

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 Tuesday, April 16, 1963, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Whittington presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith and Thrower present.

ABSENT: Mayor Brookshire.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend H. S. Elliott, Pastor of Commonwealth Baptist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on April 8th were approved as submitted.

SUGGESTION BY W. J. ELVIN THAT COUNCIL RECOMMEND TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT INJUSTICE BE CORRECTED IN DENIAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT PAY TO NONSTRIKING EMPLOYEES OF EASTERN AIR LINES BY STATE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated he presumes that Council has read the editorial in today's Charlotte Observer regarding the denial of the State Supreme Court of the unemployment pay to the 650 non-striking employees of Eastern Airlines during the recent strike of its pilots. He suggested that the Council go on record to the General Assembly recommending that this injustice be corrected.

Mayor pro tem Whittington advised Mr. Elvin that the Council discussed the matter in the Conference Session and agreed that they should get more information about the legislation that the Governor is requesting before they act either way.

REQUEST THAT OWNER OF APARTMENT HOUSE AT 4337 WALKER ROAD ERECT BARRIER TYPE FENCING TO CONCEAL GARBAGE CANS FROM NEARBY RESIDENTS, REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Mrs George A. Stephens, 4346 Walker Road, presented a petition on behalf of the residents of the 4300 and 4400 blocks of Walker Road that the people who built and own the apartment building at 4337 Walker Road erect some barrier type fencing to conceal the garbage cans, which are a necessity they realize but are most unsightly from their homes. She gave the petition to the City Manager, together with pictures of the location and garbage cans in question.

Councilman Albea moved that the petition be referred to the City Manager to investigate and do what he can for these people. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower and unanimously carried.

Mayor pro tem Whittington advised Mrs. Stephens that she will hear from Mr. Veeder about the matter.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO RAY RANKIN, ATTORNEY, FOR SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR KENILWORTH AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT.

Councilman Bryant moved approval of the payment of \$125.00 to Mr. Ray Rankin,

Attorney, for services rendered in connection with the preparation of certain documents in the condemnation proceedings on the Kenilworth Avenue Extension Project, in the case of F. B. Garrison and wife (\$75.00) and the Scholtz Greenhouses, Inc., proposed condemnation (\$50.00). The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH NANCE-TROTTER REALTY, INC., FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN NORTHAVEN AND NORTHCREST DRIVES.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Nance-Trotter Realty, Inc., for the installation of 830-ft. of water mains in Northhaven Drive and Northcrest Drive, inside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$2,000.00. The City to finance all costs and Applicant to guarantee an annual gross water revenue equal to 10% of the total construction cost.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs Thomas J. Denedy, for Lot 24, Grave 1, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.
- (b) Deed with L. V. Bradley for Perpetual Care on West half, Lot 8, Jas. R. Gribble plot, Section N, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$100.80.
- (c) Deed with David H. Henderson, for Lot 16, Grave 3, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$60.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED T. A. SHERRILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS ALONG CINDERELLA ROAD, BETWEEN SUGAW CREEK ROAD AND YUMA STREET.

Councilman Bryant moved the award of contract to the low bidder, T. A. Sherrill Construction Company, for the construction of street improvements, as specified, along Cinderella Road, between Sugaw Creek Road and Yuma Street, at their bid price of \$4,310.00 on a unit price basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

T. A. Sherrill Construction Company	\$ 4,310.00
Rea Construction Company	4,546.00
Crowder Construction Company	4,585.00

CONTRACT AWARDED CREIGHTON SHIRT COMPANY FOR UNIFORM SHIRTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Creighton Shirt Company, for 4,824 uniform shirts for the Police and Fire Departments, as specified, at their bid price of \$15,196.09, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

Creighton Shirt Company	\$15,196.09
Merson Uniform Company, Inc.	15,396.00
Fligel's Uniform Company	18,767.61

CONTRACT AWARDED L & N ROYAL TIRE SERVICE, INC., FOR TIRES AND TUBES.

Motion was made by Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and un-animously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder meeting the specifications, L & N Royal Tire Service, Inc., for 536 Tires and 628 Tubes, as specified, at their bid price of \$11,736.77, on a unit price basis.

The following bids were received:

L & N Royal Tire Service, Inc.	\$11,736.77
Mozingo's Tire Company, Inc.	12,037.85
Dayton Tire Sales Company	12,162.48
Firestone Stores	13,119.77
B. F. Goodrich Store	13,819.30
Goodyear Service Stores	15,419.30
The Mohawk Rubber Company (Did not meet specifications)	9,744.87

RECOMMENDATION THAT LOW-CUT TYPE SHOES BE PURCHASED FOR FIREMEN IN LIEU OF BOOTS REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT AS TO HIS RECOMMENDATION.

Councilman Thrower recommended that the next time shoes are purchased for Firemen that the low-cut type be bought as the men have extreme difficulty in getting the boots off, which are the jodpur type and have to be untied.

Following the discussion, Councilman Thrower concurred in the suggestion of the Mayor pro tem that the matter be referred to the City Manager for discussion with the Chief of the Fire Department for his recommendation.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE TO DISCUSS JOINT VENTURES AND PARTICULARLY THE JOINT POLICE GARAGE.

Councilman Smith advised that in the Conference Session he stated he thought the Council should have a meeting with the County Commissioners, which has been delayed for the last two months, and explore joint ventures and get something on the table, particularly with reference to the joint Police Garage. That after the discussion, in which all the Council participated, the City Manager was requested to contact the County Manager and arrange a meeting at the earliest possible time.

LEASE WITH C. D. SPANGLER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR PARCEL OF LAND ON SOUTH BOULEVARD AMENDED TO EXTEND PERIOD OF LEASE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM NOW WITHOUT OPTION.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of an Amendment to the Lease with C. D. Spangler Construction Company for a city-owned parcel of land adjoining their office building on South Boulevard, to permit the extension of the lease for a period of five years from now with no option, at an annual rental of \$180.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

MEETING WITH DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION AT 4 P.M. APRIL 17TH TO HEAR PHILLIP HAMMER & STAFF EXPLAIN HOW ECONOMIC STUDY OF METROPOLITAN AREA WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

Mayor pro tem Whittington called to Council's attention the invitation of the Downtown Association to attend a meeting in the Civic Room of Thacker's Restaurant at 4 p.m. tomorrow, April 17th, to hear Mr. Phillip Hammer and his staff explain how the economic study of the Charlotte-Metropolitan Area will be carried out.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO INVESTIGATE PARKING IN RESTRICTED AREA ON EAST TRADE STREET AT INTERSECTION WITH EAST 4TH STREET.

Mayor pro tem Whittington advised that citizens are complaining about the traffic congestion in the afternoon caused by cars parked in a "No Parking Area" along East Trade Street at its intersection with East 4th Street, and he requested the City Manager to make an investigation of the situation.

Councilman Dellinger commented that this could apply to East 7th Street also.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO ADVISE RESIDENTS OF KILDARE DRIVE BY LETTER AS TO SPECIFIC TIME FOR PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Mayor pro tem Whittington advised he has received a letter from a lady who resides on Kildare Drive, where the Street Improvements were recently made, stating she was under the impression they had ten years in which to pay the assessment for the improvement; that some of the residents in the block have to pay it within five years and others within ten years. He requested the City Manager to advise the residents in the improvement area as to the specific time they have in which to pay the assessments.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO HAVE TRAFFIC ENGINEER CHECK INTO SPEEDING ON PROVIDENCE ROAD FROM ECKERD'S TO WENDOVER ROAD AND FEASIBILITY OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT COLVILLE ROAD AND PROVIDENCE ROAD.

Councilman Smith referred to a letter from Dr. James Alexander, Dr. Hugh Verner and others that he and the other members of the Council received sometime ago, requesting a traffic signal at Cherokee and Providence Roads due to it being impossible to get into Providence Road at this point during peak hours. Councilman Smith stated this is just one street coming into Providence Road, opposite Christ Church and there is a heavy flow of traffic through there at peak periods; that Council has previously asked that the speed limit be reduced on Providence Road, which is now 40 miles an hour and Mr. Hoose advised that the State Highway fixed the speed limit and the City has no control over it.

Councilman Bryant stated he has talked with Dr. Alexander and the other doctors whose Clinic is on Laurel Avenue, and he believes they are referring to the intersection of Laurel and Cherokee with Providence Road, as they cannot get into Providence Road at this intersection because of the traffic, to get to Memorial Hospital among other places and their patients also have a problem at this intersection. However, the problem is just as bad at Colville Road where it intersects Providence Road. He advised he talked with Mr. Hoose today who will make another survey and see if the signal is warranted at Laurel and Cherokee where it intersects Providence and will write Dr. Alexander, Dr. Verner and the others.

Councilman Smith stated he was of the opinion that the letter referred to the Colville Road-Providence Road intersection and he thought the doctors had a good point, but someone else can work on that request, that he has been talking about the Colville Road intersection opposite Christ Church, where the traffic flow coming into Providence Road is heavy at peak hours, and he thinks a signal at this location would serve a two-fold purpose - permit traffic to get into Providence Road and slow down the traffic on Providence Road which is now a race-track all the way from Eckerd's to Wendover Road.

Mayor pro tem Whittington stated he has had many requests for a traffic signal at this location, as people coming from the northeast side of town going in that direction cannot get into Providence Road; however, he agrees with

Councilman Smith that most important is the fact that a traffic signal would slow down the traffic on Providence Road between Queens Road and the next signal at Wendover Road.


Councilman Smith requested the City Manager to once again ask Mr. Hoose to check into this, with the speeding and intersection at Colville both in mind and give Council a report.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE RELATING TO NORTHWEST AND NORTH-SOUTH EXPRESSWAY PROJECTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried a resolution entitled: "Resolution Approving Agreement between the State Highway Commission and the City of Charlotte Relating to Northwest and North-South Expressway Projects" was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, beginning at Page 286.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk