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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, January 22, 1958, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Foard and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on January 15th were approved as submitted.

REQUEST OF PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR \$1,075,000 TO PROVIDE NEEDED PARK AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE PERIMETER AREA TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY ON JANUARY 1, 1960.

The members of the Park and Recreation Commission appeared before the Council, and Mr. Ernest Sifford, Chairman stated they are exceedingly proud of the Park System, and were recently honored by the State Athletic Association for their outstanding work in recreation. He expressed his appreciation to the Council for having appointed Mrs Mildred Howerton to the Commission and commended her on her contribution to their work. Mr Sifford stated it is their desire to maintain their good record of meeting the City's recreational needs, and are appearing today to present their needs for the perimeter area when annexed.

He then introduced Mr Joe Grier, Park & Recreation Commissioner, and Chairman of a Committee to study the needs for park and recreational facilities in the perimeter area to be annexed to the City, January 1, 1960. Copies of the Report were presented each member of the Council and the City Clerk, whose copy will be placed on permanent file. Mr Grier stated the report was presented to the Park & Recreation Commission in meeting today and approved by them. That the report is designed to remedy some short-comings in the present Park System in the City and to provide facilities in the area to be annexed. That the report outlines the immediate needs and also their long-range program. That the immediate need is for 16 parks and 2 community centers, estimated to cost \$585,000.00, and the long-range projects, as outlined in detail in the report, are estimated to cost \$490,000.00, making a total to meet all requirements of \$1,075,000.00. Mr. Grier explained in detail the needs as setforth under 19 projects in the report.

Mr. Grier advised further that it is their opinion that their \$75,000.00 reserve fund will be available at the end of the fiscal year and it is their proposal that the full amount be dedicated to this program. That if this is done, it will be necessary for the City to advance funds to meet other needs, such as their summer program, and the same would be necessary each year if their reserve is set aside for the program. Also,

that the acquisition of Sugaw Creek Disposal Plant property for a park and community center; the continued use of the Incinerator site property, and the allocation each year of the entire 8 cents tax levy.

Councilman Dellinger stated he thinks the program as outlined in the Report is fine; that he noted that many of the suggestions in the Allen Report are incorporated in the Report, and he feels the recreational needs should be taken care of and hopes the Council will be able to find the funds to do so.

Mayor Smith expressed his appreciation to the Commission for the study of the needs in the perimeter area and commended them on the report, and stated the Report will be studied with the view of meeting the needs.

Mr. Sifford stated they will be back at budget making time to ask that the full 8 cents tax levy be restored; as they are now operating on an 8 cents levy basis on their 6 cents allocation and surplus.

RESOLUTION INSTRUCTING CITY ATTORNEY TO COMMUNICATE WITH CITY'S BOND ATTORNEYS CONCERNING BOND ELECTION FOR WATER, SEWER, HEALTH CENTER, AND FIRE BUILDING.

Councilman Baxter recommended that in the bond election for Water, Sewer, Health Center and Fire Building, an amount be added for Park and Recreation Facilities in the perimeter area. That he believes \$200,000 could be deducted from the amounts proposed for Water and Sewer.

Mayor Smith stated he thinks that first things must come first; that the proposed bond needs have been fully discussed and agreed upon as "musts" and that the amounts established are minimum, and if it is necessary another bond election can be held to meet the park and recreation needs.

Councilman Dellinger stated he feels the Council is obligated to the people in the perimeter area to see that they have some of all the park and recreational facilities that the city now has. Councilman Albea stated he feels that the City should go ahead with the bond election as planned, which are "musts".

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that the amounts proposed for the Water Sewer, Health Center and Fire Building are estimates, and absolute minimums, and usually cost more in the long run.

Councilman Brown introduced a resolution entitled: "Resolution Instructing the City Attorney to Communicate with the City's Bond Attorneys Concerning the Election for \$4,800,000.00 Bonds for Water, Sewer, Health Center and Fire Building" and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 179.

RESOLUTION DEDICATING PROPERTY FOR HEALTH CENTER BUILDING.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Dedicating Property for Health Center Building" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted, and is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 180.

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RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CITY TREASURER AS PROPER AUTHORITY FOR RECEIVING AND HANDLING ALL FUNDS IN CONNECTION WITH CITY-COUNTY HEALTH BUILDING.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Designating City Treasurer as Proper Authority for Receiving and Handling All Funds in Connection with City-County Health Building" was introduced and read. Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 181.

CONTRACT WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY ADOPTED MAY 8, 1957 RESCINDED FOR INSTALLATION OF 93 LUMEN MERCURY VAPOR STREET LAMPS ON SOUTH BOULEVARD FROM TREMONT AVENUE TO CITY LIMITS, AND NEW CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF 46 LAMPS AUTHORIZED IN LIEU THEREOF.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, contract with Duke Power Company, adopted May 8, 1957, was rescinded covering the installation of 93 lumen mercury vapor street lamps on South Boulevard from Tremont Avenue to the city limits, and a new contract for the installation of 46 such lamps was awarded the Company in lieu thereof.

MAXIMUM PENALTY ON CITY PRIVILEGE LICENSE FIXED AT 25% FOR FISCAL YEAR, 1957-58.

Councilman Brown moved that the maximum penalty on City Privilege License for the fiscal year 1957-58 be fixed at 25%. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

SURPLUS REVENUE OVER AND ABOVE 1957-58 BUDGET ESTIMATES ADDED TO TOTAL CURRENT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATED TO CAPITAL OUTLAY APPROPRIATIONS, TRAFFIC SIGNAL DIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, adding \$13,000.00 of surplus revenue over and above the 1957-58 Budget Estimates, to the total of the current Budget, and appropriating the said amount to Capital Outlay Appropriations, Traffic Signal Division, Code 1518 G-47, Traffic Signals.

ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AUTHORIZED TO CONNECT PRIVATELY OWNED SANITARY SEWER LINES IN MONCLAIRE SUBDIVISION TO CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that Ervin Construction Company be authorized to connect 3,056 feet of privately owned sanitary sewer lines in Monclaire Subdivision to the City's Sanitary Sewerage System, upon condition they comply with all laws, rules and regulations now in effect, or which may hereafter become effective relative to property similarly situated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN CANTERBURY DRIVE AND MELCHOR AVENUE AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of 431 feet of sanitary sewer main in Canterbury Drive and Melchor Avenue, to serve three family units, at an estimated cost of \$1,295.00, at request of Mr. A. B. Purcell. All costs to be borne by the City and applicant's required deposit of \$395.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) One 10-ft. driveway entrance at 105 Hawthorne Lane.
- (b) One 10-ft. driveway entrance at 1013 East 4th Street.
- (c) Two 22-ft. driveway entrances on West 23rd Street, for 1925 North Tryon Street.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Albea moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed with Mr. Walter L. Hoover, Jr., for the transfer of Grave #3, Lot 95 and Grave #1, Lot 96, Section 3 of Evergreen Cemetery, at a cost of \$80.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE BANNING OVERHANGING STREET SIGNS IN UPTOWN AREA TO BE PRESENTED AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Wilkinson, Chairman of the Committee to consider the question of banning overhanging street signs in the uptown area, stated that the Committee has met and recommends the adoption of an ordinance outlawing such signs, and he will present the ordinance at next week's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk