

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, August 31, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry Jordan and Wilkinson present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTE APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting, on August 24th, were approved as submitted.

TRIAL PERIOD FOR TAXICAB OPERATIONS REQUESTED BY RED TOP AND VICTORY CAB COMPANIES.

Mr. Paul Erwin, Attorney for Red Top Cab Company, appeared before Council and stated his Company believed the existing Taxicab Ordinance is good but would better serve the public if certain changes are made, which he outlined as follows:

He proposed that a three months trial period be granted Cab Companies for determining the advisability of better cab operations. That his Company select four of their best drivers, equip the cabs of two of these drivers with taximeters and operate the other two cabs under the present system. That accurate factual data would be kept on the four cabs during the trial period, and at the end thereof they submit the record of their operations to the Council, thereby definitely establishing the wisdom of the installation of meters in all cabs.

Secondly, Mr. Erwin suggested that sites for taxi-stands be designated and used during the trial period.

Third, he advised that improved taxicab terminal facilities would greatly improve in serving the public, and stated that Red Top Cab Company is erecting a new and larger terminal at East 7th and N. Brevard Streets.

Fourth, that it is impossible for Cab Companies to render proper service without cruising; that all companies within the City cruise in the sense that when an empty cab returning from a trip is hailed by a citizen, it is felt that it is in the public interest to pick-up that citizen. He urged that the ban on cruising be not enforced during the trial period. He also stated that the establishment of taxistands would eliminate from 60% to 70% of cruising.

Fifth, he stated his Company believes taxi-fares could be reduced; that due to the present economical situation many persons are prevented from using cabs due to the present rates. He proposed that during the trial period fares be reduced from 50¢ to 25¢ within the old city limits, and from 75¢ to 50¢ in the annexed area, if cruising is allowed, and the fare remain 50¢ for all calls.

Sixth, he stated in his opinion the method under which Cab Companies conduct their business with the drivers is of no concern to the Council other than as it affects the public. That it is his belief that the present rental system better serves the public and at the same time the drivers realize a higher income than under the salary system. That after the trial period, if the Council feels the rental system is not desirable, then the Company is WILLING to change over. However, under the salary system it would be essential for the Company to install meters to have an accurate check of drivers operations.

Upon the inquiry of Councilman Coddington if the Red Top Cab Company did not know they are breaking the law in operating under the rental system and what they intended doing about it, Mr. Erwin replied they realized the rental system is prohibited but the change-over would be expensive and would take time; however, he stated the change-over will be made if the Council so desires.

Mr. Ralph Kidd, Attorney for Victory Cab Company, expressed complete agreement with the trial plan as proposed by Mr. Erwin, stating the Victory Cab Company will make the tests as outlined and bring to Council an accurate accounting of their findings, and abide by Council's decision in the matter.

Councilman Boyd stated he favored the proposal to reduce taxi fares. Also, that he believed the establishment of uptown taxi-stands would be of benefit to the public.

Both Mr. Erwin and Mr. Kidd stated it is not necessary, nor desirable, to them to be cited to appear before Council to show cause why the certificates of necessity and convenience of the Cab Companies they represent should not be revoked for the violation of the Taxicab Ordinance, that they are willing to appear before Council at any time.

No action was taken by Council in the matter.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NOTICE OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS ON CAMP GREENE AVENUE, FROM GREENE STREET TO ELON STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Nordan, and unanimously carried, a resolution entitled, "Resolution Authorizing the Advertisement of Notice of Resolution Authorizing Permanent Improvements on Camp Greene Avenue, from Greene Street to Elon Streets" was introduced by unanimous consent of Council.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of the resolution as presented. Motion seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. The Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 197.

REQUEST FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS AND CORRECTION OF DRAINAGE CONDITION IN SUNSET HILLS SUBDIVISION MADE BY K. I. TREADWELL.

Mr. K. I. Treadwell requested improvements to Springdale Avenue, Winthrop Avenue and Ideal Way, in Sunset Hills Subdivision, stating a petition had been filed today for curbs, gutters, sidewalks and street paving. It was found that the petition had not been received. Mr. Treadwell also stated the storm water drainage was exceedingly bad within the area. He advised he would present the petition at next Council Meeting.

ACTION DEFERRED FOR ONE WEEK ON ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING EXCAVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS, ETC.

An ordinance entitled, "Ordinance (No. 77) Amending the City Code and Further Establishing Rules and Regulations Governing Excavations and Construction of Private Driveways, Etc", was introduced and read. At the request of Mr. Hugh Lobdell, Attorney, the provision was added that 48 hours notice be given property owners prior to Council declaring a driveway a hazard, in order that said property owner might appear before Council and be heard.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkin-son, and unanimously carried, action on the ordinance was deferred for one week.

CHARGE AGAINST STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND AUTHORIZED FOR CHANNALIZATION OF TRAFFIC AND REDESIGN OF INTERSECTIONS AND INCREASE IN STREET CORNER RADII.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, charge was authorized against the Street Improvement Fund Budget ( Code 1513-G-29) for the following expenditures:

- (a) Work in connection with the Channalization of Traffic and Redesign of Intersections, as contained in report of the Traffic Engineer, dated July 28, 1949, in the amount of \$10,800.00.
- (b) Work in connection with Increasing the Radii of various street corners to facilitate the movement of traffic, in the amount of \$9,300.00.

NAME OF SUNSET DRIVE CHANGED TO GENE AVENUE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, authorizing the change of the name of Sunset Drive to Gene Avenue, as requested by Mr. Arthur S. Grier, developer of Grier Heights Subdivision.

PLAT OF PARK VIEW HAVEN SUBDIVISION APPROVED.

The Plat of Park View Haven Subdivision, located between Willow Oak Road and Allan Avenue, as submitted by the Planning Board, was approved by Council upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS BY CITY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the construction of new sanitary sewers by the City was authorized at the following locations:

- (a) 8-inch sewer in Beatties Ford Road, from St. Luke Street to Aurora Avenue, a distance of 1137 feet, at an estimated cost of \$1,976.26, to serve 15 houses being erected.
- (b) 8-inch sewer 4,505 feet and 12 inch trunk sewer 1,955 feet in Chantilly section, at an estimated cost of \$17,594.73, to serve 16 houses already erected, same to be refunded as per contract.
- (c) 12-inch trunk sewer from Briar Creek 800 feet to Chantilly School, at an estimated cost of \$2,824.80, to serve Chantilly School.

CONTRACT WITH BELK. BROS. COMPANY FOR POLICE WINTER UNIFORMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, contract was authorized with Belk Bros. Company, for Winter Uniforms for the Police Department, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$8,020.68.

CONTRACT WITH HERSEY MFG. COMPANY FOR WATER METERS.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Hersey Mfg. Company, for 1200, 5/8 inch Water Meters, on a unit price basis of \$15.95, representing a net delivered price of \$19,140.00.

CONTRACT WITH CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR METER BOXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded Concrete Product Company for 1000 Concrete Meter Boxes, on a unit price basis of \$4.15, representing a net delivered price of \$4,150.00.

## CONTRACT WITH THE SEAGRAVE CORPORATION FOR PUMPING ENGINE AND HOSE CAR.

Councilman Daughtry moved that contract be awarded The Seagrave Corporation for One Combination Pumping Engine and Hose Car with Booster System complete, at a net delivered price of \$19,900.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Coddington, Daughtry and Jordan.

NAY: Councilmen Boyd and Wilkinson.

## ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson and unanimously carried, the resignations of Messrs. J. B. Whittington and T. A. Little from the Civil Service Commission on August 20th were accepted.

## APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS.

Councilman Albea moved the confirmation of appointment of Dr. Hunter B. Blakely to the Civil Service Commission for the unexpired term ending on May 15, 1951, and of Mr. W. T. Covington for the unexpired term ending on May 15, 1950. Motion seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried.

## HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES ON SEPTEMBER 3rd.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, a holiday was granted City Employees on Monday, September 3rd, in observance of Labor Day.

## APPOINTMENT OF SOLICITATION COMMISSIONERS ANNOUNCED BY MAYOR.

Mayor Shaw announced the acceptance of the resignation of Messrs. Chas. C. Dudley and Floyd F. Kay from the Solicitations Commission, and the appointment of Mr. M. P. Johnson to the Commission for the unexpired term ending on May 31, 1952, and of Mr. John F. Durham for the unexpired term ending on May 31, 1951.

## ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Hoffman*  
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City Clerk