

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, July 18, 1960, at 2 o'clock p.m., with Mayor Smith presiding and Councilmen Albea, Babcock, Dellinger, Hitch, Myers, Smith and Whittington being present.

ABSENT: None

Planning Board members Sibley, Chairman, Commissioners Craig, Ervin, Lakey, Marsh, Schwartz and Wilkinson were present during the hearings on petitions for zoning changes.

ABSENT: Commissioners Jones, Toy and Turner.

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INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried, the Minutes of the last meeting on July 11th were approved as submitted.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 683 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 683 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map of Charlotte by changing the zoning of property on both sides of Sunnyside Avenue from House No. 621 to House No. 910, from R-2 to O-I, on petition of the Residents of the street. The Planning Director advised the property consists of two and a quarter blocks situated between Louise Avenue and Preston Street, and is developed by single family residences and duplexes; that the property on the west side of the street is adjoined at the rear by residential property and some business fronting on Central Avenue, and the property on the east side of the street is adjoined at the rear by property fronting on Beaumont and Louise Avenue and Independence Boulevard.

Mr. L. L. Caudle, Attorney and resident of Sunnyside Avenue, speaking for the petitioners stated that much business has been developed along Central Avenue to the west of the property in question; that the area along East 7th Street at the intersection of Sunnyside Avenue is zoned O-I, and in fact the portion of Sunnyside Avenue involved in the petition is surrounded by B-1 and B-2 zoning. That the houses are all from 35 to 45 years old and the street is gradually losing its classification as a high class residential section; that they do not want it developed with any and all types of business but do request an O-I zoning; that they feel this is the time for a zoning change so that the property owners will not be placed in the position of spending a great deal of money to keep the property in good condition.

No opposition was expressed to the zoning change.

Council decision was deferred for one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 684 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 2 OF THE CITY CODE.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 684 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map of Charlotte by changing the zoning of property on the west side of Glenn Street, north of Central Avenue, from R-1 to R-2, on petition of Mrs. W. A. Weir.

Mr. McIntyre, Planning Director, stated the property is situated near the intersection of Eastway Drive and Central Avenue, and consists of several lots at the end of Glenn Street partially developed residentially otherwise vacant; that it is adjoined at the rear by residential developments, to the north is Merry Oaks School and on the east the development is residential and small business.

Mr. Phillips Pholedus, Attorney, representing the petitioner stated the property is no longer suitable for single family use; that the adjacent property at the intersection and across the street is zoned R-2, therefore they request a change to R-2.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed zoning change.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 685 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE.

The scheduled hearing was held on Ordinance No. 685 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map of the Perimeter Area by changing the zoning of property at the southwest corner of Herron and York Roads, from Rural to B-1, on petition of Mr. S. H. Roddy.

The Planning Director presented a map of the area and stated the property is near the intersection of South Tryon and Yancey Streets, and is partially developed residentially, otherwise vacant with the exception of a greenhouse; to the south is a residential area extending to the Cross-line Railroad; the property opposite is residential and towards town on South Tryon Street there is a business area.

Mr. Hugh Casey, representing the petitioner, stated the purpose for requesting the change in zoning is because the neighborhood has changed and the property is no longer suitable for anything but business. He advised they know of no opposition.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed change.

Council decision was deferred one week.

HEARING ON ORDINANCE NO. 686 AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CODE.

The public hearing was held on Ordinance No. 686 Amending the Zoning Ordinance to amend the Building Zone Map of the Perimeter Area by changing the zoning of property on the north side of Gondola Avenue (formerly Grove Avenue E) east of Sugaw Creek Road, from R-2 to B-1, on petition of Mr. M. R. Mincey.

The Planning Director stated the property consists of several vacant lots adjoined at the rear by a residential area, on the east by vacant and

residential property and the property across the street is vacant, and there is a commercial development at the intersection of Sugaw Creek and Cinderella Roads.

No opposition was expressed to the proposed rezoning.

Council decision was deferred one week.

ADOPTION OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PLAN ON CITY'S INSURANCE REQUESTED.

Mr. W. J. L. McNeary, representing Southern Insurance Buyers Service, again appeared before Council relative to competitive bidding on the City's insurance, and stated he wished to go on record as challenging the published statements made for the Insurance Advisory Committee in which they implied that the only effective method of obtaining the most satisfactory relationship between the insurance companies and the city is at the will of a select group of agents in the associations represented; that this implication is a result of opinion only and is not founded on fact; its effect is to stifle competition from any Insurance company or agency not a member of these associations; that actually the most satisfactory relations can be controlled only as a result of a full knowledge of the cost and policy contracts available, the financial responsibility and services available from competing insurance companies or groups of companies, and these can and should be determined in advance of the purchase of the policies. He stated further that regardless of any other considerations, the members of the Committee or the Associations they represent cannot help but be influenced by receipt of commissions resulting from the writing of Municipal Insurance; their interest and effort cannot, therefore, be impartial, and the term "competitive selection" as used in the Committee Report is meaningless, that the cost of insurance purchased is greater than is necessary, even with the present carriers; that the insurance program of the city is inadequate to protect the city's exposures, even as evidenced in the report recently furnished by the Committee and it follows that the Committee has heretofore been ineffectual in obtaining agreement as to coverages needed, which is because no one in the employ of the City of Charlotte is qualified to set up sorely needed specifications for scope of coverage; that the interests of the taxpayers of Charlotte are not now being served properly because of the uninsured large loss possibilities existing to city property and because the insurance now purchased is excessively costly, and it should be remembered that a large number of tax-paying citizens are receiving their sole support in Charlotte from insurance companies not now being permitted to write or even to bid on Municipal Insurance, a condition which we consider to be eminently unfair.

Mr. McNeary stated that this problem cannot be solved except on the basis of strict impartiality. After specifications for all insurance coverages are drawn up by an impartial consulting facility, the City Insurance should be submitted for bid to any and all who wish to bid, including the present agents and insurance companies. He proposed the use of Southern Insurance Buyers Service, a professional consulting service, to prepare specifications for introducing open competition for purchase of the city's insurance, and stated their fee would be no more than a fraction of the cost-saving that the city would enjoy and they would be willing to perform this service for a fee not to exceed 25% of the net savings available in the annual cost of needed fire and casualty insurance if the Council will agree to this procedure as a matter of policy, they would be pleased to prepare a written agreement covering all phases of the performance of this work for the Council's approval.

In reply to questions by the Council, Mr. McNeary stated they do not represent mutual companies nor any companies, that they are analysts and

their service is to evaluate the needs and draw up specifications and bids may be submitted by any and all qualifying companies; that the settlement of claims should be determined with the companies before a loss occurs and any reputable firm should settle claims promptly otherwise they are stepping out of bounds; that he personally would favor the use of local facilities, rather than companies with no local representation, provided they have the same coverage to offer. He stated there is in fact only one local fire insurance company who has its home office in Charlotte, but many with local representatives.

Later in the meeting, Mr. C. B. Cameron stated he is in the insurance business but is speaking as a taxpayer who would like to keep taxes down and he knows that the establishment of an insurance program would reduce costs to the City and the taxpayer and would improve the service; that he is not pushing for the program outlined by Mr. McNeary but is asking that the Council do whatever it can to control the City's insurance cost and suggests that a study be made of Mr. McNeary's proposal.

Mayor Smith stated that Mr. McNeary has filed his program and the Council will make a study of it and the report filed by the Insurance Committee.

Still later in the meeting, Councilman Whittington urged that the facts be gotten together on the insurance question and a decision be reached on what should be done, and if competitive bidding is the answer to better service and money saved then it should be adopted.

REQUEST THAT PARKING SPACES 6 AND 7 EAST OF BUS TERMINAL BE DESIGNATED AS TAXISTANDS WITH USE OF SPACE 8 AFTER 6 P.M. AND TWO SPACES ON EAST TRADE STREET AT BELKS STORE BE SO DESIGNATED.

Mr. Frank Snapp, Attorney, stated he understands the Council's action at the last meeting assigning two spaces as taxistands at the Bus Terminal was on a trial basis. He submitted a diagram of the parking spaces at the Bus Terminal and stated Space 4 on the west and Space 6 on the east are those presently assigned as Taxistands and Space 8 is the loading zone; that Space 4 is not satisfactory as a Cab stand because of having to back to get in front of the Bus Station. Space 6 is satisfactory because the cabs can drive forward but this one space is not sufficient, and he requested that Space 4 be abandoned and spaces 6 and 7 be designated for the use of cabs and they be permitted to use Space 8 after 6 p.m. which will be more convenient to the public and create less traffic congestion. He advised that Mr. Robinson, Taxi Driver, states there has been no trouble whatever by cabs blocking the driveway into the Bus Terminal and they do not want to cause any trouble.

Councilman Dellinger stated he thinks designated Cab Stands are important as cabs are a part of the city's transportation system; however, if the request is granted then the Taxicab Drivers should comply strictly with the ordinance governing their operation. For example, the ordinance requires that each driver wear a uniform and stay in his cab. He asked that Mr. Snapp remind them of the requirements.

Mr. Hoose, Traffic Engineer, stated he contacted the Manager of the Bus Terminal and he says better than 85% of the cab business is between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., which would eliminate the need for the extra cab stand (Space 8) after 6 p.m. That he has put into effect the stands designated by the Council last week and this has not been in operation long enough for a decision on the trial basis and he would prefer leaving it as it is.

Mr. Snapp called attention that the Taxicab Ordinance prohibits cruising and stated if the cabs cannot cruise then they must have spaces to serve

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the public; that they feel the attitude of the Traffic Engineer is to keep them off the streets entirely..

Mr. Snepp also stated that two spaces are designated as Cab Stands on the south side of East Trade Street opposite Belks Store, but they are unable to serve customers now that jay walking is prohibited and it is difficult for the cabs to cross to the east side of the street to serve the public because of the distance they must drive east to get their cabs headed back west; therefore, they are requesting that two additional spaces be designated on the north side of the street, in front of Belks, for their use.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Robinson, Cab Driver, if the ordinance regarding uniforms is being adhered to? Mr. Robinson stated it is as to shirts but not pants, and they are not expected to wear caps in the hot weather.

Mayor Smith stated the Council will study the requests made by Mr. Snepp and give their decision later. Councilman Smith asked that the Council also consider whether the drivers should wear a cap.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON AUGUST 15TH ON ORDINANCE NO. 690.

A Resolution Providing for a public hearing on August 15th on Petition of J. H. Frickhoeffter and wife, for a change in zoning of their property at the rear of 2421 Park Road, from R-2 to B-1, as set forth in Ordinance No. 690 Amending Chapter 21, Article I, Section 2 of the City Code, was adopted upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Whittington and unanimously carried. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 31.

RESOLUTION GRANTING 317 SOUTH TRYON STREET CORP. PERMISSION TO CONSTRUCT CONCRETE FOOTING UNDER SIDEWALK AT 317 SOUTH TRYON STREET, ADOPTED.

A resolution entitled: "Resolution Granting 317 South Tryon Street Corp. Permission to Construct Concrete Footing Under Sidewalk at 317 South Tryon Street" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Hitch, seconded by Councilman Whittington was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 32.

LICENSE AUTHORIZED ISSUED TO PAUL D. SCHILLER & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR OPERATION OF PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Babcock, and unanimously carried, license was authorized issued to Paul D. Schiller and Associates, Inc. for the operation of a private detective agency.

ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMIT TO HENRY DURANT PRICE AUTHORIZED.

Councilman Hitch moved approval of the issuance of a Special Officer Permit to Henry Durant Price for use on the premises of Lance, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO LOOK INTO MATTER OF THE COLOR OF SPECIAL OFFICER UNIFORMS.

Councilman Smith called attention that the Special Officer for Charlotte-

town Mall wears a uniform which too closely resembles that of our Policemen and he feels it should not be permitted. He requested the City Manager to look into the matter and see if the color of the uniforms worn by Special Officers cannot be specified. At the question of Councilman Myers if there is not an ordinance that controls this, the City Attorney stated there is not but a provision could be added that the uniforms of all Special Officers must be of a different color than those of Charlotte Policemen.

CONTRACT AWARDED CONCRETE PRODUCTS COMPANY FOR CONCRETE METER BOXES.

Upon motion of Councilman Dellinger, seconded by Councilman Myers, and unanimously carried, contract was awarded the only bidder, Concrete Products Company for 1,000 #36-H 15-inch Concrete Meter Boxes, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$5,000.00.

CONTRACT AWARDED DEWEY BROS. INC. FOR MANHOLE RINGS & COVERS AND CATCH BASIN GATES & FRAMES.

Councilman Whittington moved the award of contract to the only bidder, Dewey Bros. Inc. for 175 Manhole Rings & Covers, 400 cast iron Manhole Steps and 91 new style Catch Basin Grates and Frames, as specified, on a unit price basis, at a total price of \$6,248.90, subject to 2% cash discount, amounting to \$124.98, representing a net delivered price of \$6,123.92. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

The matter of only bid being submitted was raised and Mr. Beatty, Purchasing Agent, stated that invitations to bid were mailed five companies and advertised in The Charlotte News; that it is in the city's interest to purchase a machined cover; that Queen City Foundry, a local concern, has not submitted a bid for the past three or four years as they are not equipped to make the cover entirely and it is too costly to have the work done for them.

Councilman Myers asked the City Manager to look into the matter and advise the Council.

CONTRACT AWARDED N. C. EQUIPMENT COMPANY FOR MOTOR GRADER.

Councilman Albea moved the award of contract to the North Carolina Equipment Company for One Galion Model 118 Motor Grader, as specified, at a net delivered price of \$17,000.00, with monthly rate of \$1,000.00 which is to apply against the purchase price if and when the option is exercised. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

The following net delivered bids were received:

N. C. Equipment Company	\$17,000.00
Monthly rental rate.	1,000.00
Interstate Equipment Company	\$19,836.00
Monthly rental rate	1,000.00
Carolina Tractor & Equipt. Co.	\$22,585.00
Monthly rental rate	1,000.00
Spartan Equipment Company	\$15,700.00
Monthly rental rate	1,000.00

Councilman Babcock asked if it is the intention to exercise the option, and the City Manager advised it probably is.

Councilman Myers expressed concern at the City purchasing so much equipment, and requested the City Manager to make a study of the equipment on hand.

CONTRACT AWARDED SOUTHERN PEST CONTROL COMPANY FOR FOGGING MACHINE.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, reported: on the bids received as requested by Council at the last meeting. He advised he has found that we are one of the first cities to purchase the Seeburg Fogger and it has been in operation only one month. That we have used the Dyna-Fog machine for the past twelve years and know its worth, therefore he still recommends the purchase of the Dyna Fogger.

Councilman Babcock moved that contract be awarded Southern Pest Control Company, Inc. for One Dyna-Fog 600 Insecticidal Fog Generator Thermal Aerosol Fog-Resonant Pulse Principal-Electric Remote Control machine, as specified, at a total price of \$1,595.00, subject to cash discount of \$47.85, representing a net delivered price of \$1,547.15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

The following net delivered bids were received:

Wm. F. Strickhouser	Seeburg Insecticidal Fogger	\$ 989.01
Southern Pest Control Co.	Dyna-Fogger	\$1,547.15

Councilman Dellinger asked the City Manager to keep check on the cheaper machine and see how it works out.

CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWER MAINS AND TRUNKS AUTHORIZED.

Motion was made by Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried, authorizing the construction of sanitary sewer mains and trunks, as follows:

- (a) Construction of 1,300-ft. of mains and trunks in Aintree Road and Lyerly Drive, at request of Lyerly-Morgan Company, Inc. to serve a portion of Pinecroft Development, at an estimated cost of \$4,220.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.
- (b) Construction of 268-ft. of mains in Keller Avenue, at request of W. S. Clanton, to serve a business unit, at an estimated cost of \$565.00. All costs to be borne by the applicant, whose deposit of the entire amount will be refunded as per terms of the contract.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

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

- (a) Deed with A. Z. Youngblood and Lucille W. Youngblood, for Lot 126, Section 2, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$160.00.
- (b) Deed with W. M. Burley, for Lot 102, Grave #4, Section 3, Evergreen Cemetery, at \$40.00.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WATER LINES TO CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY COLLEGES REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER FOR RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Thomas Belk, representing Charlotte Community Colleges, requested

the extension of water lines to Carver College, just beyond the city limits, and the extension of water lines to Charlotte College some distance in the county; he stated the contracts for the construction of the colleges will be let in September and it will take a year to build them.

Councilman Smith stated he has looked into the matter and discussed it with the College Board and it is estimated it would cost \$127,000 to get water to ~~the colleges~~ ^{Charlotte College} ~~the colleges~~. He recommended that the City budget ~~\$10,000~~ ^{\$10,700} to get water to Carver College and \$15,000 for a well at Charlotte College; he stated he thinks the City should be sufficiently interested in these colleges to provide the \$25,000 in the budget. Councilman Dellinger stated he has talked with Mr. Belk and he is in favor of it and feels this is a big asset to Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and the County Commissioners should also help. Councilman Myers stated he does not believe the City can do anything for Charlotte College, as it is so far from the city limits, but thinks the Council should consider Carver College; that they plan a 12-inch line across Highway #85 and a 3-inch line to the college, and he feels that some compromise could be worked out by Mr. Veeder and Mr. Franklin.

Councilman Smith then moved that the City Manager study the matter, and make a recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED SETBACK LINES ON EAST AND WEST FOURTH STREET FROM SOUTHERN RAILWAY UNDERPASS TO MINT STREET.

Mr. Veeder, City Manager, advised the setback lines established on East and West Fourth Street called for 3.22 feet at Tryon Street and 3.77 feet at the rear of the property line adjacent to Fourth Street. That Mr. George Cutter has proceeded with the construction of his building on the basis of a 3 foot setback because of the lack of communication with city departments and oversight of the architect. That it appears the best way to solve the problem is to revise the setback lines and have a 3-foot setback for the full length of the Cutter property and revise the map to that effect. A Resolution Revising the Setback Lines on East and West Fourth Street, from the Southern Railway Underpass to Mint Street, was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Babcock seconded by Councilman Hitch, was unanimously adopted. The resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 4, at Page 33.

Councilman Myers moved that all property owners effected be officially informed by mail and a copy of the revised resolution be sent them by registered mail when available, to eliminate any confusion. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington, and unanimously carried.

REQUEST THAT APPRAISERS BE APPOINTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WIDENING OF EAST AND WEST FOURTH STREET.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Board of Appraisers be appointed in connection with the right-of-way for the widening of East and West Fourth Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY EMPOWERED TO TAKE WHATEVER LEGAL MEANS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE AIRPORT OPEN.

Councilman Babcock stated everyone is much concerned about the possibilities of the Airport being closed, and the Council is not in a position to

say now what action can be taken to prevent it. Therefore, in case the Council should not be in session when some action should be taken, he moved that the City Manager and City Attorney be empowered to take whatever legal means at their disposal to keep the Airport open. The motion was seconded by Councilman Dellinger. Councilman Albea stated he thinks this is mighty far reaching and the Council should know just what they are voting on; that he does not want an arbitrary position taken by the Council, and does not want to see any laws violated. Mr. Shaw, City Attorney, stated he is advised there will be picketing and he has asked that it be confined to certain areas and not to sections used by other employees.

REQUEST OF CHAIRMAN OF GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR COOPERATION OF MEMORIAL HOSPITAL UNTIL PLANS CAN BE COMPLETED FOR CITY TO TAKE OVER GOOD SAMARITAN, REFERRED TO CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Hitch asked the City Attorney what progress has been made in connection with conveying Good Samaritan Hospital to the city? Mr. Shaw stated the Bond Attorneys in New York have asked for additional information and want a test case in Superior Court, and it may be they will want to carry it to Supreme Court. He stated further he has all the information the Attorneys desire except the deed; that he understands the Attorney for the Diocese is preparing the deed form, and he hopes the Bond Attorneys will advise us shortly after receiving the information what we can do.

Councilman Hitch stated that Mr. Laxton, Chairman of Good Samaritan Board, advises he is in the position of running a hospital that has been condemned and cannot get the necessary support of Memorial Hospital, who takes the position they have not been requested to take over Good Samaritan. He stated further that Mr. Laxton needs the help of the Council as Memorial Hospital Board does not want to initiate anything and he asks that the Council request Memorial to render their good offices and help with the staff during the interim. Councilman Hitch then moved that the City Manager and City Attorney confer with Memorial Hospital authorities and Mr. Laxton and see what can be done, and if Council action is required, it can be taken at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO CONFER WITH CHAIRMAN OF SAFETY COUNCIL RELATIVE TO ACTION OF UNITED COMMUNITY SERVICES DENYING THEM MEMBERSHIP.

Councilman Hitch advised that United Community Services has voted adversely to extending membership to the Safety Council, which program is headed by Councilman Smith; that the Committee who came before the Council, requested the City to make an interim donation until the UCS could take it over on a full time basis, and \$5,000.00 has been budgeted by the city; that the request to United Community Services was referred to the Social Planning Council and was acted on by them unfavorably. Councilman Dellinger stated he thinks perhaps the City should not budget the \$5,000.00 if the UCS is not going to cooperate. Councilman Smith stated it seems the UCS program is based on polio, mental health, etc and it is short sighted for the Social Planning Council to close the door on the traffic safety program in the light of the savings in life and injury the program could bring about. The City Manager suggested that he confer with Mr. Terrell, Chairman of the Safety Council, and get his good judgment and no action be taken until full information can be obtained.

PAYROLL TAX AND HOTEL AND MOTEL ROOM TAX SUGGESTED AS SOURCE OF REVENUE TO CITY.

Councilman Smith stated he thinks something should be done to back up the talk about real estate taxes; that his idea is to have a 3% tax on payrolls on everyone working in the City, then credit for it could be given persons residing inside the city who pay real and personal property taxes. He stated further that about 30% of the people working in Charlotte and enjoying its services pay nothing for them. Secondly, he thinks the hotels and motels should have a room tax, which would require a special act of the Legislature.

Mayor Smith stated the Committee that is working on the subject will soon have something to discuss, and any suggestion like Councilman Smith's will help greatly and he hopes will be made as they arise.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO STUDY MATTER OF MAYOR HAVING VOTE.

Councilman Smith stated he feels the Mayor of Charlotte should have a vote; that it must be most discouraging to help make policies and have no vote. He suggested that the City Attorney study the matter, that it might be the Council could be increased to eight members.

CITY ATTORNEY REQUESTED TO DRAW RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the City Attorney be requested to draw a resolution to provide for a public hearing on the plans of the Redevelopment Commission for the next Council Meeting. He stated that \$120,500.00 has been allocated in the budget for their project; however, he has asked Mr. Glenn, the Chairman, when it will be expended; that if it will not be required during the fiscal year, then \$60,000 of it can be taken out which would save one cent on the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hitch, and carried by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Dellinger, Hitch, Albea, Myers, Smith and Whittington.
 NAYS: Councilman Babcock.

APPOINTMENT OF LOUIS H. ASBURY, JR AS MEMBER OF CHARLOTTE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.

Councilman Dellinger moved the appointment of Mr. Louis H. Asbury, Jr, as a member of the Charlotte Zoning Board of Adjustment for the unexpired term of Mr. Jack Turner, resigned, ending on January 28, 1961. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whittington.

Councilman Myers offered a substitute motion that nominations be left open one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Babcock, and lost, by the following recorded vote:

YEAS: Councilmen Myers and Babcock.
 NAYS: Councilmen Albea, Dellinger, Hitch, Smith and Whittington.

The motion for the appointment was then taken and unanimously carried.

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CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO MAKE STUDY OF NEEDED BOND FUNDS SO THAT ELECTION MAY BE HELD IN FALL AT TIME OF COUNTY'S BOND ELECTION.

Councilman Dellinger requested the City Manager to make a study of bond funds that will be required by the City so that the election may be held at the same time the County's bond election is held this fall.

CITY MANAGER REQUESTED TO GET STATEMENT FROM HEALTH OFFICIALS REGARDING FILL ON FREEDOM DRIVE COMPLAINED OF BY RESIDENTS OF BONAIRE RETREAT.

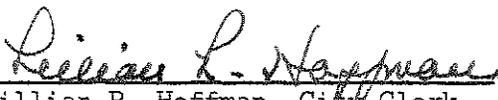
The City Manager reported on the complaint of the residents of Bonaire Drive that the contractor grading the adjoining property had piled rubbish at the rear of their properties. He stated that he and the City Engineer have viewed the operation on Freedom Drive and there has been nothing done that would have any detrimental effect on the flow of the creek onto adjacent property; that there is a development at the end of the block that has put in a similar fill down to the creek which he does not like but it is nothing the City has any control over.

Councilman Whittington stated that Mr. Bobo, Assistant City Engineer, told the residents of Bonaire Drive the opposite; that he said the operation was against City procedure and the contractor should have to correct it. The City Manager stated it is possible that the corrections may have been made by the contractor when he saw it. Councilman Whittington stated he does not think the City Manager should make any such statement public nor release the contractor who has probably gone out there and pushed the debris down and not removed it.

Mayor Smith asked the City Manager to get a statement from Mr. Watts of the Health Department whom Councilman Whittington stated looked it over before the complaint was filed.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Lillian R. Hoffman, City Clerk