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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 Monday, February 26, 1962, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Dellinger.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Alfred Garr, Jr., Associate Pastor of Garr Auditorium.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting of the Council on February 19th were approved as submitted.

PETITION FILED BY RESIDENTS OF KINGS DRIVE REQUESTING ON-THE-STREET PARKING DURING NON-RUSH HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AND FULL PARKING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

Mr. Lewis M. Ayer, resident of 1314 Kings Drive, filed a petition which he stated was signed by 42 residents of Kings Drive requesting on-the-street parking during non-rush hours Monday through Friday and full parking Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.

Mr. Ayer stated when the street was recently widened the parking signs were changed so that it means virtually no parking on the street from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. That the residents see no reason for the removal of parking during off-rush hours and they earnestly request that it be looked into. Mr. Ayer stated he goes home for lunch and today did not meet nor pass another car from the time he turned into Kings Drive until he reached his home. That the parking ban takes away almost all of the social element enjoyed by the residents, the circles cannot meet with the residents, children cannot have birthday parties and people calling often have to walk two or more blocks from parking on side streets. That he does not believe that 42 people can be totally wrong on this question and they ask that the signs be replaced for parking as they were before, for they cannot see the necessity for such strict parking law.

Mayor Brookshire thanked Mr. Ayer for coming down and stated the request will be considered.

REQUEST THAT ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BE APPOINTED

Mr. Tom Lynch, P & N Railway, stated they have been frustrated lately because of the delay in the appointment of a Zoning Board of Adjustment; that they have a rather important matter to take up with the Board involving about four million dollars for the City and Mecklenburg County; that the mix up in the appointment of the County Members to the Board and then resignation of one of the City members has again delayed the completion of the Board members, and he is here today to urge that the Board be completed so that they may present their matter to the Board without delay.

Mr. Lynch was advised that the appointment will be made today.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON FIVE PETITIONS FOR ZONING CHANGES ON MARCH 19, 1962. ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on Five Petitions for Zoning Changes on March 19, 1962" was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 181.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewers at the following locations:

- (a) Construction of 565-ft. of sewer trunk in Miller Street, inside the city limits, at request of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Harkey, at an estimated cost of \$1,895.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 3,899-ft. of sanitary sewer in Almar Acres, inside the city limits, at request of Ervin Construction Company, at an estimated cost of \$11,030.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (c) Construction of 641-ft. of sewer trunk along the branch south of Otts Street, between Seigle Avenue and Louise Avenue, inside the city limits, at the request of the City Engineer, to replace an old, inadequate line, at an estimated cost of \$3,785.00. All costs to be borne by the City.

CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, the following contracts for the installation of water mains were authorized:

- (a) Contract with Ed Griffin Development Corporation, for the installation of 3,925-ft. of water mains and three hydrants in Echo Glen Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$11,038.00. The City to finance all costs and applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.
- (b) Contract with Ed Griffin Development Corporation, for the installation of 750-ft. of water mains in Clearmont Subdivision, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,200.00. The City to finance all cost and applicant will guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total cost.

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- (c) Contract with The Windsor Company, for the installation of 600-ft. of water mains in Windsor Park, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,800.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, the city furnishing all material, labor and supervision in the installation, and maintain and operate the mains retaining all revenues. If and when the mains produce a revenue equal to 5% of the cost during any 12 months continuous period, the City will reimburse the applicant the first cost of the project, without interest.
- (d) Contract with Charlotte Lumber & Manufacturing Company, for the installation of 870-ft. of water mains and one hydrant in Northmore Sub-division, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$3,830.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, the city furnishing all material, labor and supervision in the installation, and maintain and operate the mains retaining all revenues. If and when the mains produce a revenue equal to 5% of the cost during any 12 months continuous period, the City will reimburse the applicant the first cost of the project, without interest.

TRANSACTIONS FOR ACQUIRING NECESSARY RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR WEST SIDE GRADE CROSSING SEPARATION PROJECT ADOPTED.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following transactions were adopted whereby the City may acquire the necessary rights-of-way for the West Side Grade Separation Project:

1. Georgia Industrial Realty Company will convey to General Realty and Insurance Corporation, 13,647 sq. feet of property located on West 7th Street on the east side of the Southern Railway tracks.
2. General Realty and Insurance Corporation will convey to Georgia Industrial Realty Company 3,613 sq. feet of property located on West 8th Street on the east side of the Southern Railway tracks.
3. Queen City Coach Company will convey to Georgia Industrial Realty Company 6,129 sq. feet of property located on the east side of the Southern Railway tracks at West 8th Street.
4. Georgia Industrial Realty Company will convey to Queen City Coach Company 8,750 sq. feet of property located on West 9th Street on the east side of the Southern Railway tracks.
5. Southern Railway Company and the City of Charlotte will pay to General Realty & Insurance Corporation the sum of \$11,000.00 over and above the aforementioned conveyances.

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CONTRACT AWARDED REPUBLIC STEEL COMPANY FOR STRUCTURAL PLATE PIPE ARCH.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to Republic Steel Company, the low bidder, for 26 lineal feet of Structural Plate Pipe Arch, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,941.55. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Republic Steel Company	\$1,941.55
Armco Drainage & Metal Products	2,033.94
Virginia Metal Mfg. Company	2,115.35
Carolina Culvert & Metal Company	2,129.01

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN PHOTO & SUPPLY COMPANY FOR TWO OPTICAL TRANSITS.

Upon motion of Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Southern Photo & Supply Company, the low bidder, for 2 Optical Transits, as specified, at the exchange price of \$1,349.70.

The following bids were received:

Southern Photo & Supply Company	\$1,349.70
E. Phil Harris Company	1,612.80
Southerland Blueprint	1,649.90
Duncan Printmakers	1,878.72
Charles A. Torrence Company	2,049.70

CONTRACT AWARDED PURSER & LONDON, INC. FOR GASOLINE DRIVEN ENGINE.

Councilman Bryant moved the award of contract to Purser & London, Inc., the only bidder, for a Gasoline Driven Engine, as specified, at their bid price of \$11,296.01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED PARNELL-MARTIN SUPPLY COMPANY FOR WROUGHT IRON PIPE FITTINGS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Parnell- Martin Supply Company, the low bidder, for Wrought Iron Pipe Fittings, as specified, at their bid price of \$2,628.28.

The following bids were received:

Parnell-Martin Supply Company	\$ 2,628.28
Horne-Wilson, Inc.	2,808.54
Atlas Supply Company	2,827.70
Baker-Mitchell Company	2,889.34
Hajoca Corporation	2,975.21
Crane Company	3,045.08
McJunkin Corporation	3,261.83
Grinnell Company, Inc.	3,382.90
Noland Company	3,541.89
Dillon Supply Company	3,682.04
Matthews Morse Supply Company	3,827.68

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CONTRACT AWARDED AMERICAN CAST IRON PIPE COMPANY FOR CAST IRON PIPE FITTINGS.

Councilman Thrower moved that contract be awarded American Cast Iron Pipe Company, the lowest bidder meeting the specifications for 15 cast Iron Pipe Fittings, 30" size, as specified, at their bid price of \$6,032.23, with delivery within 40 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Lynchburg Foundry Company	\$5,762.84
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	6,032.23
Russell Pipe & Foundry Company	6,292.03
U. S. Pipe & Foundry Company	6,265.91

CONTRACT AWARDED HENRY PRATT COMPANY FOR BUTTERFLY VALVES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Henry Pratt Company, the lowest bidder meeting the specifications, for Butterfly Valves, as specified, at their bid price of \$18,217.61, with May 1st delivery.

The following bids were received:

B. I. F. Industries	\$16,553.67
Henry Pratt Company	18,217.61

CONTRACT AWARDED WESTERN WATERPROOFING COMPANY FOR CLEANING EXTERIOR OF CITY HALL BUILDING.

Councilman Whittington moved the award of contract to Western Waterproofing Company, the only bidder meeting the specifications for Wet Aggregate Cleaning the exterior of the City Hall Building, at their bid price of \$6,000.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Holbrook Contracting Company	\$4,740.00
Western Waterproofing Company	6,000.00
A. J. Yates, Inc.	6,410.00
The Guaranteed Waterproofing Company	7,300.00

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RESIGNATION OF C. BROOKE MEHAFFEY FROM ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.

Councilman Albea moved that the resignation of Mr. C. Brooke Mehaffey at his own request be accepted with regret. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN SPURRIER TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Thrower moved the appointment of Mr. John Spurrier to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a term of one year from January 30, 1962. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF PATCH WORK IN STREETS REQUESTED.

The City Manager reported on the request of Councilman Thrower to view the patch work done on Brandywine Road, stating there were about nine places patched recently and what he saw was satisfactory work. However, one question that went through his mind was if what he saw and what Mr. Thrower saw was the same thing, as the Street Department may have gone back and done some additional work in the meanwhile. Councilman Thrower stated that is true, and he didn't understand they would do additional work and he wanted Mr. Veeder to see the quality of the work when he saw it. However, he feels that something should be done about the quality of the work being done, that some of the patches can be picked up with your foot. Mr. Veeder stated that is no doubt true, however there is one factor involved that should be kept in mind. If the ground is wet, it is very difficult if not impossible to make a permanent patch until the ground is sufficiently dry. Councilman Thrower stated it seems necessary to go back and do the work over four or five times before it is done successfully and Mr. Cheek says the city has taken over all its own patch work, and he had anticipated that in this case the quality of the workmanship would go up but in his opinion it has gone down.

He asked the City Manager to check Pressley Street.

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

Councilman Jordan moved the reappointment of Mr. E. Lowell Mason to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term of five years from the expiration of his present term on March 21st. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

IMPROVEMENTS TO DIRT STREETS URGED, AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITY ENGINEER DATED OCTOBER 1961 TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING.

Councilman Jordan stated the streets that need something done to them are not those of residents wanting permanent paving and curb and gutter but the dirt streets, probably that have had a little gravel on them. That he feels the City should cooperate with these people and help them and he would like to see some action taken on this to make it possible for the residents to at least get in and out of their premises. That these people were brought into the City and it is not all their fault that they are living on streets of this kind; that because they were living on these streets when they were annexed to the City no one can do anything for them but he does feel, if possible, something should be done.

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Mayor Brookshire commented there were two classes of streets brought in under annexation; one being the unimproved street, which Councilman Jordan is referring to, where the property owner built his house while still in the County and has come into the City and maintenance was assumed by the City on the basis of maintaining just what was found when he was brought in; the other being a classification of streets also brought in under annexation, where the developer had provided paved streets and sidewalks, and in those instances it should be pointed out that the owner in buying his property in a subdivision paid his pro rata share of the cost, whereas those who came into the City on an unimproved street have paid nothing towards improvements to their streets.

The Mayor stated further that the City Engineer's recommendations made last October pointed this out; that a discussion of these recommendations by the Council has been crowded off the Agenda by other things, such as Zoning, Housing, etc. of more immediate importance, perhaps. He asked if Council thought it would be well to have copies of this Report redistributed to the Council, with comments by Mr. Veeder, as early as possible this week in order to discuss it in some detail next week.

Councilman Jordan moved that copies be so distributed along with Mr. Veeder's comments as suggested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Whittington asked if anything has been done to publicize the fact that people can get the work done on the front of their property, on petition, at this low cost of about \$2.50? He stated he thinks this is a responsibility that has gotten to the place that someone has got to do something about it, either the City or property owner, and he is of the opinion that there are a lot of people on many of these streets who would make these improvements on their own, at their own expense, if they were aware of the low cost.

Mr. Veeder stated this low cost is not available as of right now, and will not be available until Council says this is what they want to do. That if Council approves this, or an approach like this, which has not been done yet, he would like to have a brochure prepared for distribution in thousands of copies so that everyone would know just what to do, but until Council discusses it and agrees or modifies it, the City is not free to do any of this kind of work.

Mayor Brookshire stated this can also be discussed next week.

LETTER FROM L. L. LEDBETTER, CITY TREASURER, RELATIVE TO RESIGNATION TABLED.

Mayor Brookshire stated a letter has just been handed around by Mr. Ledbetter, which at a quick glance seems to be his resignation, in which he says his final retirement will be left to the pleasure of City Council and suggests, however, that he serve until after the audit of this fiscal year.

Councilman Albea moved that it be tabled for the time being. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 65-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 53-X ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE SELECTING AND DESIGNATING NAMED BANKS AS OFFICIAL DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA", ADOPTED.


The City Manager suggested the consideration of an ordinance which would designate the Mechanics and Farmers Bank as a depository for city funds. The ordinance was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Thrower, was unanimously adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 13, at Page 230.

CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT SIDEWALK ON BRIAR CREEK ROAD, FROM INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD TO ENTRANCE TO CHANTILLY SCHOOL AUTHORIZED AND FUNDS APPROPRIATED FROM CONTINGENCY FUND.

The City Manager stated that in the discussion of some of the problems of Chantilly School in recent weeks, Councilman Whittington requested a review of the need for continuing the permanent sidewalk on Briar Creek Road, on the school side, up to Independence Boulevard. That the sidewalk exists along Briar Creek Road all but a distance of 175 feet and the installation of the sidewalk to make it complete on the school side up to Independence Boulevard would be probably desirable, and what the School people would like. He suggested that Council consider appropriating the needed \$350.00 from the Contingency Fund to complete the sidewalk. Councilman Whittington moved that the sidewalk be constructed as outlined and that \$350.00 be appropriated from the Contingency Fund for the work. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk