars H. Lemmond to the Veterans Service Committee by Board of Commissioners for Mecklenburg County to fill vacancy, was approved.

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CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH TROTTER & ALLAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN PORTION OF AMITY GARDENS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing contract with Trotter & Allan Construction Company for the installation of 1,800 feet of water mains and one hydrant, in a portion of Amity Gardens Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$4,180.00. The applicant to pay all costs and own the mains until the area is incorporated into the city.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT, TO CONTRACT DATED MARCH 7, 1956, AUTHORIZED WITH ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER MAINS IN AMITY GARDENS SUBDIVISION NO. 4.

Councilman Brown moved approval of Supplementary Contract with Ervin Construction Company, to contract dated March 7, 1956, for the installation of 1,995 feet of additional water mains and 2 hydrants, in Amity Gardens Subdivision No. 4, outside the city, at an estimated cost of \$4,750.00. The applicant to pay all costs and own the mains until the area is incorporated into the city. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

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

- (a) Mulberry Avenue, from Miles Court to Heil Place.
- (b) Heil Place, from Mulberry Avenue to Orvis Street.
- (c) Orvis Street, from Russell Avenue to Miles Court.
- (d) Russell Avenue, from Mulberry Avenue to dead-end.
- (e) Dresden Drive West, from Norland Road to Roanoke Avenue.
- (f) Norland Road, from Independence Boulevard to Dresden Dr. West.
- (g) Winfield Drive, from Woodland Drive to Pierson Drive.
- (h) Bentley Place, from one-half block west of Dunlavin Way to one-half block east of Dunlavin Way.
- (i) Dunlavin Way, from Sandhurst Drive South to dead-end.
- (j) Townsend Avenue, from Dunlavin Way to Eastway Drive.
- (k) Cornwall Street, from Sandhurst Drive to Townsend Avenue.
- (l) Sandhurst Drive, from Eastway Drive to Dunlavin Way.
- (m) Margate Avenue, from Sandhurst Drive to Telford Place.
- (n) Telford Place, from Sandhurst Drive to Kilborne Drive.
- (o) Kilborne Drive, from Eastway Drive to Telford Place.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Olen C. Earney and wife, for Lot 196, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$126.00.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Bobbie Alexander, for Lot C, in front of Rows #9 and #10, North Pinewood Cemetery, at \$126.00.

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 813-815 SOUTH BREVARD STREET FROM C. C. CLANTON FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR TRAFFIC TURNING LANE FROM S. BREVARD STREET INTO INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the purchase of a lot at 813-815 South Brevard Street was authorized from Mr. C. C. Clanton, at a price of \$6,092.85, for right-of-way for a traffic turning lane from S. Brevard Street into Independence Boulevard.

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CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST THIRD STREET.

Councilman Brown moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Crowder Construction Company, for street improvements on East Third Street, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$33,074.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR RESURFACING VARIOUS STREETS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Blythe Bros. Company, for resurfacing various streets, all as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$159,529.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN LANCASTER STREET AT REQUEST OF MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the construction of 195 feet of 8-inch sanitary sewer main was authorized in Lancaster Street, at an estimated cost of \$465.00, at request of the Board of Commissioners for Mecklenburg County, to serve one business unit and four vacant lots. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's deposit of \$265.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONSTRUCTION OF GRAVEL SIDEWALK ON NORTH SIDE OF COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE FROM FORMER DEAD-END BACK TO MATHESON AVENUE, AUTHORIZED.

The City Manager reported that the sidewalk in connection with the opening of Country Club Drive was constructed as authorized by the City Council on September 22, 1954.

Councilman Dellinger stated again that the residents say it was not, and there must have been a misunderstanding as to where the sidewalk was to be constructed. He moved that a gravel sidewalk now be constructed on the north side of Country Club Drive from its former dead-end, back to Matheson Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED ROSS & WITMER, INC. FOR TEMPERATURE CONTROL SYSTEM AT MINT MUSEUM OF ART.

Councilman Brown stated that the Executive Committee of the Mint Museum of Art has submitted a recommendation relative to letting the contract for the temperature control system for the building, and he moved that their recommendation be approved and the contract be awarded Ross and Witmer, Inc., for furnishing and installing a Temperature Control System at the Mint Museum of Art, at a price of \$28,000.00, and that their Report and Recommendations be included in the Minutes of this meeting as a part of the action of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

The Report of the Executive Committee is as follows:

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Mr. C. E. Beatty, Purchasing Agent
City of Charlotte
City Hall
Charlotte, North Carolina

My Dear Mr. Beatty:

The Executive Committee of the Mint Museum of Art has studied the plans and specifications submitted for the proposed heating and air conditioning installation. We have made no attempt to determine the necessary cooling, heating and humiditation load of the building, as we understand that you have accepted the

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basic specification requirements as being sufficient, inasmuch as they were prepared by a competent engineer.

After making a thorough study of the bids and supporting data submitted by the contractors, our Committee recommends that the contract for doing this work be awarded to Ross & Witmer, Inc., Charlotte, North Carolina. This recommendation is based upon the following:

1. Adequacy of the equipment to be furnished.
2. Ross and Witmer, Inc. maintain a competent and experienced local service department.
3. Ross and Witmer, Inc. are outstandingly experienced in this type of installation, such as the air conditioning of large areas i.e. auditoriums.
4. Their bid and the details thereof appear to meet the actual needs of a Museum in the safe-guarding of valuable works of art.
5. Their length of time for completion is in line and enables some of the benefits to accrue during the winter season.

This matter has been approved by the Executive Committee which also secured outside advice from an independent engineer in the evaluation of all bids and data.

We thank you very much and assure you, your associates and the members of the City Council of our gratitude for your cooperation and help in this matter.

Most respectfully yours,

S/ Sam Galabow
President

S/ C. D. Spangler
Chairman of Museum Committee

S/ George B. Cramer,
Vice President

S/ Mrs. H. Stokes Munroe, Jr.
Secretary

S/ Alexander F. Schenck
Vice President

S/ M. B. Speir, Jr.
Treasurer

S/ Mrs. Walter D. Toy
Vice President "

CHARLOTTE OBSERVER REPORTER, LARRY JINKS, COMMENDED ON ARTICLE RELATIVE TO THE INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN PERIMETER AREAS TO CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Brown moved that Mr. Larry Jinks, Reporter for The Charlotte Observer, be commended on the very fine article he wrote relative to the incorporation of certain perimeter areas to Charlotte. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

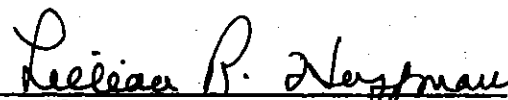
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ERECTION OF SIGNS DISCUSSED.

Councilwoman Evans asked the City Attorney if he can now report on the question of the erection of Signs. Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, replied that he does not have an ordinance drawn, as he does not know how it should be drawn; that it will have to be done under the zoning ordinance, and that Councilman Dellinger has asked for an ordinance applicable where it is predominantly residential and one where it is predominantly business; that the question of "ground level" or "street level" must be determined in some way. He stated further he would be glad to draw an ordinance if these things are decided but he does not think it would be valid.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk