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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, on Wednesday, February 1, 1956, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Van Every presiding, and Council members Albea, Baxter, Dellinger, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson being present.

Absent: Councilman Brown.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 25, 1956 were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE NO. 291, AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE, CHANGING ZONING ON AUDITORIUM-COLISEUM PROPERTY AND PARKING AREA, FROM R-1 AND R-2 TO B I-A, ADOPTED.

No objections were expressed at the hearing relative to change in zoning from R-1 and R-2 to B I-A on the Auditorium-Coliseum property and Parking area, as outlined in Ordinance No. 291 Amending the Zoning Ordinance. Thereupon, Councilman Wilkinson moved the adoption of the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, at Page 6.

REQUEST OF MEMBERS OF CHARLOTTE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR REDUCTION FROM 72-HOURS TO 60-HOURS IN WEEKLY WORK SCHEDULE TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN 1956-57 BUDGET PREPARED.

Mr. Wallace Osborne, Attorney, was spokesman for a large delegation of members of the Charlotte Fire Department requesting a reduction in the weekly work schedule from 72-hours to 60-hours.

Mr. Osborne stated the Firemen are not present today to cry on the shoulders of the City Council, but rather to request that which they feel is justified. He advised that of the 236 members of the Fire Department, 204 are assigned to operate equipment under the 72-hour per week work schedule, while the 32 other members assigned to bureau work and special duty work 48 hours per week. Mr. Osborne stated further that a study prepared by the International Association of Firefighters shows that 50 cities in a population range of 100,000 to 168,000 work their firemen an average of 62.46 hours per week, which is approximately 12 hours less than in Charlotte. He stated further that our fire-fighters work one week at night and the next week during the day; that they have no established holidays; if they wish to leave the Station while on duty they must get a substitute; that all of the cleaning, sweeping, polishing, etc., is done by them as no janitors are provided; they attend drills and classes, and clean the fire equipment upon their return from a fire, regardless of the hour; that when a big fire happens they stay with it regardless of whether it exceeds the scheduled 72-hour work week and receive no overtime pay; that they are all on duty for large Parades and similar occasions; that statistics show that the life expectancy of a fireman is lower than in 72 other occupations, which is due to the tension that is built up from constantly "lying in wait". He stated that the requested work week reduction is a humanitarian move, and the cost should be considered in this light. Mr. Osborne stated that Chief Charles, who is in full accord with the request, has furnished the City Manager with the estimated cost of \$123,984.00 which will be required for the first year to provide the reduction in hours as requested. He stated it is hoped that the Council can within a week or two reach a decision on their request.

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Councilman Wilkinson stated that it is a serious matter which merits consideration, but he does not think the Council could find the necessary funds until the new budget is prepared.

Mayor Van Every stated as funds are not now available, the request will be considered prior to the preparation of the 1956-57 budget.

REQUEST OF ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH AND O'DONOGHUE SCHOOL FOR OPENING OF PIERCE STREET FROM WAVERLY AVENUE TO LATTI PARK DEFERRED TWO WEEKS.

Mr. Leo Phelan, representing St. Patrick Catholic Church and O'Donoghue School, stated they have a traffic problem at the Church and School on Buchanan Street, which is very narrow. He stated that at the rear of their property is Latta Park and the school playground, and they request that the City open Pierce Street, from Waverly Avenue to Latta Park, which will give them an access to their playground area, which can also be used as a parking area. He stated they intend spending \$15,000.00 to improve the Park by filling in a big ditch, etc.

Mr. Yancey, City Manager, stated that Mr. Phelan took the request up with him a few weeks ago and he has had a cost estimate made by the Engineering Department.

Councilwoman Evans moved that the request be studied and the Council give a decision at the meeting two weeks from today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN ORDINANCE REGULATING ERECTION OF SIGNS REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER.

Mr. Wade H. Dellinger, 1110 Mint Street, requested a change in the ordinance regulating the erection of signs. Councilman Dellinger moved that the request be referred to the City Manager and that he discuss the matter with Mr. Dellinger. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR CHANGE IN ZONING ADOPTED.

Councilman Baxter moved that Procedure No. 1, as amended to include Articles "A" and "C" of Procedure No. 2, as contained in letter dated January 15, 1956 addressed to the Mayor and City Council from Mr. W. E. McIntyre, Planning Director, (copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk) be approved as the plan for handling requests for change in zoning. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ARNOLD M. ROARK TO TREE COMMISSION.

Councilman Dellinger moved the appointment of Mr. Arnold M. Roark to the Tree Commission to fill the vacancy created by Mr. J. E. Dowd being unable to accept appointment; and further, that the Commission meet at the call of Mr. Albea and that the City Council not appoint a Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

STARTING SALARY OF AIRPORT MANAGER INCREASED FROM \$5,580.00 TO NOT EXCEED \$7,500.00.

Upon motion of Councilwoman Evans, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the starting salary of the Airport Manager was increased from \$5,580.00 to not exceed \$7,500.00.

CHANGE IN CLASSIFICATION OF SERGEANTS SHULAR, ADAMS AND GRIFFIN IN POLICE DEPARTMENT INCREASING THEIR SALARIES, AUTHORIZED.

Councilwoman Evans moved approval of the recommendations of Chief Littlejohn, as contained in his memorandum to the City Manager dated November 14, 1955, relating to a change in the classifications of Sergeants Shular, Adams and Griffin, to increase the monthly salary of Sergeant Shular to \$334.40, of Sergeant Adams to \$375.00 and of Sergeant Griffin to \$375.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

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SETTLEMENT OF D. H. HILL SCHOOL PROPERTY APPROVED AND PAYMENT TO BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the settlement of the D. H. Hill School Property in the amount of \$125,575.00 was approved and payment of said amount to the Board of School Commissioners was authorized.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the following subdivision plats were approved:

- (a) Plat of Portion of Amity Gardens Subdivision.
- (b) Plat of Allen-Busbin Property Subdivision.

CLAIM OF NORA A. HAHN FOR INJURIES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the claim of Nora A. Hahn for \$10,000, for injuries sustained at the Coliseum on October 29, 1955, filed by her attorney, Mr. J. W. Alexander, Jr., be referred to the City Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

APPLICATION OF D. K. MEIGS FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT BUILDING FOR LAUNDRY AT 1101 CENTRAL AVENUE APPROVED.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, approving the application of Mr. D. K. Meigs for permit to construct a building at 1101 Central Avenue, in an Industrial zone, to be used as a Laundry.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAIN IN WATTS STREET AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, the construction of 70 feet of 8 inch sanitary sewer main in Watts Street, to serve 2 family units, at an estimated cost of \$225.00, was authorized.

CONTRACT WITH J. A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS IN ALMAR ACRES SUBDIVISION AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved approval of a contract with J. A. Jones Construction Company for the installation of 4,490 feet of water mains and 3 hydrants in Almar Acres Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$10,050.00 to be borne by the said Company, who will own the mains until the area is incorporated into the city. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED GENERAL CHEMICAL DIVISION, ALLIED CHEMICAL & DYE CORPORATION FOR SODIUM FLUORIDE.

Motion was made by Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to General Chemical Division, Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation, for 75 tons of Sodium Fluoride, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total net delivered price of \$23,880.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED H. B. OWSLEY & SON, INC., FOR FIVE PUMPS FOR WATER DEPARTMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded H. B. Owsley and Son, Inc., for 5 Gorman Rupp "Eagle" self-priming centrifugal pumps, 3 inch, as specified, complete with strainer and suction and discharge, and suction hose, as specified, at a total net exchanged delivered price of \$1,499.00.

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CONTRACT AWARDED SUPERIOR STONE COMPANY FOR CRUSHED STONE.

Motion was made by Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Superior Stone Company for 2500 tons #7 Crusher Run Stone, 2000 tons #10, 10,000 tons #4-A, 2000 tons #11-B and 1500 tons #12-A, estimated quantities, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total net delivered price of \$44,845.00.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

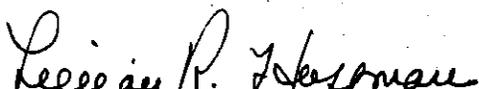
- (a) Two 30-ft. driveway entrances at 413 South Cedar Street.
- (b) One 19.29 ft. driveway entrance, One 19-ft. entrance, One 30-ft. entrance and One 12-ft. entrance all on South Tryon Street, for 3101-3111 South Tryon Street.

LEASE OF SPACE IN DISPLAY CASE NO. 3 IN AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING CONCLUDED WITH E. H. BROCKENBOROUGH.

The City Manager announced that lease had been concluded with Mr. E. H. Brockenborough for space in Display Case No. 3 in the Airport Terminal Building, for a period of 15 months from January 24, 1956, at a monthly rental of \$35.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk