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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 Wednesday, December 3, 1958, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: Councilman Foard.

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#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on November 26th were approved as submitted.

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION TO CLOSE PORTIONS OF BAXTER STREET AND BALDWIN CIRCLE, ADOPTED.

Hearing was held on the Petition of the Trustees of the Diocese of N. C. of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Charlottetown, Inc., that the City authorize the closing of portions of Baxter Street and Baldwin Circle. No objections were expressed by the public to the proposed closing. A resolution entitled: "Resolution Approving Petition to Close Portions of Baxter Street and Baldwin Circle" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, beginning at Page 285.

#### RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE DEATH OF JAMES A HARDISON.

A resolution in memory of Mr. James A. Hardison of Wadesboro, N. C., former district representative on the State Highway Commission, was introduced by Councilwoman Evans, who moved its adoption and directed the City Clerk to send a copy to Mrs. Hardison. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 287.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN AND TRUNK IN ROLLINGWOOD SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Wilkinson moved approval of the request of Ervin Construction Company to construct 6,440 feet of sanitary sewer main and trunks in Rollingwood Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$26,670.00. All costs to be borne by the City and the Company's deposit of the \$26,670.00 to be refunded them in accordance with the terms of the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED WITH ERVIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS AND HYDRANTS IN ROLLINGWOOD SUBDIVISION AND STARMOUNT NO. 1 SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts with Ervin Construction Company:

- (a) Contract for the installation of 3,110 feet of water mains and two hydrants in Rollingwood Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$8,500.00. The City to finance all costs, and Company to guarantee a gross annual water revenue equal to 10% of the construction cost.
- (b) Supplementary contract, to contract dated June 18, 1958, for the installation of 9,550 feet of water mains and seven hydrants in Starmount No. 1 Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$27,000.00. The Company to pay the entire cost and own the mains until the area is incorporated into the city, at which time the mains and hydrants will become the property of the City without further contract.

CONTRACT AWARDED HUTTON-SCOTT COMPANY FOR ONE PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilkinson called attention that on November 12th Council directed that all bids on motorized equipment be requested both with and without trade-in of used equipment, and this was apparently not done on this Pickup Truck. Mr. Yancey explained that this was the last of the group of trucks being purchased along with those purchased on November 12th and bid advertisement was setup on this Pickup Truck at the time of the other equipment. Mr. Wilkinson asked that the Purchasing Agent be instructed by the City Manager to get bids on both cars and trucks both with and without trade-in allowance, in the future.

Councilman Albea moved that contract be awarded the low bidder, Hutton-Scott Company for One Pickup Truck with Express Body, Model M6-D200, at \$1,973.30, less trade-in allowance of \$150.00, or a net exchanged delivered price of \$1,823.30. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried.

All net exchanged delivered bids received are as follows:

Hutton-Scott Company	\$1,823.30
Courtesy Motors, Inc.	\$1,951.00
Young Motor Company	\$1,959.00
International Harvester Company	\$2,026.87

CONTRACT AWARDED UNIVERSAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR 146 ITEMS, CHORAL RISERS, BAND STAND AND PORTABLE PLATFORMS FOR THE COLISEUM.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Universal Equipment Company for 146 Items, Choral Risers, Band Stands and Portable Platforms for the Coliseum, as specified, at a bid price of \$3,200.00 less cash discount of \$32.00, or a net delivered price of \$3,168.00.

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TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed with Mrs. F. Grainger Pierce for Lot 193, Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from Mr. W. J. Stell and wife, at \$1.00 for transfer deed.

REPORT OF PLANNING COMMISSION AS TO BEGINNING DATE FOR REZONING PROJECT OF CHARLOTTE AND PERIMETER AREA, AND SALARY INCREASE FOR ASSISTANT PLANNING DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYMENT OF ONE NEW PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED.

Mr. William McIntyre, Director Planning Commission, reported on the request of the City Council on October 29th that the Commission step-up their recommendation for rezoning of the City. He stated that the staff made a careful review of its present work load situation as it relates to the scheduling of the general rezoning study and presented it to the Commission on Monday, who considered it and directed him to discuss it with the Council, and present them copies of the Review, which he did at this time. He stated that as indicated in the Review the Commission is heavily involved in two major studies and programs at the present time, which must be completed on schedule in order not to delay the agencies with whom the work is involved, and over whom the Commission has no control. He stated the present work will involve their full time until spring of 1959; that the top priority project they are presently working on is the Metropolitan Area Thorofare Plan, they being committed to their studies in this connection to provide the Consultants to the State Highway Commission with basic information for determining the design requirements of a thorofare system adequate to meet the needs of the Charlotte Metropolitan Area in 1980. He outlined the seven phases of work involved in this study, as outlined in the Review Report. Mr. McIntyre stated that this work must be completed early in the spring or summer in order for the Consultants to meet their project completion date of July 1959. He stated that the work has been delayed in his office due to the loss of personnel. He advised that the second project in which they are now involved is the Urban Re-development Project, which must be completed within a specific time in order that the City may continue to participate in the Urban Renewal program; that in June 1959 the City's eligibility for further federal assistance in the Urban Renewal program will be up for reconsideration and satisfactory progress on the work of his staff will be a primary consideration for the extension of Charlotte's eligibility into the next fiscal year. He advised that a third project they are also committed to undertake is the city-wide general development plan for Charlotte and the perimeter area, which has been started but delayed because of the lack of personnel.

Mr. McIntyre advised that the completion dates for most of these studies falls within the first six months of 1959 and the Commission is much concerned about meeting these deadlines because of the lack of office personnel. He stated the Commission is greatly interested in the rezoning program but feels it is not advisable to put it before their previous important commitments.

Councilman Dellinger asked if additional personnel were employed in the Planning Office could the rezoning work be done? Mr. McIntyre replied that if the present vacancy is filled and one additional man employed, the present projects and the rezoning work could be done by next summer or fall. Councilwoman Evans asked if their inability to secure proper personnel was due to the salary offered? Mr. McIntyre replied that it is in part, and if the salary were increased he is of the opinion that he could secure a qualified person.

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Councilman Albea moved that the Council thank Mr McIntyre and receive the report at this time as information. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter and unanimously carried.

Councilman Wilkinson stated he would certainly like to see the rezoning work started, as it is long overdue. Councilman Baxter then moved that the Council instruct Mr. McIntyre to pay a salary of \$7,500.00 to fill the existing vacancy of Assistant Director in his office, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners who pay a portion of the salary. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Baxter then asked Mr McIntyre what salary is necessary to secure an additional man in the Planning Office, and Mr. McIntyre replied that a new graduate in planning could be secured for from \$5,500.00 to \$6,000.00.

Councilwoman Evans moved that Mr McIntyre be authorized to employ an additional staff member as soon as possible at a beginning salary of \$5,500.00, subject to the approval of the County Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter.

Councilman Wilkinson told Mr. McIntyre that it is to be definitely understood that the rezoning project is to be the next one handled by the Planning Staff after the completion of the two emergency projects outlined by him, as the rezoning is long overdue and most essential to Charlotte. Mr. McIntyre stated this is understood.

Councilman Dellinger then offered a substitute motion that the Council withhold action on the entire matter until the County Commissioners have been consulted as to their financial participation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea and lost, with the votes cast as follows:

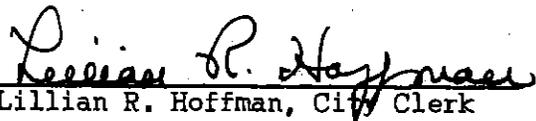
YEAS: Councilmen Albea and Dellinger.

NAYS: Council members Baxter, Brown, Evans and Wilkinson.

The vote was then taken on the main motion by Councilwoman Evans, and carried unanimously..

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk