

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, January 4, 1950, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry Jordan and Wilkinson present.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meetings on December 21st and 28th were approved as submitted.

ORDINANCE (NO. 89) AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED.

Pursuant to the introduction on December 14, 1949 of an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance (No. 89) to Amend Chapter 21 of the City Code with Respect to the Zoning Ordinance", to change the Building Zone Map from an R-2 to a B-1 district on Lot 13 in Block 12 of West Worthington Avenue, and the adoption of a Resolution providing for a public hearing thereon on January 4, 1950, the Mayor invited interested persons to be heard at this time.

No objections to the zoning change were registered; whereupon, Councilman Jordan moved the adoption of the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried.

The Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Book 11, at Page 102.

LOCATION OF STREET CONNECTING CAMP GREENE AND GREENE STREETS PROTESTED.

The location of the connecting street, now under construction, between Camp Greene Street and Greene Street was protested by Mrs. Ralph Reichard, representing the residents of the area. She stated their request last July was for a connecting link between the two streets through a residential area, for a distance of some four blocks, and that it be paved and sidewalks provided, to give a shorter and safer route for their children to the Glenwood School, and in order that Duke Power Company would provide bus service over the route. She further advised that the roadway as now located is through an undeveloped wooded area, unsafe for small children walking to school, that the distance is at least a mile, and that Duke Power Company has advised they will not furnish bus service over this route.

The City Manager advised the connecting street, which is practically complete, is over the only route ever mapped or contemplated and is the route approved by the School officials more than a year prior to the request of the citizens of the community; also, that the route as outlined by Mrs. Reichard today would have necessitated the construction of two bridges.

At the suggestion of Councilman Daughtry, the Mayor requested the entire Council to look over the street location on tomorrow.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS OPPOSED, AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR LOAN FROM PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION FOR UNITS DEFEATED.

Opposition to additional low-rent public housing was expressed by Messrs. Willis Henderson, E. L. Vinson and Gerald Hutchinson, members of the Property Management Association, who stated they did not represent the Association but spoke rather as private citizens.

Mr. Henderson stated he believed a certain amount of low-rental

public housing for the poor who are worthy is necessary; however, the 600 units recently approved by Council, in addition to that provided by private industry, is sufficient. He submitted as a solution to the housing question, that Council encourage private enterprise by assuring the Property Management Association by letter that rent controls will be removed by May 1st and that no additional public housing units will be approved. Secondly, that a Committee be appointed by Council, composed of a Councilman, a member of the Housing Authority, a member of the Property Management Association and a Realtor, to work together to determine the housing needs of Charlotte. Third, that the same Committee look into the merits of the Federal Urban Redevelopment Program, and make recommendations to the City Council and property owners as to how it can be applied to serve the best interest of Charlotte.

Mr. Vinson stated the amount of low-rental property needed and the manner in which to best satisfy the need is the important question. He commended the Council on the Standard-House Ordinance, and expressed the opinion that through its enforcement the poor citizens, as well as those moving from such dwellings to more desirable units, will be served. He cited as proof of private industry meeting the needs for housing, the projects completed and to be constructed by Mr. C. D. Spangler, and stated the units provided in these projects together with the public housing already approved by Council will furnish 4,889 dwelling units to meet the needs for low-rental housing.

Mr. Hutchinson stated public housing is not the answer to slum clearance nor the prevention of crime; that the City Council, elected by the citizens because of their integrity, would defeat private enterprise through continuous government loans. He asked for clear thinking by the Council on the matter, instead of smoke-screens and emotionalism.

Mr. Walter Hooker, speaking as Chairman of the Charlotte Central Labor Union, appealed for consideration of the working people and those who are forced to live in slums. He urged that Council use their better judgment so as to serve the citizens through sufficient and better housing, and not for the personal gain of a few. He approved the formation of a Committee to consider the housing question, and requested that a member of the laboring people be included. He further stated there are ample workers in all crafts available at a standard wage in Charlotte to fill the requirements of private industry.

Mayor Shaw expressed interest in the suggestion of Mr. Henderson that a Committee be appointed and a study of the Federal Urban Redevelopment Plan be made.

A resolution Amending the Resolution, passed by Council, Approving An Application by the Housing Authority for a Preliminary Loan from the Public Housing Administration for Public Housing Units, was introduced. Following the reading thereof, Councilman Albea moved its adoption approving the application of 1000 dwelling units and a loan not exceeding \$250,000.00, which includes the 600 units and the loan therefor previously approved by Council. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and was defeated, with the votes cast as follows:

AYE: Councilmen Albea, Aitken and Coddington.

NAY: Councilmen Boyd, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson.

Mayor Shaw stated he, personally, had brought up the question of additional public housing units because he felt there was a great need for it in Charlotte; however, he sincerely hoped there would be no bitterness in the hearts of anyone toward him because of it, and that the Council would move on to other things for the development and good of the city.

CURB CUT ON BUCHANAN STREET FOR DRIVEWAY APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, a 14-foot curb cut on Buchanan Street for a driveway to the rear of the property of T. G. Reames, 1701 Dilworth Road East, was approved.

## STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR FULL MAINTENANCE.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the taking over of the following streets for full maintenance:

Norris Avenue, from Dogwood Avenue east two blocks.  
Maryland Avenue, from Princeton Ave. to Westfield Road.  
Hopedale Avenue, from Kings Drive to present city maintenance near Queens Road.

## CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SANITARY SEWER IN DOWNS AVENUE APPROVED.

Councilman Wilkinson moved approval of the construction at the City's expense of a new 8-inch sanitary sewer in Downs Avenue, for a distance of 237 feet, at an estimated cost of \$310.00, to serve 2 family units and 6 vacant lots.

## SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT AUTHORIZED TO ROBERT A. O'SHIELDS.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, a Special Officer Permit was authorized to Robert A. O'Shields, for use on the premises of the A & P Tea Company, Thrift Road.

## CEMETERY DEED TRANSFERRED.

Motion was made by Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed for the transfer of Lot 312, Section 3, in Evergreen Cemetery, to Mr. R. D. Long, at a price of \$122.85.

## UNANIMOUS CONSENT GIVEN THE PRESENTATION OF UNDOCKETED ITEMS.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, the unanimous consent of Council was given the City Manager to present the following undocketed items.

## RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO JAMES E. EASTERLING, SR.

Councilman Coddington moved the renewal of Special Officer Permit be authorized to James E. Easterling, Sr., on the premises of Rulane Tank and Gas Company, Thrift Road. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

## SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS VIRGIL D. GRANT FOR PERSONAL INJURIES.

Motion was made by Councilman Aitken, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, authorizing the settlement of claim in full in the amount of \$100.00 to Mrs. Virgil D. Grant, for personal injuries sustained from falling on the sidewalk due to an alleged defect therein at 1320 South Mint Street.

## SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM OF MRS NERAH GRIMES PERRY FOR DAMAGES TO PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Claim in the amount of \$6.00 by Mrs. Nerah Grimes Perry for damages to personal property, caused by an alleged defect in the sidewalk on Harding Place, was authorized paid in full settlement, upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF ASSISTANT COLLECTOR OF REVENUE FILED.

The Annual Report of Mr. J. H. McLain, Assistant Collector of Revenue and Tax Attorney, was filed with the Council, in accordance with an Ordinance adopted on January 10, 1945.

EXTENSION OF ONE WEEK ALLOWED CITY ATTORNEY TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT.

Upon motion of Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the City Attorney was given an extension of one week in which to file his Annual Report.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Aitken, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Lucian R. Hoffmann  
City Clerk