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A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, January 14, 1953, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger, and Van Every present.

#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the last meeting on January 7th, were approved as submitted.

#### NO ACTION TAKEN ON REQUEST FOR CITY-COUNTY FINANCED SOCIAL WORKER FOR DOUBLE OAKS AND BROOKHILL LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECTS.

Mr. Fred Alexander, Manager of Double Oaks and Brookhill housing developments, owned by Mr. G. D. Spangler, appeared before the Council and requested that a trained social worker be financed by the City and County jointly to educate residents of these housing projects, who came from slum areas, in proper living habits. He stated further that because of their backgrounds and their lack of responsibility for the premises, the cost of maintenance to the property owner is becoming prohibitive and will result in increased rents unless something is done. He stated he had approached the County Commissioners with the need for this training, and was authorized to say that the County would work with the City on whatever the Council decided to do in the matter. Mr. Alexander stated that the City's slum clearance program is not enough, that it should be followed up with an educational program on the proper appreciation and respect for improved surroundings. It was the expressed opinion of the Council that it was the responsibility of the owner to provide such educational program for his tenants, and the Mayor suggested that the matter be presented by Mr. Alexander to the City's Crime Commission.

Mr. Alexander also requested that garbage collections be made from the rear of the residences in the Biddleville section where he resides, as it is now necessary for the residents to place the garbage cans on the curb. He was advised by Mr. Yancey that the residents are mistaken in this belief, that garbage collections are to be made from the rear of property all over the city, and an Inspector would look into the matter at once.

#### CONFERENCE ARRANGED FOR TUESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20th, TO CONSIDER PLAN FOR IMPROVING SELWYN AVENUE AND OTHER STREETS.

Councilman Boyd suggested that instead of considering the improvement of Selwyn Avenue alone that the Council, together with the Mayor and City Manager should meet and consider a definite plan of procedure with reference to improvements on this and other streets. He also requested that the City Manager secure from the Engineering Department cost estimates for improving Selwyn Avenue based on a straight 35-foot paving. The Mayor's suggestion that a conference for this purpose be held next Tuesday evening, January 20th, at 7:30 o'clock, was concurred in by the Council.

#### CITY MANAGER DIRECTED TO INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE COUNCIL IF ANYONE EMPLOYED BY THE CITY AVAILABLE TO MAKE JOB CLASSIFICATION.

Councilman Boyd stated that apparently the Council was in agreement on the matter of having a job classification of city employees made with the exception of whether it should be made by an outside individual or firm, or by a member of the City's organization. He stated he is not

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a particular advocate of having a job classification made but is willing to go along with the Council if they desire it. That he would suggest that the investigation for the classification be made by Mr. Joe Greenlea of the City's Water Department, who, he understands, has the time and is ably fitted for the work and who has had a great deal of experience with the retirement plan for city employees.

Councilman Van Every stated that in his opinion job classification is one of the most scientific ways known to classify the various jobs; however, it must be done correctly and it should be done by someone qualified and it is his belief that it should be done by an experienced person outside the City organization.

Councilman Coddington expressed the opinion that the classification should be done by an experienced person, otherwise a condition worse than that at present could result, and that he must go along with the views expressed by Councilman Van Every.

Councilman Baxter moved that Mr. Yancey investigate the matter and see if we have anyone in the organization to do the work and report to the Council at next week's meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Dellinger and Van Every.

NAY: Councilman Coddington.

**CONSOLIDATION OF CITY AND COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO BE CONSIDERED AT COUNCIL CONFERENCE ON JANUARY 20th.**

Councilman Boyd stated he understood that recently when a joint conference of the Council and County Commissioners was held at the request of the Commissioners to discuss the consolidation of City and County departments, that the Council advised they would consider the matter and again meet with the Commissioners and state their decision. That he understands the Commissioners are awaiting that decision, and he would suggest that the Council meet and consider the proposition. It was decided that the matter be discussed at the conference arranged for Tuesday evening, January 20th.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE ON PROPERTY ON NORTH SIDE OF NEW THRIFT ROAD, ADOPTED.**

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance (No. 169) Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to change the Building Zone Map from R-2 to Light Industrial on approximately 14.11 acres of property on the north side of the New Thrift Road" was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, fixing the date of hearing as February 4th" was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Baxter, seconded by Councilman Albea, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 51.

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE ON PROPERTIES LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TIPPAN AVENUE AND KENSINGTON DRIVE, ADOPTED.**

An ordinance entitled: "Ordinance (No. 170) Amending the Zoning Ordinance, to change the Building Zone Map from R-1 to R-2 on properties located at the northwest corner of Tippah Avenue and Kensington Drive" was introduced. Following the reading thereof, a resolution entitled: "Resolution Providing for a Public Hearing on a Proposed Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, fixing the date of hearing as of February 4th", was presented and read. Councilman Dellinger moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 2, at Page 52.

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**CONTRACT AWARDED GEORGE G. SCOTT & COMPANY FOR ANNUAL AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1953.**

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded George G. Scott & Company, for making the annual audit of the City, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, at a price of \$6,000.00.

**CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWERS AUTHORIZED.**

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of new sanitary sewers at the following locations:

- (a) 582 feet of 8 inch sewer main in West 31st Street, at an estimated cost of \$1,470.00, to serve 8 family and business units. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (b) 120 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Carver Street, at an estimated cost of \$370.00, to serve 3 family units. All cost to be borne by the City.
- (c) 80 feet of 8 inch sewer main in Darby Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$230.00, to serve one family unit. All cost to be borne by the applicant, Mr. C. W. Knight, 3015 Darby Avenue, whose deposit of the full amount is not refundable.
- (d) 138 feet of 8 inch sewer main in North Torrence Street, from Park Court toward Elizabeth Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$400.00, to serve 2 business units and 2 vacant lots. All cost to be borne by the City.

**PLAZA ACRES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY GRANTED PERMISSION TO CONNECT PRIVATE SANITARY SEWER LINES TO CITY'S SANITARY SYSTEM.**

Councilman Albea moved that the request of Plaza Acres Construction Company be granted to connect certain private sanitary sewer lines to the City's sanitary sewerage system in Churchill Road, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

**CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES APPROVED.**

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

- (a) Two 25-ft. entrances on 36th Street and two 25-ft. entrances on The Plaza all for 3301 The Plaza.
- (b) One 10 ft. entrance at 516-520 S. Summit Avenue.
- (c) Three 30 ft. entrances at 2622 East 7th Street.
- (d) One 30 ft. entrance on N. Brevard St. for 308 E. 5th Street, and the repair of the present 30 ft. entrance at 308 E. 5th Street

**CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS.**

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried, authorizing the following contracts for the construction of water mains:

- (a) Contract with Mr. D. E. Henderson, for the construction of 482 feet of 6 inch water main in Scaleybark Road, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$1,350.00, to serve property on either side of Scaleybark Road when subdivided and to provide a feeder line to Broadmoor Sub-

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division being developed by Geo. S. Goodyear. All cost to be borne by the applicant, who will own mains until territory taken into the city.

- (b) Contract with Charlotte Investment Company, for the construction of 4,648 feet of 6, 2 and 1½ inch water mains in Scaleybark Road and Broadmoor Subdivision, outside the city limits, at an estimated cost of \$12,894.00, to serve 58 residential lots in Broadmoor Subdivision abutting Scaleybark Road. All cost to be borne by the applicant, who will convey the lines to the City upon completion.

#### REPORT OF THE LEASE OF BUILDINGS AT DOUGLAS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

The City Manager reported that leases have been concluded on the following buildings at Douglas Municipal Airport:

BUILDING NO.	LESSEE	MONTHLY RENTAL	DATE AND TERM OF LEASE
242	Cotton Mill Machinery Co.	\$36.50	11-15-52 1 year
259	" " "	" 17.50	11-15-52 1 year
72	" " "	" 91.80	10-1-52 1 year renewal
88	" " "	" 48.00	12-15-52 1 year renewal

#### UNFIT HOUSING QUARTERLY REPORT.

The following Unfit Housing Quarterly Report was submitted by the City Manager:

Housing Units brought up to standard	265
Property Owners cited for hearings	32
Housing Units Condemned	21
Bathing Facilities Installed	297
Houses Demolished	44
Houses brought up to standard since beginning of program in August 1948	9,182
Houses Demolished since August 1948	938

#### TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) Deed with Albert W. Yoos, for Lot 298, in Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery at \$122.85.
- (b) Duplicate Deed to Fred E. Taylor, for north half of Lot 19, in Section BB, Elmwood Cemetery - \$1.00.
- (c) Deed to Scott A. Nivens and wife, for Lots 309 and 310, in Section U, Elmwood Cemetery, transferred from E. R. Jones and wife, at \$1.00.

#### REAPPOINTMENT OF FRANCIS O. CLARKSON TO THE FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, Mr. Francis O. Clarkson was reappointed to the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund, for a term of two years.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF WALTER W. HOOK AND FRANK E. HARLAN TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, reappointing Mr. Walter W. Hook and Mr. Frank E. Harlan as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, for terms of three years each from the expiration of their present terms on January 28, 1953.

LICENSES FOR THE OPERATION OF DETECTIVE AGENCIES AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO EARL G. MULLINS AND CHARLES C. CLONINGER, JR.

Councilman Albea moved that the applications for licenses for the operation of private detective agencies of Mr. Earl G. Mullins and Mr. Charles C. Cloninger, Jr., be approved. The motion was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO A. A. ALLEN ON PREMISES OF HIGHLAND PARK MFG. COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Van Every, and unanimously carried, the Special Officer Permit of Mr. A. A. Allen was renewed for one year on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE MAKING IT MANDATORY THAT THEATRES, CHURCHES AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS PROVIDE A PARKING SPACE FOR EVERY FOUR SEATS WITHIN SAID BUILDING, REQUESTED BY MAYOR.

Mayor Shaw stated that statistics show that it is estimated that within the next fifteen years automobile traffic will increase 65%, and in his opinion steps should be taken to provide parking facilities as the number of cars increase. Therefore, he requested the Council to give thought to the adoption of an ordinance which he proposes to request the City Attorney to prepare, making it mandatory that theatres, churches and similar institutions provide a parking space for every four seats within said building.

PROPOSAL THAT MOUNTED POLICEMEN PATROL CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY TO BE SUBMITTED.

Mayor Shaw advised that Councilman Boyd has stated that he will propose in connection with the Crime Committee that in certain sections of the City our Policemen be put on horseback for patrol duty. He stated further that Councilman Boyd will present this for consideration at an early date and that he heartily approves the suggestion.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

*Lillian R. Mayhew*  
City Clerk