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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 Monday, January 11, 1960, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: None.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Smith, and un-animously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 4, 1960 were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON PETITION OF AMERICAN BAKERIES COMPANY TO CLOSE ALLEYWAY FROM WEST TRADE STREET IN WESTLAND PARK SUBDIVISION CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 25TH ON REQUEST OF ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONERS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington, and un-animously carried, the Hearing on the Petition of American Bakeries Company to close an alleyway from West Trade Street in Westland Park Subdivision, was continued until January 25th at the request of Mr. Hamlin Wade, Attorney for the petitioner.

DIRECTOR AND EXHIBITORS OF DIXIE FASHION EXHIBITORS PROTEST LACK OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE.

Mr. John J. Zubrin, Director of Dixie Fashion Exhibitors, Mr. Matthew Renda and Mr. Robert Fink, Exhibitors, appeared before Council to protest the emergency medical and ambulance service in Charlotte, which was occasioned by the collapse and death of the wife of an exhibitor in front of the Coliseum today, where the Show was in progress. They stated the ambulance was slow in arriving, had only the driver who knew nothing about first aid and lacked the necessary equipment to render medical emergency. Also, that two policemen stood by, eight or ten minutes awaiting the ambulance, doing nothing about first aid. They stated the call for an ambulance for emergency service was made to the hospital, they were told it must be placed through the Police Department and it seemed an endless time before the ambulance appeared. That their protest will do nothing to correct today's mistakes but they are appearing to urge and insist that something be done immediately to provide better emergency ambulance service; that they will protect themselves in the future by having a nurse present at all their Shows, but as many of them are residents of Charlotte they want protection for their families in proper ambulance service. They urged that ambulance service be made available without going through several channels and that they be accompanied by an intern, with emergency medical knowledge and supplies.

The report of the Police Department on the call and response was presented by the City Attorney, which showed that the call for an ambulance was

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received at 9:06 a.m., a police car was dispatched at 9:07 a.m., an ambulance arrived at 9:11 a.m., and arrived at Memorial Hospital at 9:25 a.m.

Mr. Marcus Kerns of Miller-Kerns Funeral Home stated they received the call for an ambulance from the Police Department, who stated the person was probably dead, that they responded immediately and that the ambulance driver has had a standard course in first aid. That it is true that all of their drivers have not had first aid; however, in each call they tell the Police Department if they do not have available a driver who has had first aid, and if the Police Department says send the ambulance anyway and they will send Police Officers to help, then they do so.

Councilman Whittington advised the gentlemen he is a Funeral Director and realizes that they are probably from large cities where ambulances are operated by contract, either by the Police Department or Hospitals, but in Charlotte this is not the case, and Funeral Homes render the only ambulance service, not that they wish to do so but in order that such service be furnished. That there should be no criticism of Miller-Kerns Funeral Home in this case, because as the report shows, if they responded to the call in three minutes, no one could have done it faster. Too, had there been a physician on the spot, he could have done nothing but get the patient to the hospital. That he feels the Funeral Directors in Charlotte are doing their best in serving the public. That they would be delighted if the hospitals would render the service and put interns in the ambulances. That he thinks they are absolutely right in insisting on a change in the ambulance service for Charlotte and he will aid in every possible way. That if the Police Department made the statement to the Funeral Director that it was a death case, then Mr. Veeder should have the officer reprimanded.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks the ambulance service should be looked into and he asked the Mayor to appoint a committee to study the situation; Mayor Smith stated he would be glad to do so.

Mayor Smith stated he does not think the gentlemen are here to condemn, and neither are the City Officials trying to justify what has happened. That it is agreed there is a possibility that every service the city renders could be improved; this, however, is not a city service, it is private business with the funeral directors. That the thing to do is to coordinate our efforts to have emergency ambulance service in Charlotte that is adequate. On behalf of the Council and himself, he extended condolence to the family of the deceased lady, with sincere regret of all that happened today.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE TO STUDY AMBULANCE SITUATION.

Mayor Smith stated he thinks it is the consensus of opinion of the Council that a study of the ambulance situation should be made, and he appointed a Study Committee composed of Councilman Gibson Smith, Chairman, Councilman Albea, Councilman Whittington, Chief Jesse James, Chief Donald S. Charles and Mr. Zack Thomas, Administrator of Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

MAYOR COMMENDED ON 16-POINT ACHIEVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR 1960.

Councilman Dellinger commended Mayor Smith on his 16-point achievements program for 1960 and stated he sincerely hopes the City will be able to accomplish the entire program.

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 15TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 644.

A Resolution Providing for a public hearing on February 15th on Petition of Mary S. Parker and Ruth I. Stewart, for a change in zoning on property on east side of Sharon Road, from Rural to B-1, as set forth in Ordinance No. 644, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Babcock, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 440.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 15TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 645.

A Resolution Providing for a public hearing on February 15th on Petition of F. D. Collins and wife, for a change in zoning on property on the southwest side of Gold Mine Road (Paw Creek Township) from Rural to Industrial, as set forth in Ordinance No. 645, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Babcock, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 441.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 15TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 646.

A Resolution Providing for a public hearing on February 15th on Petition of Ervin J. Rust and James F. Elam and wife, for a change in zoning on property on the south side of Cinderella Road, east of Sugaw Creek Road, from R-2 to B-1, as set forth in Ordinance No. 646, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Babcock was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 442.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON FEBRUARY 15TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 647.

A Resolution Providing for a public hearing on February 15th on Petition of Charlotte Block, Inc., for a change in zoning on property located on Hoskins Road, near Mt. Holly Road, from R-2 to Industrial, as set forth in Ordinance No. 647, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 3, at Page 443.

CLARIFICATION OF FEE CHARGED FOR FILING ZONING PETITIONS.

Councilman Dellinger stated the fee of \$100.00 for filing zoning change petitions has not been understood by some people. That he has talked with the Planning Director, who says where a group of people wish to request a change in zoning, there is only one fee charged, and not a fee for each individual signing the petition.

PAYMENT OF CITY'S SHARE IN COST OF SURVEY OF THOROUGHFARE PLAN AUTHORIZED FROM STREET BOND FUND TO STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved that payment of \$16,250.00 be made to the State Highway Department from the Street Bond Fund as the City's share in the cost of the survey of the Thoroughfare Plan, in accordance with the agreement with the Department on September 25, 1957. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

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ISSUANCE OF LICENSE AUTHORIZED TO ROBERT C. MCCOY TO OPERATE PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Smith, and un-animously carried, the issuance of a license to operate a private detective agency was authorized to Robert C. McCoy.

PAYMENTS AUTHORIZED FROM SEWER BOND FUND FOR RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR SANITARY SEWER EXTENSIONS INTO PERIMETER AREA ANNEXED JANUARY 1, 1960.

Motion was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and un-animously carried, authorizing payment to the following persons from the Street Bond Fund for rights-of-way for sanitary sewer extensions into the perimeter area annexed January 1, 1960:

William G. Baynard and wife, Barbara C.	\$ 99.63
Bernice Foster	194.45
Raymond L. Harris and wife, Mary K.	1.30
William Clyde Duckworth and wife, Viva B.	24.41
Thomas J. Presson and wife, Lillian Maie	317.12
Realty Investment and Building Company	752.28
Lynn W. McGuire and wife, Cloda C.	32.84
William L. McNeely and wife, Rubye S.	49.71
Loa K. Dwiggin and wife, Betty H.	29.09
Elizabeth D. Rogers (Widow)	309.00
Clinton Nathaniel Davis and wife, Evelyn B.	32.59
S. F. and S. Investment Company, Inc.	159.88
Press Outing and wife, Willie Mae	28.63
Hubert Crenshaw and wife, Lucille	46.37
Miller Cloud and wife, Nannie B.	3.32
Lathen Phillips and wife, Janie Lee	240.00
R. F. Draper	36.74
Amity Country Club, Inc.	165.25
R. Henry Teeter and wife, Ruth M.	92.58
Hyman Polk and wife, Pearl	114.66
George A. Goulston Company, Inc.	49.94
Lillie W. Henderson, Mary E. Henderson and Grace Henderson Russell	141.25
W. S. Lander and wife, Buna L.	192.77
W. E. Baugh and wife, Frances L.	449.57
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TOTAL	\$3,563.38

CONTRACT AUTHORIZED WITH DUKE POWER COMPANY FOR MERCURY VAPOR STREET LIGHTING INSTALLATION ON TRADE AND TRYON STREETS.

Councilman Hitch moved that contract be authorized with Duke Power Company for the installation of 154 lumen mercury vapor street lights on Tryon Street, from Morehead Street to 12th Street, and on Trade Street, from Caldwell Street to Southern Railway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Babcock, and un-animously carried.

SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS AUTHORIZED TO J. P. BRUDENELL AND CHARLES B. TAYLOR.

Motion was made by Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Albea, and un-animously carried, authorizing the renewal of Special Officer Permit to John P. Brudenell on the premises of Southern Knitwear Mills, Inc. and the issuance of Permit to Charles B. Taylor, on the premises of Domestic Laundry, Inc.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the construction of driveway entrances was authorized as follows:

- (a) One 30-ft. and one 22-ft. driveways on Kings Drive for 401 S. Independence Boulevard.
- (b) One 25-ft. driveway at 309 N. Caswell Road
- (c) One 24-ft. driveway on Summit Avenue for 1500 W. Morehead Street.
- (d) One 16-ft. driveway at 514 Sixth Street Place.
- (e) Two 22½-ft. driveways at 4314 The Plaza.
- (f) Three 25-ft. driveways and One 21-ft. at 332 Atando Avenue.
- (g) One 35-ft. and One 28-ft. driveway on N. Davidson Street and One 21-ft. on E. 28th Street, all for 622 E. 28th Street.
- (h) One 15-ft. driveway on E. 5th Street and One 15-ft. on Myers Street, both for 200 N. Myers Street.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS ON DECALS AND NUMERALS FOR USE ON CITY'S ROLLING EQUIPMENT DEFERRED ONE WEEK.

Councilman Whittington requested that consideration of all bids on Decals and Numerals for use on the City's Rolling Equipment be deferred for one week. He stated several persons have called him in regard to the purchase and he would like to look into the matter. The Council concurred in the request, and consideration of the bids was deferred until January 18th.

CONTRACT AWARDED MCGEE LUMBER COMPANY FOR PORTLAND CEMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the low bidder, McGee Lumber Company, for 3,300 bags of Portland Cement, at a net delivered price of \$4,273.50, subject to 2% cash discount of \$85.47, representing a net delivered price of \$4,188.03.

The following net delivered bids were received:

McGee Lumber Company	\$ 4,188.03
Lowe's Charlotte Hardware Co.	\$ 4,191.00
Tucker-Kirby Company	\$ 4,455.00
Doggett Lumber Company	\$ 4,462.92
Concrete Supply Company	\$ 4,514.40
H & S Lumber Company	\$ 4,527.60
Cathey Lumber Company	\$ 4,689.30

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Upon motion of Councilman Whittington, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute deeds for the transfer of the following cemetery lots:

- (a) Deed with Mrs. Belle A. Andrews, for the west part of Lot #11, Section I, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for transfer from Miss Hattie Alexander.
- (b) Deed with Miss Hattie Alexander, for East part of Lot #11, Section I, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for new deed.
- (c) Deed with R. B. Wallace and wife, for Lot 252, Section Y, Elmwood Cemetery, at \$1.00 for transfer of lot from E. L. Blankenship.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANKLIN R. JACKSON TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR CHARLOTTE.

Councilman Smith moved the reappointment of Mr. Franklin R. Jackson to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for Charlotte, for a term of 3 years from the expiration of his present term on January 28, 1960. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

REAPPOINTMENT OF C. C. MCGINNIS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THE PERIMETER AREA.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, Mr. C. C. McGinnis was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for the Perimeter Area, for a term of 3 years from the expiration of his present term on January 4, 1960.

ORDINANCE NO. 648 AMENDING THE REVENUE ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE WITH RESPECT TO THE PLACING OF THE CITY'S LICENSE TAG ON AUTOMOBILES.

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance No. 648 Amending the Revenue Ordinance of the City of Charlotte with Respect to the Placing of the City's License Tag on Automobiles" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Babcock, was unanimously adopted. The ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 12, at Page 443.

Councilman Babcock asked that the Carolina Motor Club be notified of the provisions of the ordinance.

SETTLEMENT AUTHORIZED TO FRED R. AUSTIN CITY EMPLOYEE FOR INJURIES.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Smith, and unanimously carried, the payment of \$150.00 was authorized to Mr. Fred R. Austin, City Employee, in full settlement for injuries from stepping into a hole on Seigle Avenue.

EMPLOYMENT OF THREE ADDITIONAL CROSSING GUARDS AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Albea moved approval of the employment of three additional School Crossing Guards, to replace Police Officers reassigned to Patrol Division. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVEN METHOD OF STUDYING CITY'S CONSTRUCTION WORK BETWEEN THE TIME PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE COMPLETED AND BIDS TAKEN.

Councilman Myers suggested that some procedure be initiated for having a study of plans and specifications on construction work between the time they are completed by architects or Department Heads and bids taken. He stated he believes a savings can be realized in that the work could be held to that which is functional. That it has been the observation of several people that more economy could have been realized on some projects.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, stated he agrees thoroughly but no obvious method comes to his mind as to how this might be accomplished; that it might be controlled initially to a degree in making it clear that the City is interested in a functional facility, otherwise it must be kept at a minimum.

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Councilman Myers stated he is of the opinion there are enough qualified civic-minded persons in town who would be willing to review these plans; that he would suggest that the proposal be put before the two local trade associations - American Institute of Architects and Association of General Contractors, and ask their advise; that he believes between the two associations they may be able to come up with a suggestion.

Councilman Dellinger offered objections to the proposal that a study be made by an outside group. He stated he does not always agree with experts, and thinks it is the responsibility of the City Council to consider and determine all city work.

Councilman Babcock stated he thinks the suggestion deserves a lot of consideration; that the capital outlays at present are staggering and there is evidence of plenty of waste in buildings in Charlotte in the last several years.

Mayor Smith asked Councilman Myers to consider the matter further and bring in his recommendations.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH COLISEUM AUTHORITY RELATIVE TO PARKING LOT.

Councilman Myers stated he does not believe the Coliseum Authority understands what the Council was driving at in connection with the paving and/or acquisition of the parking lot; that he believes a closer liaison with them would be in order, and a discussion between the Authority and the Council would be helpful.

Mayor Smith asked if Councilman Myers and Councilman Hitch will comprise the Committee to confer with the Authority on the subject.

COUNCIL INVITED TO LUNCHEON TO DISCUSS NEXT STEP IN CITY'S SAFETY PROGRAM.

Councilman Smith stated he has invited twenty people who are interested in the City's Safety Program to luncheon at the City Club tomorrow, and he invited the Mayor, Council and City Manager to attend, and an effort would be made to decide what the next step in the program should be.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Hitch, and un-animously carried, the meeting was adjourned.


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk