

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, April 9, 1952, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Van Every presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Coddington and Dellinger present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw and Councilmen Boyd and Jordan.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on April 2nd were approved as submitted.

CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TRANSFERRED FROM BEN AUSTIN, VICTORY CAB COMPANY, TO E. R. BAKER, BAKER CAB COMPANY, COVERING THREE CABS.

Mr. E. R. Baker, Owner of Baker Cab Company advised that he wished to purchase from Mr. Ben Austin taxicabs #125 and #126 and the equipment from cab #127 now operating under the Victory Cab Company, for the sum of \$3,000.00 and requested that the Certificates of Necessity covering the cabs be transferred from Mr. Austin to Baker Cab Company. Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that the transaction has been investigated by the Taxicab Inspector who recommends the transfer. Councilman Dellinger moved that the Certificates covering the three cabs be transferred from Mr. Austin to Baker Cab Company as requested. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

HEARING RELATIVE TO APPLICATION OF QUEEN CITY CAB COMPANY, INC., FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR OPERATION OF THIRTY TAXICABS POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 23RD.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried, the scheduled hearing relative to the application of the Queen City Cab Company for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the operation of thirty taxicabs was postponed until the meeting on April 23rd as requested by Mr. Charles V. Bell, Attorney for the Cab Company.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the following streets were taken over for maintenance:

- (a) Sussman Street, from N. Cecil St. west one block to dead-end.
- (b) Benjamin Street, from S. Tryon St. to Baltimore Ave.
- (c) Fairwood Avenue, from S. Tryon St. to Toomey St.
- (d) Griffith Street, from S. Tryon St. to intersection of Toomey Street.
- (e) Toomey Street, from intersection of Griffith St. and Fairwood Avenue to north property boundary.
- (f) Baltimore Avenue, from Griffith St. to end of pavement.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS. THELMA R. GORDAN FOR DAMAGES TO CAR.

Councilman Albea moved that the claim of Mrs. Thelma R. Gordan for repairs to her car which was damaged by a Garbage Truck on February 26th, be settled in the amount of \$104.46, as recommended by the City Attorney and City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS APPROVED.

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

- (a) 120 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Fort Street, at an estimated cost of \$200.00 to serve one housing unit and one vacant lot, at request of Ervin Construction Company. All costs to be borne by the City.
- (b) 3,512 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Lakeview Park Subdivision at an estimated cost of \$8,400.00, to serve 18 family units and 25 vacant lots, at request of Shamrock Gardens, Inc. All costs to be borne by the City, and applicant's deposit of \$4,800.00 to be refunded as per terms of the contract.

RENEWAL OF LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. T-B-107 TO MECKLENBURG PRESBYTERY.

Councilman Coddington moved that the lease covering building No. T-B-107 at Douglas Municipal Airport be renewed to the Mecklenburg Presbytery for a term of 5 years, at an annual rental of \$1.00 with a 60-days cancellation clause included in the said lease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) One 8-foot entrance at 701 Berkley Avenue.
- (b) Two 30-foot entrances on Central Avenue, and One 20-foot entrance on Iris Drive, for 2318 Central Avenue.

SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH W. O. NISBET, JR. FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN RIDGEWOOD SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing a supplemental contract to existing contract dated January 17, 1951 with W. O. Nisbet, Jr., for the construction of 680 additional feet of 2 inch water main in Ridgewood Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$950.00, to serve residential property in Lots #1 and #2 of Section #2. All costs to be borne by the applicant, who will own mains until territory taken into the city.

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR METER BOXES.

Councilman Coddington moved that contract be awarded Concrete Products Company for 1,000 concrete Meter Boxes with covers, City of Charlotte standard pattern, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$4,400.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR STREET GRADING, DRAINAGE, ETC., FOR EAST 36th STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Blythe Bros. Company for street grading, drainage, etc., for East 36th Street Improvements, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$10,919.50.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR FINE GRADING, CURB & GUTTER, PAVING, ETC., FOR EAST 36TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Blythe Bros. Company for fine grading, curb & gutter, paving, etc., as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$71,862.75, for the East 36th Street Improvements.

CONTRACT AWARDED CROWDER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR BRIDGE FOR EAST 36TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Crowder Construction Company for the bridge in the East 36th Street Improvement program, on a unit price basis, representing a total of \$11,846.70.

QUARTERLY UNFIT HOUSING REPORT.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, submitted the following Quarterly Unfit Housing Report:

Number of Housing Units brought up to standard	682
Number of Property Owners Cited for Hearings	24
Number of Housing Units Condemned	44
Number of Bathing Facilities Installed	562

Total number of houses brought up to standard since adoption of ordinance in August, 1948	7,968
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Total number of houses demolished to date	817
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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, 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 to Mrs. E. A. Mayo, for Lot 318, in Section 12, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$104.00.
- (b) Deed to Mrs. Maude Strickland, for the transfer of Lot 103-Fraction in Section V, Elmwood Cemetery, from C. A. Padgett, at a cost of \$1.00 for the transfer.

REAPPOINTMENT OF ARTHUR R. NEWCOMB TO AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM AUTHORITY.

Councilman Albea moved the reappointment of Mr. Arthur R. Newcomb to the Auditorium-Coliseum Authority for a period of five years from the expiration of his present term on April 25th. The motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR REMOVAL OF HANGARS, TERMINAL AREA, DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contracts for the removal of hangars, terminal area, Douglas Municipal Airport, were awarded as follows, subject to the approval of the Civil Aeronautics Administration:

General Contract awarded to John Craig, Charlotte, N. C., in the sum of \$55,000.00.

Electrical Contract awarded to B. F. Todd, Charlotte, N. C., in the sum of \$674.00.

Plumbing Contract awarded to J. V. Andrews Plumbing & Heating Company, Charlotte, N. C., in the sum of \$1,210.00.

Heating Contract awarded to Toomey Bros. Plumbing & Heating Company, Charlotte, N. C., in the sum of \$957.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lillian R. Haynes
City Clerk