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Councilman
Albea
absent*

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Charlotte, North Carolina, was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Wednesday, June 20, 1951, at 4 o'clock p.m., with Mayor pro tem Van Every presiding, and ~~Councilmen~~ Albea, Baxter, Boyd, Coddington, Dellinger and Jordan present.

Absent: Mayor Shaw, and Councilman Albea.

INVOCATION.

The invocation was given by Mayor pro tem Philip Van Every.

MINUTES APPROVED.

Upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting on June 13 were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR PAYING USUAL EXPENSE OF THE CITY PENDING THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION.

A resolution entitled, "Resolution Appropriating Funds for Paying Usual Expense of the City Pending the Adoption of the Annual Appropriation Resolution" was introduced and read, and upon motion of Councilman Jordan, seconded by Councilman Dellinger, was unanimously carried. Resolution is recorded in full in Resolution Book 1, at Page 409.

COMMERCIAL ADVERTISING ON PARKING METERS AND PARKING METER POSTS.

Attorney Frank F. Sims, Jr., appeared before the Council in the interests of the Meter-Ad Corp. of America. He displayed sample of type ad which his Company petitioned the Council to give them contract for five years, the ads to be attached to the tops of the meters. He stated that his Company would turn over to the City 33-1/3% of the receipts from such advertising and that they would maintain liability insurance to protect the City from any and all claims.

Mr. Thomas G. Lane, Jr., Attorney for J. E. Foote and Associates, displayed a triangular sign which his Company submitted to the Council to be displayed around the meter posts which would have one panel greater display than the other Company, with an offer of 20% of the advertising receipts, which they estimated would be approximately 90 cents per post, per month.

Councilman Baxter moved that both propositions be held in abeyance, pending the study of the budget and fixing the tax rate. Motion was seconded by Councilman Boyd and passed, with Councilman Coddington voting nay.

CASKIE PAPER COMPANY REQUESTS ADJUSTMENT IN PRIVILEGE LICENSE FEE APPLICABLE TO THEM AND SIMILAR COMPANIES.

Mr. A. R. Shaw, representing the Caskie Paper Company again appeared before the City Council relative to license fee now applicable to them and similar companies stating that he had been informed that the matter would be taken up at this meeting, and that he was available for any information they cared to request of him.

Councilman Boyd moved that the revenue ordinance be enforced as passed. Councilman Baxter offered a substitute motion that no action be taken until a study could be made of this and any other alleged inequities, which was seconded by Councilman Dellinger.

Councilman Boyd then asked the City Attorney if there could be any changes in the revenue ordinance without advertising, and was informed that the rate could be reduced but not increased.

Substitute motion was then called for and passed unanimously.

IMPROVEMENT TO TUCKASEEGEE ROAD FROM WEST TRADE STREET TO CITY LIMITS.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the matter of widening and improving Tuckaseege Road from West Trade Street to the City Limits be given prior consideration and placed at the top or near the top of the list of improvements to be made upon the receipt of money from the State Highway and Public Works Commission. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington and passed unanimously.

CONSTRUCTION OF DRIVEWAY ENTRANCES AUTHORIZED.

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

- (a) One 5 ft. driveway extension on present drive at 205 West Boulevard.
- (b) One 25 ft. driveway entrance at 801 Colville Road.
- (c) One 13 ft. driveway entrance at 630 Llewellyn Place.
- (d) One 30 ft. driveway entrance at 1630 South Boulevard.

CLAIM OF GEORGE A. KOSTAKES REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY.

Councilman Jordan moved that the claim of George A. Kostakes, arising out of a fall on Trade Street on June 2 be referred to the City Attorney for his opinion, which was seconded by Councilman Coddington and passed unanimously.

HOLIDAY FOR CITY EMPLOYEES ON JULY 4.

Councilman Dellinger moved that July 4 be declared a holiday for the City employees and that no meeting of the City Council be held on that date. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington and passed unanimously.

TRANSFER OF CEMETERY LOTS.

Motion was made by Councilman Boyd, seconded by Councilman Coddington and unanimously carried, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk be execute deed for the transfer of the south half of Lot No. 180, Section U, in Elmwood Cemetery to Mrs. Coralie A. Bethea, at \$1.00 for transfer of title.

GROUND OCCUPIED BY CLEAR VIEW AIRCRAFT, INC. AND TROY WHITEHEAD MACHINERY COMPANY HANGERS REQUIRED FOR NEW AIRPORT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

City Manager H. A. Yancey presented to the Mayor and each member of the City Council a copy of the memorandum given Councilman Boyd in reply to his memorandum for pertinent information relating to the location of Administration Building, cost of building, and preparation of site, along with copy of recommendation for Charlotte Airport by Albert E. Blomquist, Transportation Engineer, and explained that Mr. Joseph Norwood, District Airport Engineer for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, and Mr. David M. Rea, Airport Manager, were available for any information the Council desired with reference to the location of the Administration Building and the overall cost.

Mr. Norwood stated that he was not before the Council in an official capacity but that he would be glad to give his observations and attempt to answer any questions that the Council wished to ask him. He explained that the site now occupied by the Clearview Aircraft, Inc., and the Troy Whitehead Machinery Company was nearest the greatest used runway, had the greatest area for expansion of auto parking and that the Civil Aeronautics Authority felt that these and other advantages made this the more practicable solution, even though the original cost may be greater.

Mr. Norwood explained that a vertical building of more than one floor was very objectionable to the Air Lines for the reason of operating costs, it requiring the splitting up of personnel, necessitating more employees, more supervision and loss of time.

Mr. David Henderson, when called on by Mayor pro tem Van Every, stated that he was on the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce and that they were interested in seeing that the City had the best Administration Building possible for the lease amount of money, that he was not down here in offering any protest but was only seeking information and to cooperate with the Council in any way possible.

Councilman Boyd expressed himself as being opposed to the additional expense for this specific location out of as much ground as is owned by the City.

Councilman Baxter stated that when the Administration Building was first discussed, it was originally planned to locate the new building on the site of the present Administration Building. Mr. Norwood explained that this would not allow for the continued operation of the field while the building was being constructed and also that there was not sufficient room for the building on one floor and was objectionable for the reasons previously stated.

The City Manager explained that the offer of a grant of approximately \$490,000.00 from the Civil Aeronautics Authority was now being prepared and would be ready for approval by the Council at the next meeting and that failure of approval prior to July may be detrimental as he understood that all grants not earmarked would revert back to the General Treasury for re-allocation in the next fiscal year.

Mr. Norwood stated that this was true and was a matter over which the Civil Aeronautics Authority had no control. While he could not say as to what effect it would have on Charlotte, but that due to the emergency that they anticipated the amount of future grants would be curtailed and that there was a possibility that further grants for Charlotte would not be as great as the amount already approved. He stated that the Civil Aeronautics Authority was interested in getting the most for the money and to do the most acceptable job for the least expenditure of public funds.

The members of the Council expressed themselves as feeling that the price demanded by Clearview Aircraft, Inc., and Troy Whitehead Machinery Company as exorbitant.

Councilman Dellinger moved that the Troy Whitehead Machinery Company be notified to vacate this property at once as provided for under the lease and the City Manager and the City Attorney be instructed to negotiate with the Clearview Aircraft, Inc. Motion was seconded by Councilman Coddington and passed with Councilman Boyd not voting.

ADJOURNMENT.

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


Deputy City Clerk