

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 Monday, December 3, 1962, at 3 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Brookshire presiding and Councilmen Albea, Bryant, Dellinger, Jordan, Smith, Thrower and Whittington present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by the Reverend Thomas Miller, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

MINUTES APPROVED.

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

PETITION PROTESTING PROCEDURE OF OPERATION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE AND OF ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT POLICE CHECK ACCIDENTS PRIOR TO ORDERING AMBULANCE, REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY FOR INVESTIGATION AND REPORT.

Mr. W. H. Smith presented a petition, signed by a large number of residents of the area of Mockingbird Lane, requesting that Charlotte Ambulance Service be required to answer calls immediately upon receipt, and the City's ordinance providing a procedure for handling calls in opposition to this be immediately changed, and that their drivers and attendants be periodically examined by a Council appointed Committee, including doctors and the Director of Safety Services of the American Red Cross to determine whether they are thoroughly familiar with first aid and the care of the sick and injured.

The petition was predicated on an accident, the details of which were reviewed in the petition, on November 22nd shortly after 10:25 A.M., in which a young driver was involved on Mockingbird Lane and was thrown through the windshield receiving facial lacerations and bleeding severely; that at 10:28 A.M., Mr. Robert K. Ballard placed a call through the telephone operator for the Charlotte Ambulance Service, and sometime later a Police Station wagon arrived at the scene, the Policeman took a look, returned to his radio and ordered an ambulance; that upon being questioned, he told onlooker this is the standard procedure for a Policeman to check a call to see if an ambulance is really needed because of the number of prank calls received; that two police cars, a motorcycle Policeman and Television Cameramen arrived at the scene before the ambulance; that on questioning, Mr. Brandes of the Charlotte Ambulance Service stated he received the official police call at 10:46 A.M., a lapse of 18 minutes after the original private call; that Mr. Brandes refused to tell the time he received the original call; he further stated this procedure is in accordance with the City Ordinance. That the signers of the Petition protest such an Ordinance, condition or order and respectfully submit this should be changed immediately. That while they feel the City will never have adequate Ambulance Service until the City Government accepts its responsibility and provides a municipally operated service, in the meanwhile calls should be answered immediately and no time wasted that could mean a human life saved.

At the request of Mayor Brookshire for comment, the City Manager advised he is not familiar with the incident and would like to inform himself on it and will give Council a report.

Councilman Dellinger asked the City Attorney if our ordinance provides that the Police check these accidents first, and Mr. Morrissey replied that we have the most comprehensive ordinance regulating the operation of ambulance of any city in the United States, and he would check the details of the ordinance, together with the City Manager's report and supply the information to Council.

Councilman Bryant stated, in defense of Charlotte Ambulance Service, having some familiarity with it, that it is already written in by the owner of the Ambulance Service a very severe restriction regarding inspection and training of their personnel and of their equipment; that he thinks upon inspection it will be found that we have as fine if not finer service in Charlotte than any other city in the southeast. He stated he speaks with a little knowledge on that matter, that they are thoroughly trained by contract and inspected periodically by the hospitals, a committee of the Medical Association, the Red Cross and the Police, and he feels if such things as this happened, most likely it is not a short-coming of the Ambulance Company, and while everything is not perfect, of course, our ambulance service is very fine in comparison with most cities in the southeast.

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Councilman Albea stated he agrees with Mr. Bryant as to the equipment, etc, but if a condition exists where calls are answered as stated by Mr. Smith, then something should be done about it. Councilman Bryant concurred in this, stating he is not defending that point at all, which is something that Council should not tolerate under any circumstances, but he was speaking of the service as a whole.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT MAP-ROLL FOR IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED ON 35TH STREET, FROM NORTH DAVIDSON STREET TO THE PLAZA AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONFIRMATION THEREOF ON DECEMBER 17TH.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, a Resolution Approving the Preliminary Assessment Map-Roll for Improvements Completed on 35th Street, from North Davidson Street to The Plaza and Providing for Notice and public hearing on the Confirmation Thereof, on December 17th, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 243.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, ON THE PETITION TO CLOSE THE ALLEY OFF MORROW STREET.

The City Manager advised that a Petition has been filed by the Attorney for Mr. Stuart W. and Joseph A. Elliott, Jr., Trustees under the will of Joseph A. Elliott, Sr. who own all of the property adjoining the alley off Morrow Street, requesting that the Alley be closed.

Thereupon, a Resolution Fixing the Date of Public Hearing on Monday, December 31st, on the Petition to close the alley off Morrow Street, was introduced, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 244.

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CITY AUTHORIZED TO CO-SIGN AGREEMENT BETWEEN STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION AND JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR RIGHT OF WAY IN SHARON ROAD FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAIN.

Councilman Jordan moved that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to co-sign an agreement between the State Highway Commission and John Crosland Company, for right of way in Sharon Road, outside the city limits, for the installation of an 8-inch water main for a distance of 870 feet. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH JOHN CROSLAND COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER MAINS AND HYDRANTS IN BEVERLY WOODS SUBDIVISION NO. 3.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, authorizing a Supplementary Contract, to contract dated August 28, 1961, with John Crosland Company, for the installation of 6,840 feet of additional water mains and 4 hydrants in Beverly Woods Subdivision No. 3, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$24,800.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, who will dedicate same to the City without cost or further agreement upon the acceptance of the mains by the City.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER LINE IN HEDGEMORE DRIVE.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, the construction of 257 feet of sanitary sewer line in Hedgemore Drive, inside the city limits, was authorized at the request of Mr. Charles J. Henderson, Trustee of the Graham Estate, at an estimated cost of \$3,765.00. All cost to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount of the cost will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDINGS APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, approving the lease of the following airport buildings:

- (1) Lease to Henry C. Horton, doing business as Horton Custom Boat Works, of Building #61, containing 1,675 square feet, at a monthly rental of \$48.85, for a period of two years.
- (2) Lease to Armstrong-McGinnis Company, a steel fabrication firm, of Building #288, containing 2,013 square feet together with approximately 0.46 acres of adjoining land, at a monthly rental of \$80.33, for a period of two years.
- (3) Lease to Draco Furnace Company of Building #72, containing 11,683 square feet, at a monthly rental of \$267.75 for a period of two years.
- (4) Lease to H. M. Hicks, who operates a machine shop, of Building #249, containing 1,500 square feet, at a monthly rental of \$50.00, for a term of one year.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Whittington, 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 Ann P. Egger, for Lot 351, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.
- (b) Deed to Mrs Rea Hinson, for Lot 227, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.
- (c) Deed to Mr. C. V. Oates, Jr., for Lot 375, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.
- (d) Deed to Mrs Louise Smith Worden, for Lot 31, Section 1, Oaklawn Cemetery, transferred to her by Mrs Nannice C. Dabbs-Hart and husband Henry Hart, Jr., at \$3.00 for transfer deed.
- (e) Deed to Mr William L. Beskie, for Lot 292, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$189.00.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1962 AS CITY EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION DAY.

Councilman Albea moved the adoption of a Resolution Designating Wednesday, December 5, 1962, as City Employee Recognition Day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 246.

RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR PLANT MIX ASPHALT TO BLYTHE BROS COMPANY AND REA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS, AT A NEGOTIATED PRICE LESS THAN BID PRICE.

The City Manager advised that through the efforts of the Purchasing Agent and City Attorney, we have been able to negotiate changes in the bidding on Plant Mix Asphalt to the point where the bidders have expressed their willingness to enter into a contract with the City at the same price we are currently paying, and the City Attorney has told us that because of the nature of this contract, we can waive the need for a performance bond and in view of all this and the assurance of when we can get the material over a 10 year period at \$6.50 per ton, the following resolution has been prepared, which will have the effect of awarding the contracts, for a period of one year, based on this reduced price.

The resolution was then introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried, was adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 245.

CONTRACT AWARDED INTERSTATE ROOFING COMPANY FOR REROOFING BUILDINGS 71, 72 and 89 AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to the low bidder, Interstate Roofing Company, for reroofing Buildings 71, 72 and 89 at Douglas Municipal Airport, as specified, at their bid price of \$2,172.20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thrower, and unanimously carried.

The following bids were received:

Interstate Roofing Company	\$ 2,172.20	BIDDER, AT A NEGOTIATED
H & S Roofing Company	2,250.00	
Avrett & Ledbetter Roofing & Heating Co.	2,311.02	

The following bids were received: Interstate Roofing Company \$ 2,172.20, H & S Roofing Company 2,250.00, Avrett & Ledbetter Roofing & Heating Co. 2,311.02. The lowest bidder is Interstate Roofing Company at \$2,172.20. The City Manager advised that through the efforts of the Purchasing Agent and City Attorney, we have been able to negotiate changes in the bidding on Plant Mix Asphalt to the point where the bidders have expressed their willingness to enter into a contract with the City at the same price we are currently paying, and the City Attorney has told us that because of the nature of this contract, we can waive the need for a performance bond and in view of all this and the assurance of when we can get the material over a 10 year period at \$6.50 per ton, the following resolution has been prepared, which will have the effect of awarding the contracts, for a period of one year, based on this reduced price.

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CONTRACT AWARDED STAGE DECORATION & SUPPLIES FOR 17 SETS OF COUNTERWEIGHT RIGGING FOR THE AUDITORIUM.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Bryant, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Stage Decoration & Supplies, for 17 sets of Counterweight Rigging, as specified, for the Auditorium, at their bid price of \$9,941.70.

The following bids were received:

Stage Decoration & Supplies	\$ 9,941.70
Knoxville Scenic Studios	11,425.00

CONTRACT AWARDED WESTERN CAROLINA TRACTOR COMPANY FOR CRAWLER TRACTOR FOR THE LANDFILL OPERATION.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to the low bidder, Western Carolina Tractor Company, for Crawler Tractor, as specified, for the Landfill operations, at their bid price of \$26,986.00.

The following bids were received:

Western Carolina Tractor Company	\$26,986.00
E. F. Craven Company	27,990.25
Carolina Tractor & Equipment Company	31,269.77

Councilman Whittington requested the City Manager to give Council a report on the bulldozer that caught fire and was partially demolished at the Landfill this past week, as to what happened and when and why it happened.

Councilman Bryant stated he understands that the equipment of the second bidder, E. F. Craven Company, is 10% to 12% heavier at a small additional price. He asked if this should be considered or if the Western Carolina tractor meets our needs?

The City Manager advised that when this was bid previously we recommended the acceptance of the Western Carolina Tractor Company and he does not think on the rebid they could advisedly put themselves in the position of changing their recommendation.

Councilman Smith asked if the City gained anything by having this equipment rebid? The City Manager advised that we did not, that the rebid is costing the City \$927.00 more than the original bid. That the color of the painting of the truck might account for a small portion of the additional cost.

RIGHT OF WAY SETTLEMENTS FOR KENILWORTH AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the following settlements for rights of way for the Kenilworth Avenue Extension Project was authorized:

- (1) Payment of \$450.00 to Sidney and Gertrude G. Kosch, 801 Kenilworth Avenue, for 280 square feet of property.
- (2) Payment of \$270.00 to C. W. Wilhelm, 2137 Charlotte Drive, for 300 square feet of property.
- (3) Payment of \$1,836.00 to Ann Louise Cochrane, 1212 Kenilworth Avenue, for 1,227 square feet of property.

- (4) Payment of \$7,000.00 to William G. and Jessie H. McNinch, 1235 Greenwood Cliff, for 20,032 square feet of property.
- (5) Payment of \$600.00 to Mary H. Hudson (widow) and Edward C. Hudson (single) 2009 Fernwood Drive, for 757.5 square feet of property.
- (6) Payment of \$382.00 to David and Anna Goldberg, 2016 Fernwood Drive, for 252.5 square feet of property.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY GRANTED CITY EMPLOYEES.

Councilman Dellinger moved that Monday, December 24th be allowed for the Christmas holiday for city employees in addition to Christmas Day. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

PAYMENT AUTHORIZED TO LEROY ENGLAND IN SETTLEMENT OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR PERSONAL INJURY.

Upon motion of Councilman Thrower, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried, payment of \$1,000.00 was authorized to Mr. LeRoy England, in settlement of his Workmen's Compensation claim for personal injury and releasing the City from further liability, as recommended by the City Attorney.

ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER AND EASTERN AIRLINES TRAFFIC MANAGER COMMENDED FOR MANNER IN WHICH THEY SERVED THE PEOPLE SEEKING INFORMATION AS TO RELATIVES INVOLVED IN THE EAL PLANE CRASH AT IDLEWILD AIRPORT.

Councilman Whittington commended Mr. Dick Beatty, Assistant Airport Manager, and Mr. Jeff Dishongh, Traffic Manager of Eastern Airlines, for the very fine way and the efficiency in which they operated when the announcement came of the Eastern Airlines plane crash at Idlewild Airport in New York. That when the news first broke, it was thought that there were some twenty people from Charlotte on the plane which it turned out there were not, and in an effort to be of service to the relatives and friends of the passengers involved in the crash, Mr. Beatty and Mr. Dishongh remained on duty until 5 o'clock in the morning, and made every effort to trace down all requests about the passengers that were made by anyone who called or came out to the airport, which was a very fine and commendable service.

APPRECIATION EXPRESSED TO CITY MANAGER AND ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTING WALKWAY UNDER OLD MONROE ROAD OVERPASS.

Councilman Jordan expressed appreciation to the City Manager and Engineering Department for the construction of the walkway under the Old Monroe Road Overpass, and stated the people out there are very happy with it and have expressed their appreciation to the City.

PORTION OF BELTLINE ROUTE UNDER THOROUGHFARE PLAN, FROM EASTWAY DRIVE TO SHARON ROAD RECOMMENDED TO STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

At the request of Mayor Brookshire, the City Manager outlined the portion of the beltline route under the Thoroughfare Plan proposed by Council to recommend to the State Highway Commission, from Eastway Drive down Billings-

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ley Road crossing Randolph Road where it is intersected by Billingsley Road, paralleling Briar Creek to Providence Road; and extending the project from Providence Road along the Creek to the intersection of Sharon Road. That the State Highway Commission be requested to schedule a public hearing on that portion of the project from Independence Boulevard to Providence Road at an early date.

Councilman Jordan moved that Council approve and recommend to the State Highway Commission the particular route as described by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

MAYOR WRITES LETTER ON BEHALF OF CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITIZENS TO CONGREGATION OF EASTWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN SYMPATHY AT THE PASSING OF ITS MINISTER AND HIS WIFE.

Mayor Brookshire advised that he has today written, on behalf of the City Administration and the Citizens of Charlotte, a letter of sympathy to the congregation of the Eastway Christian Church whose minister and his wife, the Reverend and Mrs David Blackwood, lost their lives in the Eastern Airlines Charlotte to New York plane crash at Idlewild Airport on last Friday night.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman
Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk