

A regular meeting of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 11 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, July 20, 1949, with Mayor Shaw presiding, and Councilmen Aitken, Albea, Boyd, Coddington, Daughtry, Jordan and Wilkinson present.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Councilman Claude L. Albea.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Albea, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the two meetings on July 13th were approved as submitted.

IMPROVED PEDESTRIAN AND TRAFFIC SAFETY REQUESTED BY MRS. RUSH WRAY.

Mrs. Rush Wray, Chairman of the Health and Safety Committee of the Charlotte Woman's Club, appeared before Council relative to the reported proposed ordinance to regulate driveway entrances to business property. Mrs. Wray expressed objections to permitting two 30-foot driveways to a property, stating it would increase the danger to sidewalk pedestrians. She urged that more protection be provided the pedestrians and traffic laws be strengthened.

Mayor Shaw advised Mrs. Wray that the problem of traffic and pedestrian safety was of first consideration to the City, and all possible efforts would be continued to improve conditions.

DRAINAGE CONDITION IN 1700 BLOCK OF HIGH STREET PROTESTED AND REFERRED TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE FOR REPORT.

A Committee composed of the Council's Real Estate Committee, the City Manager and City Engineer was appointed by the Mayor, at the suggestion of Councilman Boyd, to investigate and report back on a drainage condition in the 1700 Block of High Street from which relief was sought by Mrs. Civilla S. Miller, who stated the condition had existed for forty years and was being made worse by the construction of Independence Boulevard at a higher elevation than the adjacent residential property at this location.

COMPLAINT REGISTERED BY MRS. CORINNE TUCKER AGAINST ACTION OF PET DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. Corinne Tucker reviewed the details of an injury to a dog by an automobile in the private driveway of a neighbor, and the difficulty she experienced in securing assistance from the Superintendent of the City's Pet Department. She requested that improvement be made in the administration of the Pet Department.

Mayor Shaw advised that the matter would be investigated.

DONATION OF \$100,000 FOR CONTAGIOUS DISEASE WARD REQUESTED AND TAKEN OVER CONSIDERATION FOR REPORT AT NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

A donation of \$100,000.00 towards the establishment of a Contagious Disease Hospital Ward was requested by a Committee composed of Mr. Herbert Hitch, Chairman, Mr. C. W. Gilchrist, Dr. V. K. Hart and Dr. Hamilton McKay. Dr. McKay stated the Committee was appointed about a year ago to survey the needs for such facility, primarily at the urgent request of Charlotte Baby Specialists, and with the full endorsement of the City and County Health Departments and Mecklenburg County Medical Society.

Dr. McKay and Dr. Hart stated the need for a Contagious Disease Hospital Unit, for both adults and children, was critical and was a public health matter. They urged that the Council make the requested donation to assure the establishment of the Unit.

GASOLINE PURCHASES FOR PERIOD APRIL 1st THROUGH JUNE 30th UNDER CONTRACT WITH ESSO STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

The City Manager reported the purchase of 79,950 gallons of gasoline from Esso Standard Oil Company for period April 1st through June 30th, at a price of \$15,502.91, which, together with previous purchases from said Company equals a total of 276,606 gallons at a total cost of \$51,923.37, purchased under contract with said company dated August 4, 1948 limiting the total purchase to 280,000 gallons.

SUBDIVISION PLATS APPROVED.

Councilman Albea moved that the following subdivision plats be approved, as recommended by the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried:

- (a) Plat of Grier Heights Subdivision, located on the south side of East Seventh Street from Briar Creek, being the property of Mr. Arthur Grier.
- (b) Plat of Part of the Property of Pegram Land Company, located on Yarkin Avenue and East 25th Street, being the property of Mr. Fred Wiggins.

LEASE OF OFFICES FOR MECKLENBURG VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER, BY THE CITY AND COUNTY AND EDWARD DOBKIN AND WIFE.

Upon motion of Councilman Wilkinson, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the Mayor and City Clerk were authorized to execute a lease between the City and County, and Edward Dobkin and wife, Esther Dobkin, for Offices 104 and 106 in an Office Building located at 123 North Poplar Street, as headquarters for the Mecklenburg Veterans Service Officer, for a period of one year beginning July 1, 1949, at a monthly rental of \$85.00, to be paid jointly by the City and County.

CONTRACT WITH WIGGINS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR WATER MAINS CONSTRUCTION IN VILLA HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION.

Motion was made by Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, authorizing a contract with Wiggins Construction Company for the construction of 1,305 feet of water mains and one fire hydrant in Villa Heights Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$3,070.00, to serve 20 lots. The City to finance all construction costs and the applicant to guarantee an annual revenue equal to 10% of said cost.

SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACT WITH F. A. TRIPLETT, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLONY ROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT.

Councilman Albea moved the approval of a Supplementary Contract, to contract dated April 6, 1949 with F. A. Triplett, Inc., for the construction of a bridge at Colony Road across Briar Creek, in order that the contract authorize the extension and deepening of the foundations of the bridge and to secure additional concrete and reinforcing steel in connection therewith, on a unit price basis in the total amount of \$7,292.56. Motion was seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried.

RENEWAL OF SPECIAL OFFICER PERMITS TO A. C. MCGILL, R. A. SMITH AND W. A. HOUSE, ON THE PREMISES OF HIGHLAND PARK MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the Special Officer Permits issued to A. C. McGill, R. A. Smith and W. A. House for use on the premises of Highland Park Manufacturing Company were authorized renewed for one year.

Mr. Gilchrist and Mr. Hitch stated that an extensive study had been made of the best plan for financing the project; that the cost had been pared down to where the Unit can be established with the financial assistance of several agencies. That the plan is to attach a Wing to Memorial Hospital, consisting of 6000 square feet of floor space, at a cost of \$150,000.00. That the City is requested to make a commitment of \$100,000.00, to be included in the budget for the next fiscal year or taken from surplus funds, or as the Council sees fit, in order that the money can be borrowed by the Committee based on the City's commitment; that the Variety Club has offered assistance equivalent to \$50,000.00, in that they will pay up to \$15,000.00 on the original cost in excess of \$100,000.00, and will equip the Ward at a cost estimated at \$35,000.00, and will, also, make an annual donation of \$25,000.00 for its maintenance. That the County will be requested to provide funds annually for the operation and maintenance of the Ward, estimated at from \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00 per year. That Memorial Hospital will provide the administration, together with interns and staff members. It was stated that the offer of the Variety Club will remain open for only a limited time, therefore the City's commitment was requested without delay.

Councilman Jordan moved that the request be taken under consideration and a report be made at the next Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried.

ORDINANCE FIXING TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1949-1950.

An ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the City of Charlotte for the Fiscal Year 1949-50 and Levying a Tax upon all Real and Personal Property Located within the Limits of the City of Charlotte for said Fiscal Year" was introduced and read. Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, the ordinance was adopted and declared to be the Ordinance Fixing the Tax Rate for the City of Charlotte for the fiscal year 1949-50. Ordinance is recorded in full in Ordinance Boox 11, at Page 72.

ORDINANCE AMENDING PARKING METER REGULATIONS DEFERRED.

Upon motion of Councilman Daughtry, seconded by Councilman Wilkinson, and unanimously carried, action on a proposed Ordinance amending the Parking Meter Regulations Designating 36 Minute, 60 Minute, 90 Minute, and 120 Minute Parking Zones, was deferred.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BLANKET POSITION BOND FOR EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Approving Blanket Position Bond for Employees of the Department of Revenue" was presented and read, and upon motion of Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Jordan, and unanimously carried, the resolution was adopted as read. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolutions Book 1, at Page 182.

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIM FOR DAMAGES TO CAR OF ALLEN TILLMAN.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Daughtry, and unanimously carried, settlement of claim for damages to car of Mr. Allen Tillman was authorized in the amount of \$200.00.

STREETS TAKEN OVER FOR MAINTENANCE.

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

- Washington Avenue, from Malberry Avenue to Clifton Street, a distance of two blocks.
- Fairfield Street, from Washington Ave. to Patton Ave., one block.
- Dade Street, from 1000 through 1942.
- Jenson Street, from 1145 to 1157.
- Meyer Boulevard, from 3701 to 3711.

DEED FOR TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOT.

Motion was made by Councilman Coddington, seconded by Councilman Albea, and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a deed for the transfer of Lot 128, Section 4-A, Evergreen Cemetery, to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wallace, at a cost of \$81.90.

ADJOURNMENT.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Coddington, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned until 4 o'clock p.m., Friday, July 22, 1949.


City Clerk