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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, February 27, 1957 at 4 o'clock p.m. with Mayor Van Every presiding and Council members Albea, Baxter, Brown, Dellinger, Evans, Smith and Wilkinson being present.

ABSENT: None

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Brown and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting of the City Council on February 20th were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENT OF WOMAN TO PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE REPRESENTING FIVE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND NAMES OF FIVE QUALIFIED WOMEN SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL.

Mrs. W. E. Rixon, Junior Administrator to the Charlotte Junior Woman's Club, representing a Committee of representatives of the Altrusa Club, Business & Professional Women's Club, Junior Woman's Club, League of Women Voters and the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Myers Park Methodist Church, appeared before Council, together with representatives of these organizations, and, also representatives of the Charlotte Woman's Club and Y. W. C. A. Board of Directors, to discuss with the Council the vacancy that will soon occur on the Charlotte Park & Recreation Commission, which they desire filled by a woman.

Mrs. Rixon stated these clubs represented over 1,200 women who are interested in what is good for the City of Charlotte and who through their organizations have given a great deal of time to Charlotte. That the Committee from these clubs first considered the question of the vacancy on the Park & Recreation Commission from the standpoint of whether a woman could serve the needs of the Board; they concluded that the general overall program administered by the Commission is properly geared to children of all ages and secondly for families, and on this basis the Committee asked itself how well would a family operate without a woman's viewpoint, and how would you, gentlemen of the Council feel if you were faced with the total responsibility for the upbringing and raising of your children or grandchildren -- and so they felt that no man the Council might choose to place on the Commission, regardless of how prominent he may be, could bring the woman's needed viewpoint. However, they went further and considered it their duty to bring to the Council a list of women qualified to fill the vacancy if they were going to ask for the appointment of a woman instead of a man. Mrs. Rixon stated further that the Committee is pledged to do nothing further in the way of bringing pressure to bear on the Council, after submitting the names of qualified women.

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Mrs. Thomas Tassos, representative of the Junior Woman's Club, and a member of the Committee, presented the names of the following five qualified women selected by the Committee as candidates for Park Commissioner, and gave detailed information on the qualifications of each candidate, a copy of which was given to each City Council member and also which has been placed on file in the office of the City Clerk:

Mrs. T. A. Honey, Mrs. Robert D. Howerton, Mrs. A. L. DeCamp, Mrs. Grover Bernard Walters, Sr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Williams.

Mrs. W. I. Gatling, representing the Charlotte Woman's Club, spoke to the recommendation for the appointment of a woman to the Park Commission, calling attention that a woman had not served on the Commission since 1945, and stating that no matter who the Council appoints, the Charlotte Woman's Club will give their cooperation to the Council.

Miss Mary Inglis, stated that the Altrusa Club, which she represented, unanimously supports the appointment of a qualified woman to the Park Commission.

Miss Lucile Litaker, representing the Y.W.C.A Board of Directors, stated they have gone on record as wholeheartedly supporting the movement.

Mrs. James T. Hudson, representing the Executive Board of the Women's Society for Christian Service of the Myers Park Methodist Church, stated they feel the City Council should appoint a well qualified woman to fill the vacancy on the Park Commission.

Mrs. George Brown, representing the League of Women Voters, expressed their approval of the movement and requested the appointment of a woman.

Mayor Van Every stated that naturally the City Council cannot appoint anyone at this time, as there is no vacancy on the Commission; however, he is sure that the Council will take under serious consideration the recommendations made by the Committee.

He was then asked by a lady from the audience as to what qualifications are required of men who serve on the Commission, to which Mayor Van Every replied that the Council attempts to get the best qualified person they know who is interested and who would have a desire to do a good job for the City of Charlotte.

LEOPARDITE UPPING BLOCK AUTHORIZED PLACED AT MINT MUSEUM OF ART, AT CITY'S EXPENSE, ON REQUEST OF VICTOR KING, COUNTY HISTORIAN AND MRS. HAROLD DWELLE, OF THE MINT MUSEUM OF ART.

Mr. Victor King, County Historian, appeared before Council and asked that the historical two-ton leopardite upping block now in storage by the City after its removal from its location through the years on North Tryon Street, be preserved for posterity and that it be placed on the Mint Museum of Art grounds and that the City have it put in place on a concrete base, at the City's expense. The City Manager advised that a letter had been received from Mrs. Harold Dwelle, representing the Mint Museum of Art, requesting that this be done. Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, the upping block was authorized placed at the Mint Museum of Art under the supervision of Mrs. Dwelle, and that the City have it put in place on a concrete base, as requested.

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MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDES FOR REMAINDER OF SESSION.

Mayor Van Every left the meeting at this time and Mayor pro tem Smith presided for the remainder of the meeting.

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT CONGRATULATED ON IMPROVEMENTS TO SIDEWALKS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Councilman Dellinger stated he wanted to heap praise on the Engineering Department for the nice work they are doing in patching sidewalks all over town, and stated that he hopes the money lasts for making many more needed repairs.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON BEATTIES FORD ROAD, WEST FIFTH STREET AND EAST BOULEVARD APPROVED, AS SET FORTH IN MEMORANDUM FROM TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that the parking restriction recommendations be approved, with reference to Beatties Ford Road, West Fifth Street and East Boulevard as set forth in the memorandum dated January 23, 1957 from the Traffic Engineer to the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER POLIO VACCINE INOCULATIONS AUTHORIZED.

Councilwoman Evans moved approval of the expenditure of \$1,450.00 from the city-county Polio Vaccine Fund, for personnel to administer polio vaccine inoculations, as recommended by the City-County Health Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried. Councilman Dellinger asked if these funds would not be used for giving the second inoculation to persons of all ages, and for first inoculations to those not yet receiving them, and not just for children? The City Manager explained that the polio vaccine inoculation program is being made just as liberal as possible, and these funds will be used to continue the program now started.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL ON WILKINSON BOULEVARD AT INTERSECTION OF MILLERTON DRIVE AND JEFFERSON PLACE, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, the installation of a traffic signal was authorized on Wilkinson Boulevard at its intersection with Millerton Drive and Jefferson Place and funds therefor were authorized transferred from the Emergency Fund, after Councilman Brown had stated he personally had checked traffic at this location and found it practically impossible for cars to get out into Wilkinson Boulevard at this intersection.

Councilman Albea stated he would not oppose the installation, but the usual check and report by the Traffic Engineering Department should have first been received.

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MORRIS FIELD FIRE STATION BUILDING AUTHORIZED TURNED OVER TO NEW CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON WHEN VACATED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The City Manager presented a letter from Colonel James L. Hamilton, Commander of the N. C. Wing Civil Air Patrol, requesting that the Morris Field Fire Station Building be turned over to the new Civil Air Patrol Squadron for their use when the building is vacated by the Fire Department. Councilman Baxter moved that the request be granted, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

CONTRACT AWARDED BLYTHE BROS. COMPANY FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO EAST AND WEST 11TH STREET.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Brown and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, Blythe Bros. Company for street improvements on East and West 11th Street, as specified, on a unit price basis, representing a total price of \$26,616.70.

Bids received on this project are as follows:

Blythe Bros. Company	\$26,616.70
Crowder Construction Co.	\$28,034.00
Rea Construction Company	\$28,344.00

AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED BETWEEN CHARLOTTE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION AND DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR THE LOCATION OF POWER LINES OVER PARK PROPERTIES.

Councilman Baxter moved that agreements between the Charlotte Park and Recreation Commission and the Duke Power Company be authorized for rights-of-way for the location of power lines over park property. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

ISSUANCE OF LICENSE TO ROOSEVELT MILLER TO OPERATE DETECTIVE AGENCY, AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, a license was authorized issued to Mr. Roosevelt Miller for the operation of a Detective Agency.

CONTRACT WITH WACHOVIA BUILDING COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN WINDSOR PARK SUBDIVISION VOIDED.

Councilman Wilkinson moved that contract with Wachovia Building Company, authorized on November 21, 1956, for the construction of water mains to serve a portion of Windsor Park Subdivision, be voided, at the request of said Company due to a change in ownership and plans. The motion was seconded by Councilman Brown, and unanimously carried.

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CONTRACT WITH CARLYLE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND SIX OTHER COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS IN PORTION OF WINDSOR PARK SUBDIVISION, AUTHORIZED.

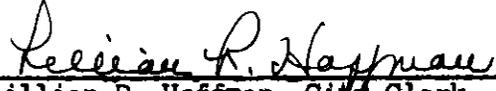
Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilwoman Evans, and unanimously carried, authorizing contract with Carlyle Development Company and Six other Companies and Individuals for the construction of 18,075 feet of water mains and 7 hydrants to serve a portion of Windsor Park Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$58,644.00; all costs to be borne by the applicants, with the City furnishing all materials, labor and supervision for the installations, and a refund to the applicants by the City of the first cost of the project without interest if and when the mains produce a revenue equal to 5% of the cost during any 12 months continuous period.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Upon motion of Councilman Brown, seconded by Councilwoman Evans and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a deed with Mrs. Mary Davis Spittle for the transfer to her of Lot 225, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$240.00.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk