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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 21, 1953, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Albea, Baxter, Coddington, Dellinger, and Van Every present.

Absent: Councilman Boyd.

#### INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

#### MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on January 14th were approved as submitted.

#### PLATS OF BEECHWOOD ACRES AND MADISON PARK SUBDIVISIONS APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, the Plats of Beechwood Acres Subdivision, located east of Glenwood Drive, and of Madison Park Subdivision, bounded by Woodlawn Road and other properties, were approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

#### JEFFERSON DAVIS STREET TAKEN OVER FOR CITY MAINTENANCE.

Councilman Albea moved that Jefferson Davis Street be taken over for maintenance, as recommended by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried.

#### CONTRACT AWARDED AUTOMATIC SIGNAL DIVISION OF EASTERN INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, and unanimously carried, awarding contract to Automatic Signal Division of Eastern Industries, Inc., for Three Specialized Traffic Equipment items, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$2,694.50.

#### CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

Upon motion of Councilman Van Every, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the construction of One 10-foot driveway entrance at 2608 Portland Avenue, and One 12-foot entrance at 1801 Wendover Road, was authorized.

#### LEASE OF AIRPORT BUILDING NO. 112 TO JENKS CALDWELL REPORTED.

The City Manager reported that lease has been concluded on Airport Building No. 112 to Mr. Jenks Caldwell, at a monthly rental of \$8.00, for a period of one year from December 1, 1952.

#### TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS APPROVED.

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

- (a) Deed with Mr. E. R. Jones, for Lot 86, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$163.80.
- (b) Deed with Mrs. Charlotte K. LeClerc, for Lot 337, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.
- (c) Deed with Mrs. James B. Kilgo, for Lot 190, in Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$81.90.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION AT NEXT MEETING RELATIVE TO CITY CONSTRUCTING ENTRANCE TO HOUSE ON STONEWALL STREET AFFECTED BY WIDENING OF STONEWALL STREET.

Councilman Dellinger stated he had been requested by the four persons who now own the house adjacent to the Alexander House on Stonewall Street, to ask the Council if the City will construct a walk-way or the means of entrance to the house which was left without means of entrance after the widening of Stonewall Street. The City Manager advised that the owner of the house was paid for the property that was included in the Stonewall Street right-of-way, and if the ownership of the house has since changed hands, it should be a matter between the former and present owners. Following the discussion, Councilman Van Every moved that the matter be referred to the City Manager for a recommendation at the next Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO CONSOLIDATION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

In introducing the following resolution Councilman Baxter stated that the proper procedure to give the City and County Governments the right to consolidate in any way is to have a Bill enacted by the State Legislature and the resolution is not intended as approving consolidation nor a discussion of the consolidation of any particular department or departments.

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO CONSOLIDATION  
 OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE AND MECKLENBURG  
 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE:

That the City Manager and City Attorney be and they are hereby instructed to confer with the County Commissioners and the Mecklenburg County Legislative Delegation with respect to the drafting of a bill to authorize the governing boards of the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, each voting as a unit, and to consolidate such functions of government as may be mutually approved.

Councilman Baxter moved the adoption of the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Van Every, and carried, with the votes cast as follows:

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

NAY: Councilman Coddington.

PLAN FOR WIDENING SELWYN AVENUE TO INCLUDE RESTRICTED PARKING DURING PEAK HOURS, AND EXACT PLAN TO BE SUBMITTED TO RESIDENTS OF STREET FOR THEIR ENLIGHTENMENT.

Councilman Baxter moved that when the layout and exact plans for the widening of Selwyn Avenue are completed, as approved by the Council in conference last night, that they be submitted to the residents of Selwyn Avenue not so much for their approval but for their enlightenment of the City's intentions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

Councilman Coddington moved that in view of the narrowness of the street and the fact that a 40-foot width has been approved to satisfy the residents of Selwyn Avenue, instead of a 45-foot width as recommended by the City Engineer, that no parking be permitted on the east side during the morning peak-hours and on the west side during the afternoon peak-hours, and that this provision be shown on the plan to be submitted to the residents of Selwyn Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilman Baxter, and unanimously carried.

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CONTINUATION OF CIVIL DEFENSE OFFICE REQUESTED BY MRS. TRIPPI WISECUP.

Mrs. Trippi Wisecup, Secretary to the Director of Civil Defense in Mecklenburg County, appeared before the Council and urged that the Civil Defense office not be discontinued on February 1st. She stated if the County is to have a strong offensive against the dangers of war that the people must take a part in the program. That Charlotte is in Region No. 2 which includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina wherein many vital industries are located. She stated further that budgeted funds for Civil Defense are available and asked that she be given five months in which to show that the program can be successful.

Mayor Shaw replied that under the directorship of Mr. Stanley Pickens, a good job has been done in perfecting a Civil Defense organization. That when Mr. Pickens recently resigned, he contacted Mr. E. Z. Jones, State Director of Civil Defense, and discussed the matter with him, and he agreed that it would be well to place the plans and charts and all records of the local Defense office under the supervision of the City's personnel director, to be utilized on a moment's notice if the occasion arose that it was needed, and thereby save the City the cost of an additional office. The Mayor stated he certainly would not want Charlotte to be without any means of defense. He stated further that unless the Council wished to do otherwise today, that the matter be given thought and discussed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

Lillian R. Hoffman  
City Clerk