

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, June 5, 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 Mr. Russell N. Burson, Jr., Associate Minister of First Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on May 29th were approved as submitted.

MECKLENBURG HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION GRANTED EXTENSION OF TIME TO MOVE HUTCHINSON HOUSE.

Mr. George Houston, President of the Mecklenburg Historical Association, was present and stated that several weeks ago the Council gave the association the Hutchinson house on Caswell Road. Now, they have reached the stage where the house should have been moved; he has two request to make - one they be granted more time, and two to ask the Council to inter-vene with Park and Recreation Commission for a place to locate the house. He advised there would be no cost to the Park Board as the Association will assume all indebtness, maintenance, insurance and such.

Councilman Dellinger asked the City Manager how much time the Council would be safe in granting. Mr. Veeder stated he did not know just how to answer as at the moment the pressure is not on from the State but he expects it will be in a short time.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, the Council granted a 15 day extension to June 20th for the Historical Associati on to remove the house from its present location on Caswell Road.

Councilman Dellinger suggested that in the meantime, the Mayor or Mr. Veeder could talk with the Park and Recreation Commission.

Councilman Whittington asked if the Park Board has given any answer at all, and Mr. Houston replied they have not said no, but the man who gave the land to the Board would give his blessings. He was asked where the park is located and replied just behind the Mint Museum. Councilman Whittington stated in the interest of trying to get the house moved, he thought the Council should go to the Park Board, or the Mayor or City Manager, to try to help them acquire a site. Mayor Brookshire stated he and Mr. Veeder would be happy to do so.

## CHARLOTTE BRANCH OF NAACP REQUEST EMPLOYMENT OF QUALIFIED NEGROES IN GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OF CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

Mr. Kelly Alexander, Executive Secretary of the Charlotte Branch of NAACP, presented a request to Council for the employment of qualified negroes in City government stating they think that a basic need today is to make the full use of the individual Negro's talents and abilities in terms of qualifications, to eliminate all restrictions and limitations which prevent Negroes from sharing the full benefits of government employment. He stated if the city fails to utilize the Negro potential, Charlotte will be denied urgently needed manpower skills and the Negro will be forced into an even more menial position in the economy of the city even though the expansion of economic opportunity increases for other groups within the community. Mr. Alexander asked that an approach to this matter be viewed with the essence of objectivity and that it be separated from emotional overtones which might distort the objective truth of the issues involved; they feel no problem has arisen in this city and during these times which is in greater need of immediate attention or consideration than employment discrimination in government. He stated they were appealing to the Council to use the influence of their public office to eliminate discrimination in government employment and by so doing will be improving relationships among peoples of all races and correcting the mistaken image that some persons have that "certain jobs in city government are not for Negroes", and also making it clear that the employment policy of the city government is non-discriminatory and that every individual is entitled to employment on the basis of his qualifications. Mr. Alexander stated there now exists a systematic exclusion of qualified Negroes from certain job classifications solely because of their color; that newspaper advertisements request only whites to apply, application blanks have space reserved for race, job orders are placed with employment agencies, or arbitrary policies of a personnel director or department supervisor or official in charge of hiring. This discrimination forces many Negro workers, regardless of their qualifications, into low-paying and often menial jobs, such as common laborers and domestic servants, and once the Negro is hired, he finds he is being paid less than other workers on the same level or education and ability. Mr. Alexander stated they feel the City Council should give some assurance to the Negro citizens that if discrimination exists in any department of city government, the City Council stands squarely behind anyone who is denied a job because of his race, color, religion, ancestry or national origin.

Mr. Alexander further stated they were appealing to the members of the City Council to make themselves aware of the need at this time to face up to their responsibilities. He asked that they go on record in a concrete way with a statement of city policy, that there will be no discrimination in government employment because of race, color, religion, or national origin. He urged that they take action on this presentation and request.

Mr. Alexander added if the Charlotte City Council would act on this petition, it would be one of the first such actions of its kind in the South; this could be a starting point. He also stated they are at the point where they feel some action should be taken by the Council on things negroes desire; they have lived through periods of non-action, and they feel there would be no controversy as the National Government has set the city an example; it would not be out of line for the Council to take a step forward.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Alexander if he has discussed this with the Personnel Director; to which Mr. Alexander replied they thought it would be premature as they feel the Council itself should say there will be no discrimination.

Mayor Brookshire advised Mr. Alexander the Council appreciates his coming and the matter will be taken under advisement; that he will ask the City

Manager to review the city's policies in the matter of employment with the Personnel Director. He stated also that he knew the intent and purpose of Mr Alexander's coming before the Council, and he is all for having Council consider what is fair and right, and the matter will be looked into.

Mrs U. S. Brooks, President of the NAACP, stated hers is a purely personal matter and one she had intended to take up personally. She stated she has always been taught if there was anything you wanted to know about your town, you should ask a Police officer; that on last Saturday, she was in Revolutionary Park and walked up to an officer and asked for the time; she was told his clock was not running; there were other officers present and she asked them and received the same answer; she finally asked a young civilian man standing there and he gave her the time. She stated there are some very fine officers but others who try every little nasty trick just because ones skin is dark. That she had felt safe in asking a police officer and she feels they should be better trained.

Councilman Whittington asked what time of day this happened and Mrs Brooks replied between 5 and 6 o'clock. The City Manager was asked to check this with the Police Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-X EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF CHARLOTTE BY ANNEXING 80.529 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN PAW CREEK TOWNSHIP, ON PETITION OF ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 29-X Extending the Corporate Limits of Charlotte by annexing 80.529 acres of Property located in Paw Creek Township, on petition of Ervin Construction Company. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 71.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-Z AMENDING CHAPTER 23, ARTICLE II, SECTION 23-43 OF THE CITY CODE, AMENDING THE BUILDING ZONE MAP OF THE PERIMETER AREA, DENIED.

Mayor Brookshire stated he has received a letter from the Pastor of Thomasboro Presbyterian Church opposing the change in zoning on Bradford Drive. He also presented a petition signed by some 30 residents asking that the change in zoning be denied.

Councilman Smith stated the people who live adjacent to the property in question are requesting a change to a business classification which will make it solid business down to the present business zone.

Councilman Dellinger suggested the decision be postponed until the hearing is set on the new petition, to which Councilman Bryant concurred.

Councilman Albea stated he was ready to vote today.

Councilman Dellinger stated he feels the people are entitled to the same treatment as was given a similar case on Statesville Avenue. Councilman Whittington stated he believes the cases are similar but there was only the one man and his neighbor involved and on Bradford Drive there are several people involved.

Councilman Albea moved that Ordinance No. 23-Z Amending the Zoning Ordinance by amending the Building Zone Map of the perimeter area by changing zoning from R-2 to B-1 on property at the southeast corner of Bradford Drive and Reliance Street, on petition of Mr. G. T. James be denied as recommended by the Planning Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Albea, Jordan, Thrower and Whittington.

NAYS: Councilmen Dellinger, Smith and Bryant.

Councilman Smith stated the Planning Board is a recommending board and as such should be followed most of the time but it is not mandatory.

ORDINANCE NO. 30 LEVYING, ASSESSING, AND IMPOSING THE LICENSE AND PRIVILEGE TAXES OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1961-62, ADOPTED.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Ordinance No. 30 Levying, Assessing, and Imposing the License and Privilege Taxes of the City of Charlotte for the Fiscal Year 1961-62 be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 72.

Councilman Dellinger asked why it is necessary to publish this ordinance every year when there is no change other than the years. Councilman Smith stated the former Council had a committee who made a report and there are a lot of things antiquated; that the former Mayor was very positive about this and felt it should be amended and revised.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated this is one of the main facets the League of Municipalities has tried to advance for a decade.

Mayor Brookshire asked the City Manager to furnish the Council and himself with a copy of the Tax Committee's report.

ORDINANCE NO. 31 AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE RELATIVE TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS, ADOPTED.

Councilman Bryant moved that Ordinance No. 31 Amending Chapter 20 of the City Code relative to Speed Restrictions be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 73.

ORDINANCE NO. 32 AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS AT STREETS, ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Ordinance No. 32 Amending Chapter 20 of the City Code of the City of Charlotte Relative to Stop Signs at Streets was adopted.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 74.

ORDINANCE NO. 33 AMENDING CHAPTER 20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE RELATIVE TO STOP SIGNS AND YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGNS, ADOPTED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, adopting Ordinance No. 33 Amending Chapter 20 of the City Code of the City of Charlotte Relative to Stop Signs and Yield Right of Way signs. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, beginning at Page 75.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE ORDINANCE DRAWN AMENDING WRECKER AND STORAGE CHARGES.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to have the necessary Ordinance drawn to provide for charge of \$10.00 per trip for wrecker service tow, \$2.00 for tow in on parking violations if owner appears before vehicle is towed away, and storage rates as requested by the Companies, being \$1.00 per day first seven days and \$.50 per day after seventh day.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH CHARLOTTE COLLEGE COMMUNITY SANITARY DISTRICT FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN NC 29 AND NC 49,

Mr Veeder presented the request of Charlotte College Community Sanitary District for the installation of 16,818 feet of 8" and 12" water mains, stating that basically what it involves is the city agreeing to sell through a master meter. After the city limits are extended this will become the property of the city; that we are going to have to project our plans a little quicker than had been anticipated as we had planned the installation of water lines and construction of an overhead storage tank in 1963, but based on this request we must up-date our thinking in order to accommodate them.

Councilman Dellinger asked if there would be any legal involvement, to which Mr Veeder replied no.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, contract was authorized with Charlotte College Community Sanitary District for the installation of 16,818 feet of 8" and 12" water mains along NC 29 and 49, outside the city limits, to serve the proposed Charlotte College Community Sanitary District, including the college and adjacent properties, with the applicant to install the mains at an estimated cost of \$102,500.00, and own, operate and maintain same and retain all revenue derived therefrom until such time as any part or all of the mains are incorporated into the city, at which time they will become the property of the City without cost; the City will construct the 24" feeder main at an estimated cost of \$90,000, which funds are available in current Bond Funds.

REQUEST OF AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF N.C. TO STAGE A PARADE ON SATURDAY JUNE 10th AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the American Legion Department of N. C. was granted permission to stage a parade on Saturday June 10th at 12 noon, beginning at 11th and Tryon Streets turning west at The Square and dis-banding at Trade and Mint Streets.

Councilman Albea issued an invitation to the Mayor and Councilmembers to take part in the parade.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO HENRY D. PRICE, APPROVED.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of the renewal of the Special Officer Permit to Henry D. Price, 2517 Amity Road, for use on the premises of Lance, Inc., as approved by the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with the Heirs of Thaddeus Tate, for the transfer from Mrs Victoria Washington Howard of Lot 11-fraction, Section C, 9th Street Pinewood Cemetery, at a cost of \$3.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE ROOFING & ASPHALT COMPANY FOR REPLACING ROOF ON FIRE STATION NO. 6.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-

animously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Interstate Roofing and Asphalt Company, for replacing roof, as specified, on Fire Station #6, 249 S. Laurel Avenue, in the amount of \$1,090.00.

The following bids were received:

Interstate Roofing & Asphalt Co.	\$ 1,090.00
Avrett & Ledbetter Roofing & Heating	1,165.00
Charlotte Roofing Co.	1,190.00

CONTRACT AWARDED W. K. FLEMING COMPANY FOR PAINTING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR OF FIRE STATION NO. 2.

Councilman Whittington moved the award of contract to the low bidder, W. K. Fleming Company, for painting the interior and exterior of Fire Station No. 2, 1215 S. Boulevard, as specified, in the amount of \$1,218.50. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

W.K. Fleming Co.	\$ 1,218.50
I.L. Cook Co.	1,590.00
L.A. Furr & Son	2,270.00
Bramlett & Carter	2,279.00
James E. Webb Co.	2,704.14

CONTRACT AWARDED ATLAS SUPPLY COMPANY FOR BRASS GOODS.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Atlas Supply Company for 6,650 Corporation Stops and Couplings, sizes 3/4", 1", 1 1/2", and 2", 225 Curb Stops and 112 Stops and Drain Cocks 3/4" and 1" size, as specified, in the amount of \$8,053.26.

The following net bids were received:

Atlas Supply Co.	\$ 8,053.26
Shelby Supply Co.	8,055.65
Grinnell Company	8,133.50
Southern Meter & Supply Co.	8,172.11
Pump & Lighting Co.	8,172.75
James B. Clow & Sons, Inc.	8,378.82
Parnell-Martin Supply Co.	9,470.23
Farnan Brass Works Co.	9,958.67
Crane Company	10,715.91

CONTRACT AWARDED YOUNG MOTOR COMPANY FOR 1/2 TON PICK UP TRUCK FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Young Motor Company for 1/2 Ton Pick Up Truck to be used by the Water Department Sewage Pumping Station Service, in the amount of \$1,816.88.

The following bids were received:

Young Motor Company	\$ 1,816.88
International Harvester Co.	1,923.56

Councilman Thrower stated he has heard complaints that some of the specifications are drawn too tight and in lots of cases it is unnecessary.

Councilman Dellinger asked what the specifications were. Mr. Beatty, Purchasing Agent, was called into the meeting and went over the specifications in detail.

Councilman Thrower asked if any company could meet the specifications and Mr. Beatty stated they could; that nine companies were invited to bid and only the two were received.

CITY MANAGER THANKED FOR HAVING MR. WHITEHEAD OF WHITEHEAD AND ZICKLE FIRM IN EXECUTIVE MEETING.

Councilman Dellinger stated he would like to thank Mr. Veeder, City Manager, for having Mr. Whitehead of the Whitehead & Zickle Firm present in the executive session and he is very pleased with the progress of the West Side Grade Elimination Program as reported.

✓ CONSTRUCTION OF ALLEGHANNEY STREET TO A 45 FOOT WIDTH FROM ASHLEY ROAD TO SERVE NEW HARDING HIGH SCHOOL, AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing proceeding with the construction of Alleghaney Street to a 45 ft. width from Ashley Road 2950 ft. southwest to the southwestern most property line of the new Harding High School property on a joint basis with the Board of Education; the Board of Education to base its cost of the 26 ft. roadway throughout the 2260 ft. of Alleghaney which passes through property owned by the Board at an estimated cost to the Board of Education of \$33,465 and estimated cost to the City of \$34,975; with the city's portion of the cost to be included as a Capital Improvement project for fiscal year 1961-62.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE WATER STANDING AT THE CURB ON THE SQUARE.

Councilman Jordan reported water standing at the curb on West Trade and Tryon Streets, and when buses come to a stop they splash water all over the sidewalk and on the people who are standing or passing by. He requested the City Manager to have it looked into.

COST ESTIMATE REQUESTED ON LIGHT RESURFACING OF FAULKNER PLACE.

Councilman Smith asked the City Manager if he had a report on Faulkner Place, a little street off McAlway Road.

Mr. Veeder reported he has been over it with one of the property owners; this is not a through street, is one block long and does not connect with anything; four side lots face on this street and all four of the owners have garages they have access to from this street. He stated he suggested to the owners to petition to have the street closed, and they checked with their attorney and came back with the conclusion this would not be practical. He stated they would like to have the street barricaded and not used for street purposes but would like to use it themselves. That the only alternative is for them to petition for the street to be improved at their expense; his only suggestion is to do away with it or improve it.

Councilman Smith stated that since a development has been built, the street is getting this very heavy traffic.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to bring in cost estimate on light resurfacing of the street.

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STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO WIDEN PINEVILLE ROAD FROM DIAMOND POINT TO PINEVILLE CITY LIMITS.

The City Manager reported while in Raleigh last week he learned that Pineville Road is to be widened from Pineville to the South Carolina Line and only resurfaced from Pineville to Diamond Point.

Councilman Smith moved that the City Manager be instructed to contact the State Highway Department and request that Pineville Road be widened from Diamond Point to the Pineville City limits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY REPORT.

Councilman Dellinger asked the City Manager how long it will be before Wilbur Smith will start the survey on the Northwest Expressway.

Mr. Veeder advised the purpose of the meeting in Raleigh last week was to agree once and for all on the corridor the northwest expressway would follow, as this had to be settled before a contract could be executed with Wilbur Smith; that every effort was made to suggest alternate routes just so all factors could be weighed. They came to the conclusion that the Smith corridor was the alignment. He stated he has requested the State Highway to review the contract in detail to assure themselves it will be exactly what they want. They have gone over it and made suggestions and it will be ready to present to Council on next Monday.

Councilman Dellinger stated since the main thing is the corridor, he thinks they should talk about taking it through 11th Street where a bridge has already been built instead of over the railroad at 12th Street. He stated this would ruin a lot of people and he feels every effort should be made to convince them the 11th Street corridor is the best route; that this is a case of economy.

Mr. Veeder stated all of the engineers gathered were fighting to keep the cost down.

Mayor Brookshire stated he shares Councilman Dellinger's feelings. The cost will grow with the acquisition of more rights of way.

LETTER FROM RESIDENT OF DONCASTER STREET REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Councilman Dellinger referred a letter to the City Manager from a resident of 5300 Doncaster Street who states street improvements are being made on the street except in front of his residence.

STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO SET EARLY HEARING ON IMPROVEMENTS TO WILKINSON BOULEVARD.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the City Manager was instructed to write the Director of State Highways requesting an early hearing on Wilkinson Boulevard so that improvements to the street can be brought to a head at an early date.



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FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO USE TUCKASEEGEE ROAD TO WASH AND REPAIR FIRE TRUCKS.

Councilman Dellinger advised he has a complaint from Tuckaseegee Road residents that the Fire Department is washing and repairing trucks on the street. He asked the City Manager to request them to keep the trucks off the street as much as possible.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

  
L.L. Ledbetter  
L.L. Ledbetter, Deputy City Clerk