



A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, November 14, 1966, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Sandy R. Jordan, Milton Short, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman John H. Thrower.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Tuttle.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last Council Meeting on November 7, 1966, were approved as submitted.

SCHOOL CHILDREN REPRESENTING UNIVERSITY PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UNGRADED GRAMMAR GROUP AND OPTIMIST CLUBS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT GROUP WELCOMED TO COUNCIL MEETING.

Mayor Brookshire welcomed to the Council meeting a group of children from the University Park Elementary School representing the "ungraded grammar" group who were present together with their teacher, Mrs. Cohen and Mrs. Kerns and Mr. Crump.

Councilman Alexander advised this class is the class from the school that sponsored the "election campaign," and they are present today to continue their study of citizenship in government.

Mayor Brookshire stated the Optimist Clubs Youth in Government Group is present also; and after the official business is completed, this group will come up and take the Mayor's and Council members' places around the desk and hold a council meeting of their own.

PETITION NO. 66-83 BY ROBERT B. KEMP, JR. ET AL FOR CHANGE IN ZONING FROM R-6MF TO B-1 OF FIVE LOTS ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF WEST CAMA STREET AND SOUTH TRYON STREET, AND FIVE LOTS ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF WEST CAMA STREET AND SOUTH TRYON STREET, DENIED.

Councilman Tuttle moved that the subject petition be denied as recommended by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Councilman Whittington asked Mr. Fred Bryant, Assistant Planning Director, if the people who brought the petition to Council have been notified of the Planning Commission's decision, and Mr. Bryant replied they have.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

STREET NAME CHANGES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Alexander, seconded by Councilman Short and unanimously carried, the following street names were changed as recommended by the Planning Commission:

- (a) SUGAR CREEK ROAD assigned to the new road between the existing Sugar Creek Road and The Plaza.
- (b) Highway Place between The Plaza and Eastway Drive changed to SUGAR CREEK ROAD.
- (c) Existing Sugar Creek Road between The Plaza and the new road changed to ATMORE STREET.

Councilman Short stated it is very nice the way it is arranged out there now.

LEASE WITH CANNON AIRCRAFT SALES & SERVICE, INC. FOR AIRPORT PROPERTY APPROVED.

Councilman Whittington moved approval of a renegotiated lease with Cannon Aircraft Sales & Service, Inc. to provide approximately 5.64 acres of additional land on the south and east sides of the lessee's present property for a term of fifteen years at a rental of \$1,405 per month with the lessee to pay 2 cents per gallon of gasoline and 10 cents per gallon of oil used or sold. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan.

Mayor Brookshire asked if the amount collected on oil and gasoline is in addition to the stated terms? Mr. Veeder replied the more aircraft that makes use of the gas and oil, the more revenue the City will receive.

Councilman Tuttle asked what is meant by oil used; does this mean the oil used by Cannon? Mr. Veeder replied by the customers of Cannon, the oil bought by the operators at Cannon Aircraft.

Mayor Brookshire stated Cannon operates some aircraft of their own and also does considerable amount of leasing and servicing of other aircraft that come in there.

Councilman Short stated that leases which have a fee for the premises and also some participation angle related to the volume are getting more and more prominent in business, and he is glad to see the government is doing this kind of leasing.

Mayor Brookshire stated he hopes the citizens of Charlotte appreciate what the City's staff and this Council are doing from time to time to conduct the city's business in a very business like manner.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS FOR DETECTIVE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried, approving the following license applications covering the classification of "Detective":

- (a) Application of Earnest M. Howell, N. C. License No. 174, with Pinkerton's Inc.
- (b) Application of Eldon E. Fransein, N. C. License No. 175, with Pinkerton's Inc.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS WITH W. B. GAMMAGE, LEO H. PHELAN, G. A. HUTCHINSON AND HARRY G. BROWN, APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Short, seconded by Councilman Tuttle and unanimously carried, the following appraisal contracts were approved:

- (a) Contract with W. B. Gammage for appraisal of two parcels in connection with the Eastway Drive Widening Project - W. H. Taylor and wife, and L. W. Osborne and wife; and appraisal of one parcel in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project - Noel A. LeClair and wife.
- (b) Contract with Leo H. Phelan for appraisal of one parcel in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project - Noel A. LeClair and wife.
- (c) Contract with G. A. Hutchinson for appraisal of one parcel in connection with the Plaza Road Widening Project - NCNB, Trustees for Mary A. Heafner.
- (d) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of one parcel in connection with the Eastway Drive Widening Project - Roland P. Cooper; and appraisal of three parcels in connection with East Third Street Widening Project - C & D Realty Company, W. E. Strane and Katherine Asbury.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, approving the renewal of Special Officer Permits, as follows:

- (a) Renewal of special officer permit to Leslie Lamar McKinney for one year to serve on the Southern Railway Company premises on West Liddell Street.
- (b) Renewal of special officer permits for use on the premises of the Charlotte Branch, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond - Ralph H. Beatty, George W. Blizzard, Price D. Crutchfield, Paul T. Guin, Paul E. Haefling, David S. Harllee, W. Frank Helderman, W. Y. Henderson, Robert H. Horne, Wade H. Linker, John H. Miller, Johnnie C. Mumford, J. Wesley Parks, Oliver W. Parks, John E. Pettit, James E. Porter, Joe L. Puckett, Jr., Milton P. Therrell, Odus H. Turner, James R. Wall, W. Paul Watson, George W. Morgan, and Jack D. Austin.

CLAIM OF PAUL H. STAFFORD FOR DAMAGES TO HOUSE AUTHORIZED PAID.

Councilman Jordan moved that claim of Mr. Paul H. Stafford in the amount of \$95 for damages to a house at 2120 Shenandoah Avenue caused when a tree located in the planting strip uprooted and fell onto the house during a severe wind storm be paid as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and carried unanimously.

CLAIM OF DOUGLAS E. STARNES FOR DAMAGES TO CAR DENIED.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington to deny the claim of Douglas E. Starnes in the amount of \$35 for damages to his automobile caused when he left his parking place at the curb in the 300 block of Cherry Street as recommended by the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan and carried unanimously.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY DEED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Alexander and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with C. H. Ritchie for Graves Nos. 6 and 7 in Lot No. 170, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00.

ACQUISITION OF EASEMENT FOR SANITARY SEWER LINE TO SERVE HAMPSHIRE HILLS AND EDWARDS BRANCH SANITARY SEWER.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Short, and unanimously carried, the following property transactions were authorized:

- (a) Acquisition of easement 7.5' x 295.25' in the new subdivision of Hampshire Hills off Somerworth Drive, from Samuel R. Fowler and wife, at \$150 for sanitary sewer line to serve Hampshire Hills.
- (b) Acquisition of right of way 25' x 39.16' at 3360 Commonwealth Avenue, from Peter J. Fox (widower), at \$39.16 for Edwards Branch Sanitary Sewer.

ORDINANCE NO. 553-X TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 498-X, THE 1966-67 BUDGET ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION.

Councilman Tuttle moved approval of the subject ordinance transferring \$10,580 of the general fund contingency appropriation to Engineering-Streets to be used for sidewalk improvements in the Thomasboro-Hoskins area, and \$520 to the Non-Departmental Expense-Street Lighting to be used for street lighting in the Thomasboro-Hoskins area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington and carried unanimously.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 436.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING CITY EMPLOYEES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE UNITED APPEAL CAMPAIGN.

Councilman Jordan presented the following resolution which he read:

"WHEREAS, the annual United Appeal Campaign plays a vital role in the proper development of the Charlotte Area civic and community life; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the City of Charlotte have long recognized their civic responsibilities by contributing generously to this community-wide effort; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with this civic awareness the employees of the City of Charlotte did meet and exceed their 1966-67 United Appeal goal of \$44,700 by contributing a total of \$48,861.08; and

WHEREAS, this amount was 109.3 per cent of the City's goal and was by far the largest total amount ever contributed by employees to the United Appeal Campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, that the

EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY

be, and they are hereby commended for their continuing generosity; their continuing high public spirit, and their continuing awareness of their civic responsibilities as citizens of the greater Charlotte Community.

Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the resolution which was seconded by Councilman Tuttle.

Councilman Whittington stated as a former chairman of the public employees division of the United Community Services he would like to commend Councilman Jordan for the tremendous job that he did and for the spirit in which he went about this job and the way that the employees of the City of Charlotte joined him in this campaign; that he thinks it is commendable on Councilman Jordan's part and to the personnel of the City of Charlotte who gave this money to make this campaign successful.

Mayor Brookshire stated he would like to add his commendations to those who worked and to those who gave.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL TO HOST A DINNER MEETING WITH THE NEW BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Jordan stated he thinks there is no question in the minds of his fellow Councilmen but that the voters of Charlotte will expect them to work closely with the new Board of County Commissioners in the many areas where there is common interests.

That before they begin to resolve their common governmental problems, he suggest Council offer the hand of friendship and fellowship, and towards that end he proposes that Council be hosts at a dinner meeting with the new Board. This would be a social occasion. By getting to know each other informally, he thinks they may better proceed with the common task of providing the best governmental services for the residents of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Mayor Brookshire confirmed the appointment he made in the conference session and named Councilman Jordan as a committee of one to make all the arrangements.

COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS POSITION ON DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, PART OF WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO CITIZENS OF CHARLOTTE IN BOND REFERENDUM DECEMBER 17.

Councilman Whittington stated in connection with the bond referendum on December 17 he thinks all the news media and perhaps a great many of our general public realizes that the Mayor of this City and the members of the Council have unanimously approved the Master Plan for the Greater Charlotte Central Area. This plan has also been approved by the Board of County Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Association, and many other civic organizations in the City. A part of this plan, along with the rest of the bond package will be presented to the residents of the City of Charlotte on December 17 for their approval or disapproval. That he believes this governing body should again inform the voters of this City that the twelve blocks of the Downtown Urban Renewal Area, land and plans for the civic center, and the million dollars for the streets is first of all a study in opportunity, and it gives us the direction to move and the framework for the future. This plan will be a catalyst to generate a chain reaction of growth that could even exceed the fondest dream of the Master Plan Committee. This part of the bond issue has many goals; but the primary goal is to provide a plan which will develop and restore our central city. A goal to save a large percentage of our tax base - and this is something that has not been discussed by many people since this bond issue was presented; but it is a very important factor that it will preserve our tax base and even increase it so that it will

not fall on the homeowner here in Charlotte or on property owners other than Downtown. So there will be no misunderstanding, he believes this Council should again reaffirm its position on Downtown and all of the projects in the bond issue to be presented to the people on December 17, and he moved that Council take that position again today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Short.

Mayor Brookshire stated the motion has been appropriately made, and he thinks the voters will bear in mind the fact that this item in the bond package, as well as all the other items, is in the interest of the City as a whole and not intended for the benefit of any particular portion of the City. That it is highly important that the Citizens of Charlotte be fully informed regarding the issues in this bond package, and if they are, he feels confident that they will, as in the past, meet the needs of the City.

The vote was taken on the motion and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER TO ARRANGE A MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO DISCUSS CITY'S NEEDS.

Councilman Whittington stated Mr. Jordan has suggested a meeting with the new Board of County Commissioners, and it is only a short time away that the General Assembly will convene in Raleigh, and he would suggest that Council begin to think about a meeting with the legislative delegation to acquaint them with the City's legislative needs and other problems relating to the growth of the city, either in the form of a committee or a joint meeting of the delegation, along with the Council, and he would hope this could be done in the very near future.

Mayor Brookshire stated Council might consider itself a committee of the whole, and he requested that any suggestion that anyone may have regarding matters to be handled by the next legislature in the interest of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County be passed to Mr. Veeder who will put them all together and arrange a joint session perhaps of Council with the County Commissioners and our delegates to the General Assembly not later than early next year.

Councilman Whittington moved that this be a committee of the entire Council, with the County Commissioners and the Delegation, and the meeting be set by Mr. Veeder. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER TO MAKE SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING AN EMERGENCY CREW OF MOTOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WORKING ON HOLIDAYS.

Councilman Whittington stated last Friday was a holiday in the City. That it came to his attention very vividly that the City has emergency crews in the water department and the sewer division, and in most of our departments where we have a breakdown of some kind, and need some emergency attention. That he suggest the City set up an emergency crew in the Motor Transport Department under Mr. E. G. Davis. That this is a department where there are emergencies in garbage collection and other debris that might have to be removed; when you have a holiday and the weekend this could become a real serious problem. That to him, this is a need and something that should be instigated by Council today.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he has discussed this with Mr. Whittington and agrees with him that this is an area that needs additional attention. Following up his conversation with Mr. Whittington he had a session with Mr. Davis and he hopes to be able to come back to Council with some specific suggestions very shortly.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CHECK HILDEBRAND STREET NAME COMPLICATION.

Councilman Alexander requested the City Manager to check the possibilities of straightening out the complication in street naming. That Hildebrand Street, from Beatties Ford Road to its end, starts off Hildebrand, stops over two or three intersections, other streets begin, and then Hildebrand starts again for another block or so. It is a situation that creates a lot of problems for people who live in the area.

PROGRESS REPORT ON CROSSTOWN BOULEVARD IN MCALPINE CREEK AREA REQUESTED.

Councilman Tuttle stated over a year ago Council asked Mr. Veeder to take some steps towards the delineation of the route of the crosstown boulevard in the McAlpine Creek Area. This was brought up again in November, 1965 and in May 1966, and he would like to have a progress report on this project.

COUNCIL NOTIFIED OF PLAN OF MR. PLATO DAVENPORT, CITY-COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR, TO RETIRE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised Council received this morning a notice of the plan of Mr. Plato Davenport, City-County Tax Collector, to retire from that office, effective December 31.

YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT GROUP INTRODUCED AND INVITED TO CONDUCT ITS SESSION OF COUNCIL.

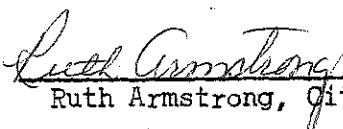
Mayor Brookshire stated Youth Appreciation Week is an observance now held throughout the United States and Canada; that the idea originated in Charlotte with Mr. Earl Yarbrough a number of years ago, and now eleven Optimist Clubs in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, plus other Optimist Clubs throughout the State, the Nation and Canada annually observe Youth Appreciation Week. A part of that observance is the annual Youth in Government Day in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. That it is his pleasure to welcome the following youths who will participate in their session of Council:

Mayor Earl Myers, Harding High School; Council members - Sherrie McGirt, Harding High School, Mac Crews, East Mecklenburg, Jeannie McDonald, North Mecklenburg, Curtis Rhodes, North Mecklenburg, Margaret Nelson, South Mecklenburg, Karen Woody, West Mecklenburg, Kathy Frieze, Country Day; City Manager - Jackie Wallace, Independence; City Attorney - Donna Ross, Christian High; City Clerk - Eve Fragakis, Garinger High; Audience participants - Lane Hurley, Independence, Phil Blanks, Olympic, Ike Heard, West Charlotte and Rebeccah Hamilton, Second Ward.

Mayor Brookshire invited them to come forward and occupy the desks being vacated to conduct their session of Council.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk