

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 Monday, July 31, 1961, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Thomas Miller, Assistant Minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-
animously carried, the Minutes of the regular meeting on July 17th were
approved as submitted, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting on July
27th were approved as corrected by Councilman Smith to add the word
"help" before the word "offset" in the last line of the first paragraph
on Page 452.

MRS E C MARSHALL PRESENTED A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL AND OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE FOR GOOD
SAMARITAN HOSPITAL.

In presenting Mrs E. C. Marshall with a framed copy of the Resolution
of Appreciation of the City to the Board of Trustees of the N. C. Epis-
copal Diocese and of Good Samaritan Hospital, for the gift of the Hospital,
Mayor Brookshire expressed his sincere thanks for her fifty-one years of
service on the Hospital Board and her personal efforts through her church
in bringing about the deeding of the Hospital property to the City of
Charlotte.

Mrs Marshall stated she was very proud to receive the resolution, and her
work with Good Samaritan Hospital was one of the most rewarding things
she has ever done. She expressed her appreciation for the cooperation
of the members of the City Council through the many years of the life of
the hospital, and expressed the hope that it would continue to serve our
citizens well.

ADDITION TO POLICY REGULATING THE INSTALLATIONS OF SANITARY SEWERS ADOPTED.

Mrs W. N. Stokes, Jr. was spokesman for a delegation of residents of the
McAlway Road, Beal Street and Craig Avenue area, and urged that the City
extend the sanitary sewer line along Craig Avenue west to McAlway Road
and in McAlway Road from the present end of the sewer to Monroe Road, to
take care of their sewage problem caused by the overflowing of their
septic tanks, creating a health hazard. She stated since this was
brought to the attention of Council on June 26th, the Health Department
has set a deadline of August 7th to have the condition corrected or
face court action.

Mr Veeder, City Manager, recommended the adoption of the following addition to the Policy regulating the installation of sanitary sewers:

Whenever multiple ownership of existing dwellings on publicly maintained streets makes it impracticable to apply the preceding policy on sanitary sewer installations, the Council may authorize the installation of required lines, provided:

1. The Council receives and considers a report from the Health Department on the adequacy of septic tanks in service.
2. A percentage of the owners acceptable to the Council:
 - a. deposits the cost of sewer laterals in advance of construction of the lines
 - b. agrees to connect their house sewers to the lines upon their completion.
3. An estimate of annual revenue to be derived from the lines equals 10% of estimated construction cost, said revenue estimate to be based so far as possible upon prior water bills.

Mrs Stokes stated their existing trouble is in McAlway Road but all the property owners on McAlway Road, Beal Street and Craig Avenue are interested in connecting to the sewer line and no portion of the area should be left out.

Councilman Smith moved the adoption of the addition to the present policy regulating the installation of sewers, as presented by the City Manager, and that it be left up to the City Manager to work it out. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

Mrs Stokes called attention to the deadline fixed by the Health Department and the City Manager stated he will take care of that and get started on the work as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO GIVE EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTRACTS NOT AWARDED LOW BIDDERS ON TYPEWRITERS, CASH REGISTERS AND ADDING MACHINES.

Mr Harold Fehr, Manager of Underwood Typewriter Corporation, Mr David Pharr, Manager of Royal Typewriter Company, Mr Vernon Himebauch and Mr Ed Muse, representing Victor Adding Machine and Cash Register Company, expressed objections to the award of contracts on typewriters, adding machines and cash registers by Memorial Hospital Authority for the hospital wing. Mr Fehr stated his bid on the 25 typewriters was \$6,780.00 and the contract was awarded International Business Machine Corporation at a price of \$10,039.50. He and Mr Pharr stated that Mr Thomas, Executive Director, advised their bids were not compatible with the hospital's standardization of IBM machines. Mr Himebauch advised that Mr Muse made two attempts to get specifications on the cash registers and could only get a model number and after the bids were read they were advised they had bid incorrectly.

Mayor Brookshire stated that our interest is in the hospital's capital improvements and not in the support of the operation of the hospital, therefore the decision as to the products that meet their specifications would be made by the Hospital Authority.

Mr Muse stated this equipment is for the new wing, and purchased with bond funds provided by the City and matched with Federal Funds; therefore, it would become of interest to the City of Charlotte.

Mr Shaw, City Attorney, stated if the equipment was purchased partially with bond funds, then the Council would be entitled to an explanation of the award of the contracts.

Councilman Thrower moved that the Hospital Authority be requested to give an explanation as to why the contracts on typewriters, cash registers and adding machines were not awarded to the lowest bidders of the manufacturing firms they had invited to bid on a competitive bid basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-Z AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-2 TO B-1 ON PROPERTY AT TUCKASEEGEE ROAD AND GLENWOOD DRIVE, ON PETITION OF THE P & N RAILWAY COMPANY ET AL, CONTINUED TO AUGUST 14, 1961.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, decision on Ordinance No. 34-Z Amending the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property located at Tuckaseege Road and Glenwood Drive, was continued until August 14, 1961, awaiting a recommendation from the Planning Board.

EXTRA WORK ORDER NO. I AUTHORIZED IN CONTRACT OF MYERS & CHAPMAN, INC. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONS TO THE WATER METER SHOP & STORES ROOM.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, Extra Work Order No. I in the amount of \$805.00 covering the extension of foundation walls deeper than anticipated to place the footings on sound material, was authorized in the contract with Myers and Chapman, Inc., for the construction of Additions to the Water Meter Shop and Stores Room on Fairmont Street.

CHANGE IN NAME OF APPLICANT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN PORTION OF BARCLAY DOWNS SUBDIVISION, FROM TRYON PROCESSING & CONSTRUCTORS INVESTMENT CORPORATION TO BARCLAY DOWNS.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the request of the City Manager that the name of the applicant for the installation of water mains in portion of Barclay Downs Subdivision, which was approved on July 10th be changed from Tryon Processing & Constructors Investment Corp. to Barclay Downs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO DAVIS & DAVIS REALTY COMPANY FOR SERVICES IN SECURING RIGHTS OF WAY IN CONNECTION WITH SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND TRUNKS.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing payment of \$220.00 to Davis & Davis Realty Company, for services in securing rights of way in connection with the Thomasboro Area Trunks, Taggart Creek Outfall, Holly Street Trunk Line, Trunk lines to Tennessee Avenue, Tipperary Place, Shady Bluff Drive and Spruce Street.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH JACKSON ENGINEERING CORP FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN PORTION OF FOXCROFT SUBDIVISION.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan,

and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with Jackson Engineering Corporation, for the installation of 1,380 feet of water mains in a portion of Foxcroft Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$4,140.00. The City to finance all costs and Applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED FOR RIGHTS OF WAY FOR SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS INTO PERIMETER AREA.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of the payment for rights of way for sanitary sewer extensions into the perimeter area, as follows: The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried:

Trustees of Gospel Chapel Church	\$ 7.88
C. L. McClure & wife, Rachel	75.00
John Wesley Key & wife, Ora Lee	75.44
Edwina Wilson	75.00
Fred W. Shook and wife, Mary Lee	131.08
Thomas J. Presson and wife, Lillian	16.44

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the construction of sanitary sewer lines was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 1,120 ft. sewer main in Purser Drive, inside the city, on request of Trotter and Allan Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$3,270.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 943 ft. of sewer main in Old Steele Creek Road, inside the city, on request of Southern Real Estate and Insurance Company, at an estimated cost of \$4,685.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 1,072 ft. of sewer main in Northmore Street, inside the city, on request of Charlotte Lumber & Mfg. Company, at an estimated cost of \$3,130.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED FOR COURT COST OF PROCEEDINGS CONDEMNING PROPERTY OF PIEDMONT KENNEL CLUB FOR STREET RIGHT OF WAY FOR NEW LANDFILL ROAD.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, authorizing the payment of \$247.65 to Mr J. Edward Stukes, Clerk of Mecklenburg County Superior Court, for court cost of proceedings condemning property of the Piedmont Kennel Club, for street right of way required for the new Landfill Road off Nations Ford Road.

NAME OF THRIFT ROAD, FROM INTERSTATE #85 TO THE CITY LIMITS CHANGED TO FREEDOM DRIVE, AND THE TWO BLOCKS OF THRIFT ROAD, FROM TUCKASEEGEE ROAD TO INTERSTATE #85 SERVICE ROAD TO BE RENAMED WHEN PETITION RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, in order to relieve the confusion in the area of Freedom Drive and Thrift Road, the name of Thrift Road, from Interstate #85 to the city limits was changed to Freedom Drive, and the two blocks of Thrift Road, from Tuckaseege Road to Interstate #85 Service Road will be renamed when the residents present their petition suggesting the new name.

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the issuance of Special Officer Permits was authorized to the following persons:

- (a) Permit to Johnnie Cleveland Mumford, 5824 Wilkinson Boulevard, for use on the premises of the Federal Reserve Bank.
- (b) Permit to Thomas Tanner, 201 Woodland Avenue, for use on premises of Perfecting Service Company.
- (c) Permit to Grover C. Rimmer, 1812 Pegram Street, for use on premises of Perfecting Service Company.
- (d) Permit to Joseph Charles Cook, 1700 Umstead Street, for use on the premises of Perfecting Service Company.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr C. S. Reed, for Graves 5 and 6, in Lot 25-B, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr John M. Justice and wife, for Lot 127, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (c) Deed with Mr John M. Justice and wife, for Perpetual Care on Lot 39, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$63.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERLAND BLUE PRINTERS FOR ONE DRY-DEVELOPING WHITE PRINT COPYING MACHINE.

Councilman Thrower moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Southerland Blue Printers, for one Dry-Developing White Print Copying Machine, as specified, in the total amount of \$1,648.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Southerland Blue Printers	\$ 1,648.00
Charles Bruning Co., Inc.	1,664.08
Duncan Printmakers	1,665.11
Charles A. Torrence	1,714.10
Eugene Dietzgen	1,828.33

CONTRACT AWARDED PURSER & LONDON, INC FOR THREE CONE VALVES.

Upon motion of Councilman Alba, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Purser & London, Inc., for Three 20-inch Cone Valves, as specified, in the total amount of \$10,391.67.

The following bids were received:

Purser & London, Inc.	\$10,391.67
The Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	13,056.23

CONTRACT AWARDED HENRY PRATT COMPANY FOR TWO BUTTERFLY VALVES.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Henry Pratt Company, for Two 20-inch Butterfly Valves, as specified, in the total amount of \$1,545.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Henry Pratt Company	\$ 1,545.00
B.I.F. Industries, Inc.	2,861.34

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN NORTH TRYON STREET TO ELEVATED TANK SITE, SUBJECT TO CHARLOTTE COLLEGE COMMUNITY SANITARY DISTRICT PROCEEDING WITH THE LINE BEYOND THE TANK SITE.

The City Manager advised that the construction of the 24-inch distribution system of water main in North Tryon Street, to our proposed elevated water tank location, for which bids were received on July 11th, ties in with the work we agreed to do to service Charlotte College Community Sanitary District in bringing the line to the tank site and they will install the lines from there out. He stated as of yesterday, they had not completed their negotiations where they can tell us they will proceed with the line north; therefore, he thinks it wise for the city to hold up on the contract for our part until we are certain the Sanitary District will carry the line on out.

The City Attorney stated there is an emergency as to the timing of the completion of the water line and he suggests it might be well to conditionally approve the contract in view of the Council not meeting again for two weeks.

Councilman Whittington moved that the contract be awarded the low bidder, Blythe Bros Company, at their bid price of \$79,723.50, on a unit price of \$19.50 for 24" pipe installed, \$4.00 per cubic yard for rock excavation and \$20.00 per cubic yard for concrete blocking, subject to the Charlotte Community Sanitary district proceeding with the line beyond the tank site. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Blythe Brothers	\$79,723.50
A. P. White and Associates	79,982.77
Boyd and Goforth	80,377.15
C. M. Allen and Company, Inc.	81,041.75

CONTRACT AWARDED H. V. JOHNSON & SON, INC FOR STOKER COAL FOR USE AT AIRPORT TERMINAL.

Councilman Thrower moved the award of contract to the low bidder, H. V. Johnson & Son, Inc. for 490 tons of Stoker Coal, at a total bid price of \$5,208.50, on a unit price basis of \$10.32 per ton, for use at the Airport Terminal. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried.

The following bids were received:

H. V. Johnson & Son, Inc.	\$ 5,208.50
Electric Ice & Fuel Company	5,258.97

APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT LASSITER TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Councilman Dellinger moved the appointment of Mr Robert Lassiter to the Airport Advisory Committee for a term of five years, expiring July 31, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF E. LOWELL MASON TO CHARLOTTE PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Upon motion Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, Mr E. Lowell Mason was appointed to the Park and Recreation Commission for the unexpired term of Mr J. H. Murnick, re-signed, expiring on March 21, 1962.

RESIGNATION OF JUDGE HUGH B CAMPBELL FROM AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.

Councilman Dellinger moved the acceptance of the resignation of Judge Hugh B. Campbell from the Airport Advisory Committee, with regret. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SAMUEL C. HAIR TO AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Mr Samuel C. Hair was appointed to the Airport Advisory Committee for the unexpired term of Judge Hugh B. Campbell, expiring on July 31, 1963.

TRAFFIC COUNT REQUESTED AT PLAZA ROAD, DRUMMOND AVENUE AND CATAWBA AVENUE.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to have a traffic count made at the three-way intersection of Plaza Road, Drummond Avenue and Catawba Avenue.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT OPPOSITE JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY DRIVEWAY, AT DIXON STREET AND BEATTIES FORD ROAD.

Councilman Albea advised he has had several calls regarding the need for a traffic light across from Johnson C. Smith University. Councilman Dellinger stated he has had a similar request and the location is across

from the University driveway at Dixon Street and Beatties Ford Road; that the Traffic Engineer checked the location and gave him a report that the light is not warranted, and that he, in turn, sent the report on to the person making the request. Councilman Albea requested the City Manager to look into the matter, that the people who called him said the President of the University is concerned over the condition.

SIXTEEN FIRE ALARM BOXES TO BE INSTALLED IN HOSKINS AREA.

Councilman Whittington stated he has had a report there are no fire alarm boxes in the Hoskins area, from the P & N Railway to Highway 16; that he is told many people in the area do not have telephones by which to report fires; that he has discussed it with Chief Charles who will correct the situation. The City Manager advised that he has a letter from Chief Charles stating they have surveyed the area and plan to install sixteen fire alarm boxes from the P & N Railway tracks north encircling the general Hoskins area, and the work on the circuit and installation will begin July 31st and should be completed within six weeks.

PLAN PROPOSED TO SPREAD TAX LOAD OVER A WIDER PARTICIPATION, PROBABLY IN FORM OF TAX ON ALL INCOMES.

Councilman Bryant stated that while budget time and tax considerations are still fresh with us, he would like to make a few remarks.

The growth of the City, both in area and in population, has necessitated a great deal of spending in order to give the services ordinarily furnished by the City. Increased valuation of property has provided a good portion of the financial needs of this growth. Ownership of property is one of the corner stones of a free people. With it goes responsibility. However, this does not mean that only home owners and business property owners should have the responsibility of the money needs of a community.

It has become clearly evident in the last few years that the burden of taxes borne by the property owner has become almost intolerable. He feels that it is time for all of us to face up to the fact that all the people should share in the cost of services which the City provides to everyone.

He stated he is not proposing a new tax in order to raise more taxes, but is proposing that the present tax load be spread over a wider base than is now the case. It would mean a tax of some sort that would permit those who live in Charlotte and don't own property and those who work in Charlotte and have advantage of the many facilities present to participate in the expense. This type participation would probably have to take some form of a City income tax on all incomes. This will be an unpopular move. However, with the proper interpretation and proper education he believes that our people will see the justice of full participation.

He stated that he did not see with this an appreciable reduction in property tax although some should result. Adjustments can be made. However he did see the probability of not having to increase them for a good many years. A home owner conceivably would pay a combined tax of less than his present property tax since the tax base would be broader. He wanted to emphasise that this does not mean additional taxes - but a wider participation, a broader base from which to draw. That he has read and studied the report made by the Mayor's Committee last year and feels that it is very well done, and is sorry that no specific recommendations resulted and that Council should reconsider this report and come to some conclusion.

He stated further that this is long range planning. If such a plan is feasible work must begin now to have full knowledge of the many details involved. Legislation would be necessary in Raleigh to implement such a plan. It is not too early to begin a thorough consideration of the matter. Councilman Bryant stated he would like the Council to study and consider this matter thoroughly.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Councilman Bryant for his remarks, stating this is a subject that has been much discussed and he thinks any broadening of the tax base should be done in collaboration with the County.

Councilman Thrower stated he cannot support a payroll tax; that he realizes new sources of revenue are needed but thinks the Council should exhaust every possible source before a man is taxed for his right to work.

Councilman Albea stated the idea that a person who rents property does not pay taxes is wrong, that the property owner always includes the tax in his rental fee.

Councilman Bryant stated he realizes this is very controversial, but he thinks the Council should consider it and not shy away from the subject.

CITY MANAGER AUTHORIZED TO DEMOLISH POLK HOUSE WHEN NECESSARY FOR EXTENSION OF EAST THIRD STREET.


The City Manager advised that in accordance with the request of Council on July 10th he wrote Mr Houston, President of Mecklenburg Historical Society, advising him that Council would be willing to make available the property at the intersection of Harding Place and Greenwood Cliff as a site for the Polk House, and also advising that from the Council discussion it was apparent that Council is not inclined to consider additional approaches towards solving the problem of a site. That while all concerned are sympathetic and hope the Society is able to make suitable arrangements, it is necessary to point out that a final decision must be arrived at no later than July 28, 1961. Mr Veeder stated he has heard nothing from them since the letter was written.

Mayor Brookshire stated the Polk House was given the Society with the understanding they move it, and the Council has tried to help them find a location, and it does not seem there is anything else to do but move the house when necessary.

Councilman Albea moved that the City Manager be authorized to move the Polk House when necessary for the extension of East Third Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk