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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, December 16, 1963, at 2 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan and Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilmen Smith and Thrower.

Sitting as a Joint Body with the City Council during the hearings on Petitions for changes in zoning classifications were the following members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission: Mr. Sibley, Chairman, and Mr. Hanks, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lakey, Mr. Stone, Mr. Suddreth, Mr. Turner and Mr. Ward.

ABSENT: Mr. Erwin and Mr. Toy.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend John R. Hamilton, Pastor of Calvary Methodist Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on December 9th were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 63-71 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF LAND ON SOUTH SIDE OF JOYCE DRIVE, WEST OF MILTON ROAD.

The scheduled hearing was held on Petition No. 63-71 by Mr. Howard C. Kelly for change in zoning from R-9 to R-9MF of a parcel of land 340-ft. by 450-ft. on the south side of Joyce Drive, west of Milton Road.

The Planning Director advised the property is at the rear of rather deep lots fronting on Joyce Drive, which runs off Milton Road, which intersects with The Plaza. Property consists of rear portions of established lots on which there are houses on the front portions of the lots. The property is adjoined along its rear property line by the rear line of other residential lots fronting on Ruth Drive, which lots have not yet been developed. Across Joyce Drive there are other established single-family homes. Generally speaking, the residential property is single family. The property is adjoined by R-9MF zoning, otherwise the adjoining zoning is R-9.

Mr. Kelly, Petitioner, stated he has owned the property about twenty-five years, and intended using it for this purpose; it has been inside the city three years, and he thought all of the property was zoned R-9MF and got ready to develop it and found out this little stretch was zoned R-9. He stated the property consists of four homes and vacant land, and the remainder of his property is developed with rental property.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 63-72 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY ON THE SOUTH-EAST SIDE OF CASWELL ROAD, FROM PROVIDENCE ROAD TO RANDOLPH ROAD.

The public hearing was held on Petition No. 63-72 by Mr. F. J. Blythe, Jr., for change in zoning from O-6 to B-1 of property on the southeast side of Caswell Road, from Providence Road to Randolph Road, extending along Providence Road approximately 420 ft. and along Randolph Road 301-ft.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, advised the petition covers several properties at the intersection of Caswell Road, Randolph Road and Providence Road. Roughly speaking the petition covers property in the block extending half way between Caswell Road and Colonial Avenue. The property presently has houses on it, many of which are in the process of being demolished. Adjoining the line towards the Randolph Road side, there is an Office Building under construction. Also, on the same side of the property, going out Providence Road, is adjoined by single family residences. Across Providence Road from the property in question, the development is residential with single family residences, and a large apartment building at the intersection of Caswell and Providence Roads. Across Caswell Road there are some vacant lands, a single-family house and an apartment. Diagonally across Caswell Road there is a Medical Office Building under construction, and diagonally across Randolph Road, or 4th Street, is the Presbyterian Hospital. The property is zoned O-6 and is adjoined on all sides by O-6 zoning.

Mr. Frank McCleneghan, Attorney for the petitioner, stated there is a little over four acres in the property requested rezoned. That the petitioners consist of Mr. Blythe's family interest, the remainder of the property being owned by Blythe Bros Company. These petitioners are prepared and able to and wish to build on this property a high-class motel. There are many reasons why they think this is an appropriate location for such building. One is this would be a site that would be convenient to our fast growing southeastern section, Myers Park, Eastover, Lansdown etc and it would be a delightful location for people wanting to visit out there, instead of being a house guest this would be a nearby nice place to stay. Another main reason is its proximity to two of our large hospitals, which have a large number of people from out of town, and this is most convenient for relatives to stay who have members of their families in the hospital. Mr. McCleneghan read a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Planning Commission from the Presbyterian Hospital Administrator, stating he and the Board consider the services that would be offered by a first-class motel on the proposed site as definitely advantageous to their out-patients needing therapy after hospitalization, and to the members of the families of patients, and to the families of their student nurses, and urging that the requested change in zoning be allowed to permit the erection of such facility. Another feature is that this would not be an ordinary motel as we see along the highways, it would cater to visitors, not mere transients for overnight. Mr. McCleneghan presented a second letter from Consolidated Leasing & Development Corp., Charles F. Coire, Secretary, stating they are the owners of the premises at 1928 Randolph Road, upon which the Randolph Medical Center is presently being erected, and stated they are very much in favor of the change in zoning on the adjacent premises facing on Randolph Road, Caswell and Providence Road, so as to provide for the construction of a motel, barber-shop, drugstore and other supporting facilities, as that would be of value to the doctors who will be tenants of their building, as well as to the nearby hospitals. Another letter written by Mr. John Crist, owner of the Providence Medical Center at the corner of East 3rd Street and Caswell Road, who expects to have his office in this building and is therefore greatly interested in the development of this area and feels very strongly that the proposed motel and auxiliary services he is planning for the property would be a definite asset to this area. Mr. McCleneghan read a fourth letter from Mother Raphael of Mercy Hospital, stating if it is agreeable with the

property owners in the immediate area, Mercy Hospital has no objections to a modern motel at the corner of Randolph and Caswell Road, as no such facilities exist within walking distance of the hospital and would be of great benefit to their out-patients and relatives of patients in their hospital. Mr. McCleneghan stated further there will be no parking problem, as it will be provided off-street.

Mr. F. J. Blythe, Jr., petitioner, stated if the property is rezoned they intend to have an expenditure of within the neighborhood of two to three million dollars in building a real top-rate motor motel, not the modern concept you usually see but something with lots of charm that will fit into the neighborhood. They think it is an excellent location, because of the nearby hospitals, for this type building. That this construction would be of the type of the Velvet Cloak in Raleigh; he presented a Brochure of this motel.

Councilman Jordan asked what about egress and ingress to the motel? Mr. Blythe stated they have slightly over four acres and they can work this out most any way that will be satisfactory to the traffic people.

Mr. McCleneghan stated he realizes a change of zoning to a business classification may present some problems to the Council and he would suggest that it would be feasible and desirable to create a special classification under O-6 providing for this sort of structure and its auxiliary services.

Mr. John D. Shaw, Attorney representing Mr. Donald W. Graham, the Graham family and the Watkins family, stated last July he was before Council with a similar request for change in zoning of property across Caswell Road from the property of Mr. Blythe. That they are heartedly in favor of Mr. Blythe's petition and endorse it. That they think the O-6 zoning under which the new Doctor's Building and two more going up is fine, but the character of this neighborhood has changed with the passing of time and it is no longer suitable for residential purposes, and the zoning should be changed to Business to meet the present trend. That they own property from East 3rd Street, on which there are old houses ready to be condemned, and own all of the property from Caswell to 4th to Randolph to 3rd, and the Planning Commission unfortunately unanimously voted against their request and they withdrew their petition; that maybe they would have gotten it from the Council and maybe not but didn't want to take the chance. Now they join forces with these gentlemen that you grant their petition, and since his clients put up their \$100.00, he thinks the Planning Commission, if they recommend Mr. Blythe's, should on its own motion suggest that theirs be zoned B-1 also, as his clients are in the same fix as Mr. Blythe. There is no question but that the neighborhood has gone down to such an extent they are prepared to tear down the apartments along Caswell Road and they do think the petition before you today should be granted.

No objections were expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council's decision was deferred one week.

COUNCILMAN BRYANT LEAVES COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Bryant left the Council Meeting for Business reasons at this time and was absent until his return to the meeting is noted herein.

HEARING ON PETITION NO. 63-73 FOR CHANGE IN ZONING OF PROPERTY AT THE NORTH-EAST CORNER OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND MORNINGSIDE DRIVE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Petition No. 63-73 by Mr. E. Reed Gaskin for change in zoning from O-6 to B-1 of property at the northeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Morningside Drive, 224 ft. x 165 ft.

The Planning Director advised the property is located one block away from Independence Boulevard and consists of three lots, with an abandoned service station on one lot, and the other two lots are vacant. It is adjoined across Morningside Drive by single-family houses extending along Commonwealth Avenue; directly across Morningside Drive it is adjoined by Morningside Apartments, on the northerly side by single-family houses and duplexes; directly across Commonwealth Avenue the property is a business zone, extending along Independence Boulevard, including the Chantilly Shopping Center.

Mr. L. A. Bledsoe, Attorney for the petitioner, advised that Williamsburg Apartments is proposed for 1,750 units of which 128 have been completed and 72 are presently under construction. There is an O-6 zoning across the street and the rest of the property behind is Morningside Apartments and residential property. He thinks the reason most of those are familiar with this property is because it was considered at the time the Zoning Ordinance came up, it was requested to be changed to B-1 for the purpose of building a service station. It is Dr. Gaskin's intention to build an office building, three stories in height, between 1700 and 1800 square feet. They feel an office building will be of tremendous help to this area, as there are no other office buildings as far away as The Plaza. That the question arises as to why they are asking for a Business zoning if they are going to build an Office Building which is permitted in the present O-6 zoning. He stated that Dr. Gaskin has been advised that there is so much office building space in town at this time, that unless you consider all of the office building space when you put up a new office building you are not being very realistic and when you are building an office building and not going to build one the size of the Cutter Building, where you would be able to have some ground floor commercial uses, you should make this as tenantable as possible and as attractive to your tenants, as it would be no service to the neighborhood if you put some office out there for doctors and dentists if it is not going to be attractive to them, or manufacturers representatives or what have you. It is felt if this office building is to be utilized to the maximum it should have some good commercial facilities on the ground floor, and those that are proposed are such as for a Handy-Pantry type of pick-up station, which stays open from 7 to 11 at night. It is true that a big long block away is the Chantilly Shopping Center where you can get groceries but have no pick-up station. There is a big feeding area out there and they believe they would all be interested in using this type of facility. Also, under consideration is a possible drug store or beauty shop for the ground floor, and they ask that Council look upon this with these things in mind, because at the present moment they feel the ground floor store is needed. He stated he is not going to argue, particularly, about putting business in an all residential area but will point out that the purpose, as has been pointed out, is not to go a great way from the requirements of O-6 and our whole plan is that merely a part of this facility be utilized as a business, because we think it would be more tenantable and we do not want to degrade the neighborhood. There is a doctor and a dentist one block away but he believes that is the only office anywhere near. That they have spoken to a great number of people in the area to see if they would object to this and none of them have objected, and most have endorsed this facility.

Mr. Sam Millett, Attorney, representing the people who own Green Oaks and Williamsburg Village, and who are about to begin the construction of another apartment house in the area called Jamestown, stated they have been here

before and tried to get their zoning fixed so they could build some fine apartment houses out there and his clients have expended, as Council probably knows, in the neighborhood of five or six million dollars in building apartment houses in that area and developing the property. That they point out, just as Mr. Bledsoe did, that the O-6 is sufficient for most purposes and as he brought forth the question as to why would anyone who is interested in putting up a building desire other zoning than O-6. The Zoning Code sets forth medical clinics, doctors offices, cafeterias, snack-bars etc and just about anything you want can be accomplished under O-6 zoning that you would have in a B-1 zone. Now, their purpose for objecting is to protect the property that his clients have spent so much money on, so it definitely under every circumstance will be used wholly in accordance as O-6 ordinarily would be used for. If Dr. Gaskins is interested in a clinic of any kind, they would have no objections at all; but it cannot be restricted to that if it is taken out of O-6 zoning. They think that for things that are beneficial for this area, O-6 is sufficient. They would object on the other grounds that this constitutes spot zoning. One block away towards Independence Boulevard and you come upon a Shopping Center, and you can go in the other direction towards Central Avenue and there are a great number of Shopping Centers or stores - in fact one is available only one block away. It strikes them at this time that an O-6 is satisfactory for all the purposes that he understood Mr. Bledsoe to say they wanted to put out there.

Councilman Dellinger asked Mr. Millett if his clients own property adjoining the property in question? Mr. Millett stated they do.

Councilman Whittington stated when it was proposed to build the apartment house, they also proposed to build a shopping center in conjunction with it on Central Avenue, which would certainly be contiguous to the apartment house project. Mr. Millett stated that is correct, and it is on the other side, and he is sure the Council understands they cannot build the entire project at one time; they have to be taken piece by piece and his clients have gone right along from one thing to another and have not reached the business end of it yet, that is the shopping area.

Council decision was deferred one week.

REQUEST THAT TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS ON EAST BOULEVARD BE RELAXED OR ABANDONED IN BLOCK BETWEEN KENILWORTH AVENUE AND SCOTT AVENUE, DEFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

Mr. John D. Shaw, Attorney representing Mrs Eva M. Walters, stated she owns property on East Boulevard at Kenilworth Avenue, where she has a small business that is being ruined by traffic restrictions. Under the new plans and streets, Kenilworth is one-way out, and Scott is one-way in, and Mrs Walters property is between the two; the Alexander Home is diagonally across from her property and a service station straight across from it. She has a Variety Store on the corner and a Soda Shop and next to it is a Dry cleaning and Laundry pick-up with Coin Laundry Machines in it. That East Boulevard has been developed by small businesses and now because of the parking restrictions, the laundry whose lease expires within the next 30 to 60 days is threatening to move out. He stated that Mr. Hoose has put restrictions on that prohibit parking from 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. on both sides of the street, and from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. on both sides of the street and the Police Department is enforcing parking restrictions and it is practically impossible for the customers of Mrs Walters tenants to patronize them unless they change their driving habits radically. Coming in from the Myers Park area up East Boulevard in the morning and you wanted to stop and put your laundry in her Laundrette, you would have to turn right on Scott Avenue, go down and come across and get on Kenilworth Avenue and come up Park Road and walk around the corner to give your laundry in -

you couldn't stop as you could on your way to work. Also, you couldn't pick it up going out because the 4:30 to 6:30 has got you.

He stated perhaps it is the changing of driving habits of people, that is mighty hard to do as we are all creatures of habit. That they feel if they could have the parking from 7:30 to 9:30 A.M. coming into town and from 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. going out, it ought to serve the purpose. That he has talked with Mr. Hoose about it, and he says no, that will not work. That Mrs Walters was notified by the Tax Authorities they were going to increase her values by 40% but they did not do so, which is indicative that this control is practically condemning her property, and the only thing she can do is to buy another piece of property nearby for off-street parking for these business tenants, and it is doubtful such property is available. He stated they are appealing to the Council to see if there is anything that can be done to alleviate this situation. He then introduced Mrs. Walters.

Mr. Walters stated Wednesday morning she counted the traffic herself from 7:30 to 9:30 and parked in a service station that is directly in front of the Alexander Home, which has closed recently, and she will admit that the flow westward on East Boulevard is very heavy; however, there were only a few times when the cars did not pass through the light. The traffic going east was very light and there was practically none on Kenilworth going out, that light after light changed on Kenilworth without any cars passing through. So she was convinced it would not impede traffic to have the 7:30 to 9:30 restriction lifted on the right hand side of the street, that is the traffic going eastward, and conversely to lift the restriction on the left side of the street with traffic going westward in the afternoon. That is the way it was up until about a year ago and her tenants got along alright.

Councilman Dellinger asked if the parking situation has gotten worse recently? Mrs Walter replied it has become worse since Kenilworth was made a one-way street and it has killed the business of her tenants. Councilman Whittington asked if she had any parking area at the rear of her property and Mrs Walters replied she did not.

In reply to the question of Councilman Dellinger if the parking restrictions could be moved back to what they were before the change was made, Mr. Hoose advised the change was made in March 1962, after the request from other persons in the area for increasing the peak on account of the turning movements in and out of business along the area, in conjunction with the changes that were made at Cumberland Avenue, Fountain View etc. That he definitely knows when Kenilworth and Scott Avenue are officially opened traffic will increase in this area, because there will be a large circulation here because of one-way streets. These signs and restrictions on East Boulevard have been in almost a year and it runs from Dilworth Road west to Kings Drive. Councilman Dellinger asked if it would be feasible to take a count of the right turns at this intersection to see if we can give Mrs Walters some relief? Mr. Hoose explained in detail the restrictions and their necessity in relations to the new streets.

Councilman Jordan moved that the matter be taken under advisement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT FLASHER SIGNAL BE INSTALLED AT PARK ROAD AND PRINCETON AVENUE IN LIEU OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL, DEFERRED.

Mr. W. J. Elvin stated he would like to know why we could not have a Flasher light at Princeton Avenue and Park Road instead of the Traffic Signal, as it ties up traffic on Park Road at times when only one or two cars enter from

Princeton. The Flasher could operate from the Princeton Avenue side and the traffic stopped on Park Road only when it is needed to do so.

Mr. Hoose replied the Traffic Signal was not put in for the Catholic High School on the opposite side of Park Road from Princeton Avenue; Princeton Avenue is a cut-off from the Park Road area, otherwise cars must move via Marsh Road or Poindexter Drive. That with a Flasher you would not stop, you would just move into Park Road with caution.

Councilman Jordan moved that it be taken under advisement and go out and look at the intersection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Dellinger asked that Mr. Hoose bring Council a report with his recommendations.

PETITION NO. 63-74 BY TAR HEEL THEATRES, INC. FOR CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF USE AS PARKING AREA FOR THEATRE PROPERTY FRONTING ON NORTH SIDE OF HIDDENBROOK DRIVE, DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Jordan moved that consideration of Petition No. 63-74 by Tar Heel Theatres, Inc. for Conditional Approval of Use as Parking Area for their Theatre of property fronting on the north side of Hiddenbrook Drive, be deferred for one week, as there are only four members of Council present, and the petition filed against the petition invokes the protest provisions of the Statutes requiring a 3/4 vote of the Council to effect the requested change. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING UNDERTAKING OF SURVEYS AND PLANS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION (PHASE NO. 4 OF THE BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL AREA.)

A resolution entitled: Resolution Approving Undertaking of Surveys and Plans for an Urban Renewal Project and Filing of an Application, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Whittington was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, beginning at Page 354.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE CITY'S ONE-THIRD SHARE OF THE NET COST OF REDEVELOPMENT SECTION NO. 2, BROOKLYN URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Jordan moved approval of an Agreement between the City of Charlotte and the Redevelopment Commission, Providing for the Redevelopment of Section No. 2, Brooklyn Urban Renewal Area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

AGREEMENT AUTHORIZED WITH BEN B. PROPST TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY'S SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN HICKORY GROVE ROAD.

Councilman Dellinger moved approval of an Agreement with Mr. Ben B. Propst to connect private sanitary sewer lines to the City's Sanitary Sewerage System in Hickory Grove Road, to serve 183 residential lots, in accordance with the City's policy for such connections. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE APPRAISAL OF 39 TRACTS OF LAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contracts were authorized with the following persons for appraisals of 39 tracts of land in connection with the Northwest Expressway:

- Vane D. Mingle 3 tracts on Independence Boulevard
- Alan J. Davis 3 tracts on Independence Boulevard
- L. H. Griffith 9 tracts on Jackson Avenue, Central Avenue, Seigle Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue.
- T. R. Lawing 5 tracts on 11th Street and College Street.
- Harry Brown 5 tracts on 11th Street and Caldwell Street.
- James L. Varnadore 3 tracts on 11th Street and Davidson Street
- Leo H. Phelan 5 tracts on 11th Street, College Street and Church Street.
- Robert Percival 1 tract on Jackson Avenue
- L. D. Bass 4 tracts on 11th Street and Caldwell Street.
- Stuart Elliott 1 tract on Barbours Court

LEASE OF 3 ACRE TRACT OF LAND AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT TO CELANESE CORP.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the leasing of three acres of land at Douglas Municipal Airport to the Celanese Corporation on which they will establish a fleet headquarters by the construction of a hangar for the storage, maintenance, fueling and repair of aircraft owned by or under the direct control of Celanese Corporation, for a 10 year period, with option for an extension of an additional 5 years, at a monthly rental of \$381.15 during the 10 year period, and if extended for an additional 5 years the rental to consist of base rate of \$381.15 per month plus a percentage of the amount which corresponds to the percentage of increase, if any, shown by the Consumer Price Index of June 1973 over the same Index of June 1963. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS ON SOUNDSCRIBER MONITOR AND RECORDING EQUIPMENT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Whittington moved that consideration of the bids for a Sound-scriber Monitor and Recording Equipment for the Fire Department be deferred one week as three members of the Council are absent today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER AUTHORIZED IN SOUTH TRYON STREET.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the construction of 325-feet of sanitary sewer main in South Tryon Street, at the request of Mr. M. C. King, at an estimated cost of \$1,415.00. All cost to be borne by the Applicant, with the refund of his deposit of the full amount of the cost, as per terms of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON JANUARY 20TH ON PETITIONS FOR CHANGES IN ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Providing for Public Hearings on January 20th

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on Petitions Numbered 64-1 through 64-6 and the Publication of Notice thereof, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 356.

SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 TO CONTRACT WITH WALKER & WHITESIDE, INC. FOR ELECTRICAL WORK ON AIRPORT PROJECT, AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of Supplement No. 1 to the Contract with Walker & Whiteside, Inc., Electrical Contractors, on the current Airport Project, to replace the main power line transformer, together with the rearrangement of accessory electrical equipment to provide space for further installations, in connection with the high intensity lighting system and medium intensity system on the North-South Runway Extension, in the amount of \$2,080.00, to be added to the contract price. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr Radwin J. McKinnon and wife, Bertha J., for Graves 3 and 4, Lot 120, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.
- (b) Deed with Mr. John C. and Phyllis V. Hopkins for Lot 491, Section 6, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.
- (c) Deed with Mrs L. M. Thompson, for Graves 1 and 3, Lot 407, Section 6, Oaklawn Cemetery, transferred from Mrs Laura Baldwin, at \$3.00 for transfer deed.
- (d) Deed with Mrs Laura Baldwin for Graves 2, 4, 5 and 6, Lot 407, Section 6, Oaklawn Cemetery, at \$3.00 for new deed after she had transferred lots 1 and 3 to Mrs. L. M. Thompson.

CONTRACT AWARDED HERSEY-SPARLING METER COMPANY FOR ONE COMPOUND WATER METER.

Councilman Dellinger moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Hersey-Sparling Meter Company, for One Compound Water Meter, as specified, at their bid price of \$1,478.69. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE PRODUCTS FOR CONCRETE WATER METER BOXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Concrete Products Company, for 4,000 concrete water meter boxes, on a unit price basis, at their bid price of \$21,420.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED INDUSTRIAL & TEXTILE SUPPLY COMPANY FOR RUBBER RAINBOOTS, RAINCOATS AND RAINSUITS FOR WATER AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Industrial & Textile Supply Company for 22 Rainsuits, 17 Raincoats and 29 pairs knee length Boots, 62 pairs hip boots and 10 pairs overshoes, as specified, for the Water

and Engineering Departments, at their bid price of \$1,312.03.

The following bids were received:

Industrial & Textile Supply Co.	\$ 1,312.03
Southern Rubber Company	1,384.55
Goodall Rubber Company	1,488.41
The Henry Walke Company	1,594.77
Dillon Supply Company	1,651.70

ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albae, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the acquisition of right of way for the Northwest Expressway was authorized as follows:

- (a) Acquisition of 5,525 sq. feet of property (house & lot) on North Caldwell Street, from Carrie G. Tarlton and husband, Richard Tarlton, at a price of \$4,400.00.
- (b) Acquisition of 7,802 sq. ft. of property (two houses and lot) on North Poplar and West 12th Streets, from David Kinney and wife, Effie C. Kinney, at a price of \$12,600.00.

SURVEY REQUESTED MADE OF EXISTING FIRE HYDRANTS IN AREA WEST OF PARK ROAD, BETWEEN HILLSIDE AVENUE AND SENECA PLACE.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to confer with the Water and Fire Departments and have a survey made of fire hydrants in the Madison Park-Woodlawn-Murrayhill area. He stated it was pointed out to him that there is a gross lack of fire hydrants in this area - he stated further it might be well to make a survey of the entire area west of Park Road, between Hillside Avenue and Seneca Place.

REQUEST THAT TRAFFIC SIGNALS BE PUT IN OPERATION ON KENILWORTH AND SCOTT AVENUES BEFORE TRAFFIC PERMITTED TO USE STREETS AS PROTECTION TO THE CITY IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS.

Councilman Whittington inquired when the traffic signals will be in operation on Kenilworth Avenue and Scott Avenue? Mr. Veeder stated he does not know but will check and see if the date has been determined. Councilman Whittington stated he is delighted the work is completed and the streets are opened but he thinks before traffic should be permitted to run up and down we should have the traffic signals operating, so that if there should be a serious accident we would not have to assume liability because the Signals are not operating. For example, at Park Road all we have are Blinker lights with cars trying to get in and out, and it must be true on other portions of the streets.

MEETING RECESSED UNTIL 4 P.M.

Mayor Brookshire stated that as matters that were brought before the Council today have been completed, the meeting will recess until 4 o'clock when the Chairman of the Housing Authority will be recognized for his long service in this capacity to the city.

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MEETING RECONVENED AT 4 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 4 p.m. by the Mayor.

COUNCILMAN BRYANT RETURNED TO COUNCIL MEETING.

Councilman Bryant returned to the Council Meeting at this time and was present for the remainder of the session.

EDWIN L. JONES PRESENTED A PLAQUE AS A TOKEN OF THE APPRECIATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR HIS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS SERVICE TO THE CITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CHARLOTTE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND FOR ALL HE HAS DONE FOR THE CITY.

Mayor Brookshire stated it is a pleasure at this particular session of the Council this afternoon to do honor to one of our citizens. He welcomed the audience, and introduced the members of the Charlotte Housing Authority, Mr. Robert I. Dalton, Mr. Earl Gluck, Mr. George Dowdy, Mr Zeb Strawn and Mr. Howard Dillehay, Executive Director, who has served with the Authority during its twenty-five years of existance. He expressed his appreciation for the great contribution to Charlotte made by these gentlemen.

Mayor Brookshire stated today he would like to honor one man, a man who has not only rendered outstanding service to our City, but who has brought honor and distinction to it.

With Branch offices and construction projects all over the world, he has planted a good image of Charlotte throughout the United States and in a dozen or more foreign countries, in such far away places as Okinawa, Laos, Bagdad, and many others.

He is one of the largest and most versatile building contractors in this country, and perhaps in the world. During the war, he built ships and atomic energy plants, contributions which unquestionably helped us to win the war, and won for him national acclaim and worldwide recognition.

He has been prominent in the local, regional, national, and international affairs of the Methodist Church and presently serves as a Member of the Executive Committee and Treasurer of the World Methodist Council.

To account for all of this man's business, civic, and religious contributions would require a book, which he hopes someone will someday write.

But the greatest compliment he can pay him is to say that he is a Christian gentleman who willingly and gladly takes time from his far-flung business empire to unstintingly devote time to his community and to his church.

He stated he is sure it is obvious that the man whom we honor today is Mr. Edwin Lee Jones, a modest but a great man.

At the inception of the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte on December 17, 1938, 25 years ago tomorrow, Mr. Jones became a charter member and Chairman of the Authority, a post he has held with distinction since that date.

This is perhaps the longest continuous service in a voluntary, non-paid office ever held by any citizen of Charlotte.

Under Mr. Jones' leadership, the Housing Authority lost little time in

getting Charlotte's new public housing program moving. In 1939 the staff was selected, office opened, and application filed with the government for 820 units of public housing. Sites were selected and acquired, and construction contracts let. The first family moved into Fairview Homes, a 452 dwelling unit development on July 22, 1940. The first family moved into Piedmont Courts, a 368 unit development January 1, 1941.

Then war clouds descended upon our country. The Army opened an Air Base at Morris Field and called upon the Housing Authority to provide quarters for non-commissioned officers. The Housing Authority, working in close cooperation with the Army, built Stonewall Jackson Homes adjacent to Morris Field Homes, consisting of 85 units. This development was opened January 1, 1942. During the war this development was occupied by military personnel. After the war it was occupied by veterans. On April 1, 1949, this project was sold to a veterans co-op.

Immediately after the war Charlotte faced a very acute housing shortage. The Housing Authority was called upon by the City Council to convert the barracks at Morris Field into apartments for veterans. This work began on June 28, 1946, and the Housing Authority started receiving applications for apartments in November 1946. Over 1,200 former service men stood in line all night to apply for apartments in this development. After this development had served its usefulness, the Housing Authority recommended to the City Council that it be torn down. During the period it was operated by the Housing Authority, the City of Charlotte received \$284,958.75 in revenue. This revenue was used to help finance our beautiful new airport.

The City Council on December 21, 1949 asked the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte to build 600 more units of public housing. These 600 units were divided: 400 units to Southside Homes and 200 units to Belvedere Homes. Southside Homes was completed in June 1952 and Belvedere Homes was completed in March 1953.

On February 18, 1963, the City Council authorized the Housing Authority to apply for reservation for 600 additional units of public housing. This program is divided into two developments. One to be a 175 unit high rise project for elderly in the block bound by North Church, North Poplar, West Ninth and West Tenth Streets. The other is 425 unit garden type project which is in an area roughly bound by East Tenth, North Myers, East Sixth and North Caldwell Streets. Construction is expected to be started on these two developments in 1964. This will give the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte a total program of 2,020 dwelling units.

In all of this, you can see the moving spirit and guiding hand of Mr. Jones.

Mayor Brookshire invited Mr. Jones to the podium and on behalf of the City Council and all of the citizens of Charlotte, he presented him a Plaque as a token of their appreciation for all he has done for our City, but particularly for his contributions as Chairman of our Housing Authority for the past twenty-five years, this 16th day of December, 1963, short one day of the 25 years.

Mayor Brookshire presented Mr. Jones with a file of letters from a number of friends who where not able to be present today.

Mr Jones expressed his sincere appreciation for the Award and his pleasure at the letters from friends, and thanked the Mayor for his remarks, and said it was kind of like listening to his own obituary. That if you live long enough and stay in the right spot and have good health, something might happen. That the Authority has had a good Director, Mr. Dillehay, who has

an excellent staff whom he has trained, and he has done his work well. At all times we have had an excellent Authority, so I am really accepting the Award on behalf of the Authority. Mr. Jones passed around a copy of the Authority's first report issued in 1940. He stated it has pictures of some slums in Charlotte that he could still find today. He stated that the Charlotte Housing Authority has at no time gone hog wild on government housing. That the Housing Authority pays no taxes and in lieu thereof has turned over to the City up until March 31, 1962 the amount of \$515,674.31.

Mayor Brookshire stated he does not believe that anyone anywhere has subscribed to the American free enterprise more than Mr. Jones and the members of the Housing Authority in undertaking this worthwhile work for the City of Charlotte on the basis of recognized need in our community.

At the suggestion of Mr. Jones, Mr. Dillehay advised they are proud to tell the Mayor and Council they have just received approval of the 425 garden type apartments, and both of the projects Council authorized have now been approved and they will start acquiring land in January on one and taking options in January on the other and start construction as soon thereafter as possible.

At the invitation of the Mayor for anyone to speak who wished to do so, Mr. Gluck stated it has been his pleasure to serve and continue to serve on the Housing Authority under the leadership of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Dalton stated he knows of no one more dedicated to the work and purposes of the Authority than Edwin Jones. Sometime ago they called up and said there would be a meeting of the Authority that afternoon and he asked if Mr. Jones would be there and was told he was flying in from Iraq and would get in at 3 o'clock - that is typical of him in his work with the Authority.

Mr. Strawn stated he is the junior member in years of service of the Authority and has served for some fifteen or sixteen years but it is not a difficult job nor never will be under Edwin Jones and Harold Dillehay, both of whom are fine men and dedicated to their jobs. That they feel they are doing something that is most worthwhile and it is a pleasure to serve.

Mr. George Dowdy said he has been privileged to serve with these gentlemen hoping that some of their brilliance would rub off on him. It is an honor and privilege to work with a dedicated person like Mr. Jones.

Mayor Brookshire called on Mr. George Ivey for any remarks he wished to make. Mr. Ivey stated he is very happy to be present today, he has known Edwin Jones and been close friends for many, many years, not only in the Methodist Church but also personally and working in organizations and on projects. He is very honored to pay tribute to Edwin and to the members of the Authority for the fine work they are doing for the City of Charlotte.

Mayor Brookshire expressed his appreciation for these gentlemen coming down this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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