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The regular 3:00 o'clock p.m. meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina was held in the Council Chamber in the City Hall, on Monday, March 6, 1967, beginning at 3:45 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Stan R. Brookshire presiding, and Councilmen Claude L. Albea, Fred D. Alexander, Milton Short, John H. Thrower, Jerry Tuttle and James B. Whittington present.

ABSENT: Councilman Sandy R. Jordan.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Fred D. Alexander.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on February 27, 1967 were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION FIXING DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 3 ON PETITION TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF NORFOLK AVENUE.

Councilman Whittington moved adoption of the subject resolution setting date of hearing on Monday, April 3, on petition of the Woman's Division of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Church and the Housing Authority of the City of Charlotte to close and abandon a portion of Norfolk Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 5, at Page 412.

APPRAISAL CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following appraisal contracts:

- (a) Contract with Lionel D. Bass, Sr. for appraisal of two (2) parcels of land in connection with Eastway Drive;
- (b) Contract with Harry G. Brown for appraisal of thirteen (13) parcels of land in connection with the East Third Street-Pine Street Connector and West Third Street Connector;
- (c) Contract with Henry E. Bryant for appraisal of five (5) parcels of land in connection with West Third and Fourth Connector;
- (d) Contract with Zollie A. Collins for appraisal of five (5) parcels of land in connection with the West Third Street Connector.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, Special Officer Permits for a term of one year were authorized to the following applicants:

- (a) Johney Garry, 521 Royal Court, for use on the premises of Morris Speizman Company, Inc., 508-14 West 5th Street;
- (b) Howell Adams, 1122 S. Church Street, for use on the premises of Morris Speizman Company, Inc., 508-14 West 5th Street;
- (c) Mrs. Ruth Payne, 3021 Minnesota Road, for use on the premises of J. B. Ivey's Company at 5th and Tryon Streets.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Councilman Albea moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a deed with Mrs. Florence P. Tuggle for Graves 7 and 8, in Lot No. 184, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$120.00 for transfer of cemetery lot. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and carried unanimously.

CONTRACT AWARDED BOYD & GOFORTH, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAIN IN NORTH TRYON STREET BETWEEN EASTWAY DRIVE AND OWEN BOULEVARD.

Motion was made by Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Boyd & Goforth, Inc., in the amount of \$166,674.00 for the construction of a 24" diameter cast iron distribution water main in North Tryon Street, between Eastway Drive and Owen Boulevard, a distance of 6,500 feet - first phase of construction for the water main to Charlotte College Campus.

The following bids were received:

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| Boyd & Goforth, Inc. | \$ 166,674.00 |
| Blythe Bros. Company | 166,945.00 |
| Noll Construction Co. | 167,138.50 |
| A. P. White & Associates | 175,889.00 |
| WECO, Inc. | 179,197.00 |

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR CONCRETE WATER METER BOXES.

Councilman Thrower moved award of contract to the only bidder, Concrete Products Company in the amount of \$17,747.10 on a unit price basis for 2,520 concrete meter boxes with concrete covers and iron reading lids, 50 #65 extensions, 400 concrete lids and 400 cast iron traffic covers. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and carried unanimously.

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CONTRACT AWARDED ROSS & WITMER, INC. FOR AIR CONDITIONING FOR THIRD FLOOR OF CITY HALL.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Ross & Witmer, Inc., the low bidder, at a negotiated price of \$15,800.00, for central air conditioning of third floor at city hall.

The following bids were received:

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| Ross & Witmer, Inc. | \$ 17,200.00 |
| Southern Piping & Engr. Co. | 17,486.00 |
| Air Masters, Inc. | 17,844.00 |
| L. & H. Heating & A/C, Inc. | 17,848.00 |
| Mechanical Contractors, Inc. | 18,170.00 |
| Tompkins-Johnston Co., Inc. | 20,528.00 |
| A. Z. Price & Assoc., Inc. | 21,321.00 |

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS, INC. FOR PISTOLS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea awarding contract to the low bidder, International Distributors, Inc., in the amount of \$1,223.64, on a unit price basis for twenty-four 38-caliber pistols. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and carried unanimously.

The following bids were received:

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| International Distributors, Inc. | \$ 1,223.64 |
| Odell Hardware Company | 1,255.03 |
| Charles Greenblatt | 1,262.33 |
| Carolina Police Supply, Div. of National Welders Supply, Inc. | 1,264.43 |

MR. E. LOWELL MASON NOMINATED TO SUCCEED HIMSELF ON PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Albea nominated Mr. E. Lowell Mason to succeed himself on the Park and Recreation Commission for a term of five years. Said nomination to remain open for one week.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND URGING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE \$35,000,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE ON MARCH 18, 1967.

Mayor Brookshire presented the following resolution for council's consideration:

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING AND URGING VOTER APPROVAL OF THE \$35,000,000 SCHOOL BOND ISSUE ON MARCH 18, 1967.

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education has requested the Board of County Commissioners of Mecklenburg County to call for a special election on a school bond issue on March 18, 1967; and

WHEREAS, the bonds will provide funds in the amount of \$35,000,000 to be used to erect additional school buildings, remodel and enlarge

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existing school buildings, and acquire necessary land and equipment so as to provide additional elementary and secondary school facilities, and

WHEREAS, these new and improved facilities, necessitated by the fast growth and progress of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community, are needed to improve the educational system of Mecklenburg County, which is of prime importance to all citizens of this area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Charlotte that the proposed bond issue is hereby endorsed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all voters of the City of Charlotte, and Mecklenburg County as a whole, are hereby urged to support and vote for the bonds which will provide the new and improved facilities needed to keep pace with the growth and progress of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO DISCUSS NEED FOR PARK FACILITIES IN THE WEST AND NORTHWEST SIDE OF CITY WITH PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION.

Councilman Whittington stated some plans need to be made and some effort made to find property which can be developed for park purposes on the west or northwest side of the City. The only tennis courts on the west and northwest side of the city will be taken by the North-South Expressway, leaving no tennis courts and the loss of almost one park on that side of town. The only way he knows to do it is through Councilman Jordan's Land Inventory Committee and land that the city has, and a committee from Council and the Park and Recreation Commission calling on developers to acquire some land for this purpose. That we owe it to the people in that area - we are taking one park and we should put one back either in the vicinity of Revolution Park or on the northwest side in the vicinity of Hoskins-Thomasboro. He stated this is only a suggestion and he does not know how to implement it other than to refer it to the City Manager and ask him to come back to Council with suggestions, and then he, as an individual member of Council, would do what he could to help find the property.

Mayor Brookshire asked if the money from the State for the purchase of the right-of-way can be used for recreation facilities in that general area? Mr. Veeder replied the Park & Recreation Commission can use the money received from the State. Mayor Brookshire asked if the Park & Recreation Commission should not be looking for a possible site in that community? Councilman Whittington replied he understands the money they receive from the Expressway route is going into the development of the park that the City is leasing them and deeding them on a year-to-year basis. The history of local parks is that someone either gives the land to them or leases it for 99 years. That this has always been a mutual cooperative effort between civic groups, government and the Park & Recreation

Commission as well as citizens who make the land available.

Councilman Tuttle stated he thinks Mr. Whittington is right in that they have earmarked this money for the new park. Mr. Veeder stated the Park & Recreation Commission has some undeveloped land adjacent to and a part of Revolution Park and what their plans for development are, he does not know. When the City ran a pedestrian facility across the creek to Barringer School, that it ran through undeveloped property owned by the Park & Recreation Commission.

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to discuss the need for park facilities with Mr. Mason and the Commission and bring suggestions back to Council, and that the need should be stated for park facilities in the Hoskins-Thomasboro area for the northwest side of the City, in addition to anything they might put back to Revolution Park.

Councilman Thrower stated Mr. Jordan's Committee compiled its inventory on city property and certainly this could be used by the Park & Recreation Commission and, if necessary, we could perhaps swap some land. When he looks at the inventory of city property-non-tax producing, just laying there when it could be put to some use, it hurts. Perhaps some of it could be negotiated for a swap.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO GIVE COUNCIL A SPECIFIC ACTUARY FIGURE FOR SUPPLEMENTARY RETIREMENT BENEFIT.

Councilman Thrower stated in response to his request for a report on the supplementary retirement benefit, he has received an inter-office communication from Mr. Earle, Personnel Director, in which he gave a figure that he does not understand and he requested the City Manager to give Council a specific actuary figure so that Council can have something with teeth in it.

PRINCIPAL OF ALEXANDER GRAHAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMENDED FOR ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE AT SCHOOL.

Councilman Alexander stated in our community in the last few days, an action took place which is as important as any action that has ever taken place in Charlotte. That he refers to the action taken by the Principal of Alexander Graham Junior High School in resolving the incident that grew out of some school problems he had. That this is worthy of being brought to Council's attention and he thinks commendation should be given to the Principal from this Council for the courageous and noble action he took in solving this problem. Without this type of leadership, it could have resulted in what could have been a nasty situation here in Charlotte. That if history is to record the progress of human relations that exist throughout the South, certainly it will have to record the actions of unsung heroes to handle it manfully and to save our City from being brought to the headlines of the nation.

He stated the Principal had problems with the children and the parents were called together and they talked about the problems and faced them and offered solutions as to how they could be resolved rather than leaving it up to the community to give its own answers.

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Councilman Alexander moved that Council express to the principal its commendation for noble service rendered to our community. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington who stated he does not have all the facts but he has talked to some of the parents who attended the meeting and who have children in the school, and they said the Principal laid the facts right out on the table and the rumors were stopped and everyone felt better about it after it was over. The vote was taken on the motion, and carried unanimously.

TRAFFIC ENGINEER REQUESTED TO MAKE STUDY OF STATESVILLE AVENUE, FROM CUMMINS AVENUE TO INTERSECTION OF NEW STATESVILLE AVENUE IN VICINITY OF WILLIAMS SCHOOL.

Councilman Alexander requested the Traffic Engineering Department to give serious thought to the traffic situation on Statesville Avenue, from Cummins Avenue to the intersection where Old Statesville Road veers off to the new Statesville Road going back to Williams School on Carmine Street. That he has talked with the Principal of the school and the School Committeemen, and they asked him to call this situation to the city's attention. There is a need for sidewalks and a special need for a new type of control. The only traffic assistance they have at the intersection is by school patrolmen. The traffic in the morning and afternoon is too heavy on Statesville Road for any civilian patrol - be it adult or child patrolman. He thinks it deserves a regular traffic policeman to take care of the situation. That he will discuss in detail the other angles with the City Manager. One child was killed and another one injured in this vicinity, and the danger does not lessen any, it increases.

Councilman Alexander moved that the Traffic Engineer be requested to make a study of this situation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tuttle, and carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 594-X AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 498-X, THE 1966-67 BUDGET ORDINANCE, AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION.

The City Manager advised he has a request from the Police Department involving money from the contingency fund to purchase a duplicating machine with special accessories which will permit duplication of hand written reports and index cards without the intermediate step of typing them up. The purpose is to conserve clerical time and permit the dissemination of police information very quickly. It will reduce office report preparation time by some 70% to 80%. That this is a special type of equipment, and he is satisfied it is well worth the price. It is a specially designed off-set duplicating machine which permits the duplicating of 3 x 5 handwritten cards as well as reports. When Chief Ingersoll was with IACP, he assisted in the design of the machine for the purpose of adapting the equipment for police purposes.


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Upon motion of Councilman Tuttle, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the subject ordinance was adopted authorizing the transfer of \$3,482 to the 1966-67 Police Budget for the purchase of the duplicating machine and supplies.

The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 14, at Page 491.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Ruth Armstrong, City Clerk